

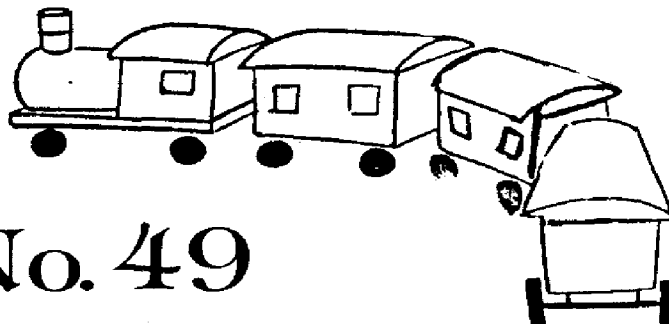
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Great news in our hobby!! By a great effort we all have saved Diplomacy World (see page 36) and it will not fold!

This, for me, is one of the things I am thankful for this Thanksgiving Holiday and for what it represents: All of us working together!



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The price of EE now is \$12.00 for 10 issues due to the price increase I mentioned last issue. Hopefully most of you took advantage of the bargain I offered you and got next year's 10 issues for half that. Other ways to win free issues are to become a Malmberger (page 2), guess correctly in the picture contests (this issue's is on page 28), catch me in GNING errors, and/or enter the December quiz for free EEs offered each year. I'm working on next month's now!

The World War I Chronology begins on page 22 and I've decided to completely do the day-to-day events before I do the mass of quotations (which many of you found so enjoyable) but I will continue to put short quotes within the chronology itself.

Also remember (I'll remind you again) that after the last issue of the year, in December, that EE takes a long publishing break each year until the beginning of February. This gives both you and me a long rest and a chance to fully enjoy the holidays. Every year some think I've folded or something since they don't see EE!

News in the US.... Luc "Lucky" Dodinval was recently in the US from his native Belgium on a training course for his job in Chicago, Illinois and I managed to talk with him a few times. Lucky has opened his home in Liège (he now lives in Brussels) to foreign visitors many times, including Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian, Steve Hutton, Mark Luedi and myself. He may be attending another course in California so you might get a chance to talk to this fascinating Belgian Boy!

In June, 5 months ago, I called on 6 of you to standby as possible ombudsmen. In August the player with a complaint against me chose Steve Langley to be the ombudsman he told me. That was 3 months ago but he hasn't told Steve yet (I found out when I wondered why no decision was made) so I want you 6 to know I appreciated you and to let you know what was ~~not~~ going on. You know who you are!

As a postal employee, I guess, the Post Office has decided to make an example of me and now I am the (proud?) possessor of a 9-digit zip code which some of you, like players, might want to use to see if it makes a difference. The zip is 38118-7151. And if you've ever wondered what the letters on my address stamp (EWA, VSA, FSA, VSA, YA) mean (see page 40), the explanation is found on page 33.

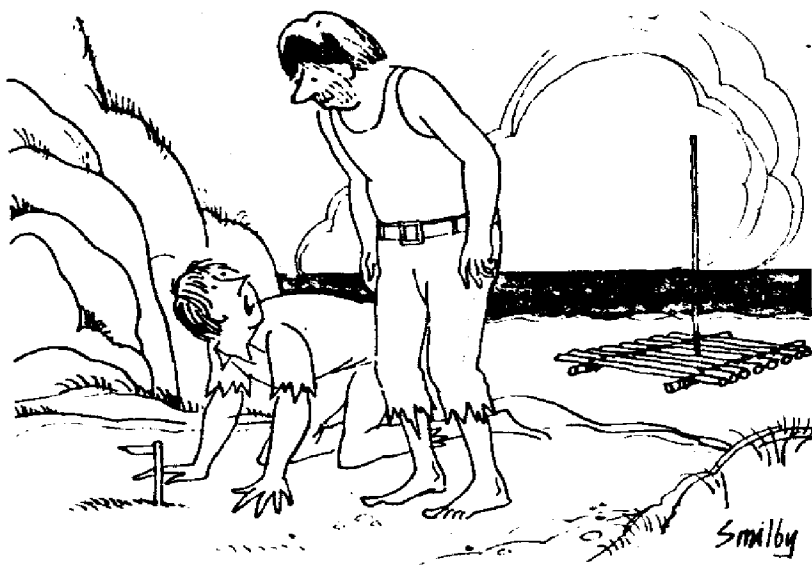
The subzines' score this time was 3 made it, 3 didn't. Michel Liesnard on page 20 changes the name of his subzine and tells the interesting tale of his life as a child in darkest Africa. Bahn of Zoo has a new look (see page 15) and every other issue, beginning with this one, lists international games available for you. BZ's latest has a player from Uruguay--read about him on page 37.

Next issue I'll try to list who wants to participate in a newspaper clipping service. In the meantime, I collect the Classic Comic books and would like your help on finding out (not getting necessarily) one. It may be called The Little Savage. It was about a boy shipwrecked with adults on an island who all die. He befriends a dolphin who dies saving him from sharks. Sound familiar? Let me know!

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How many of y'all saw the Memphis ducks from the Peabody Hotel on the Johnny Carson Show?!

Hi Larry, Got the DW packet today (Nov 25) but no time to read yet. Jerry



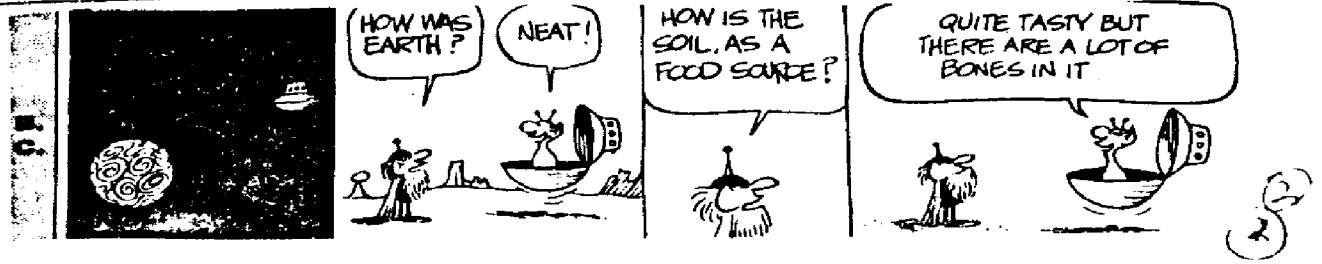
Become a Malmberger and you will never know where you might wind up! A Malmberger is what other zines call a standby. When you join the list, you get 2 EEs added to your sub at once, you will only be called for one position at a time, and if you play your position to either elimination or to the game's end, you get 4 more EEs. Join these 30 tremendous Malmbergers: Steve Arnawoodian, Derwood Bowen, Jim Briggs, Steve Cooley, Don Del Grande, Michael Ditz, Teijo Doornkamp, Stephen Dycus, James Early, Mike Ehli, Nick Felella, Jim Finley, Paul Gardner, Evans Givan, George Graessle, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Len Kay, Steve Knight, Mark Larzelere, John MacFarlane, John Marsden, Conrad Minshall, Bob O'Donnell, Ken Peel,

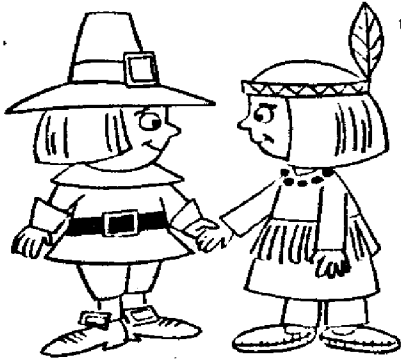
"It says 'Lilliput 10 Leagues'."

Jane Proskin, Christoph Schunck, Dennis Walker and Jeff Zarse. Thanks to each of you for being on this list so that EE games can move smoothly.

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The Canadians have already celebrated their holiday of Thanksgiving but the U.S. holiday comes later. Every year that I have done EE (since 1981), I keep forgetting to print this article by Art Buchwald, one of America's foremost humorists but the 5th year is the charm I guess so here it is....Attention France, Belgium, Switzerland, Uruguay...

THANKSGIVING

--by Art Buchwald

(Americans can rejoice this Thanksgiving that the American dollar buys more in France than it has for many years. To show our gratitude to President Mitterrand for this, we once again reprint one of our all-time standards, "Explaining Thanksgiving to the French.")

One of our most important holidays is Thanksgiving Day, known in France as le Jour de Merci Donnant. Le Jour de Merci Donnant was first started by a group of Pilgrims (Pèlerins) who fled from l'Angleterre before the McCarran Act to found a colony in the New World (le Nouveau Monde) where they could shoot Indians (les Peaux-Rouges) and eat turkey (dinde) to their hearts' content.

They landed at a place called Plymouth (now a famous voiture Américaine) in a wooden sailing ship called the Mayflower, or Fleur de Mai, in 1620. But while the Pèlerins were killing the dindes the Peaux-Rouges were killing the Pèlerins and there were several hard winters ahead for both of them. The only way the Peaux-Rouges helped the Pèlerins was when they taught them to grow corn (maïs). The reason they did this was that they liked corn with their Pèlerins.

In 1623, after another harsh year, the Pèlerins' crops were so good that they decided to have a celebration and give thanks because more maïs was raised by the Pèlerins than Pèlerins were killed by Peaux-Rouges.

Every year on le Jour de Merci Donnant, parents tell their children an amusing story about the first celebration.

It concerns a brave capitaine named Miles Standish (known in France as Kilomètres Deboutish) and a shy young lieutenant named John Alden (Jean Alden). Both of them were in love with a flower of Plymouth called Priscilla Mullens (no translation). The vieux capitaine said to the jeune lieutenant:

"Go to the damsel Priscilla (Allez très vite chez Priscilla), the loveliest maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie demoiselle de Plymouth). Say that a blunt old captain, a man not of words but of action (un vieux Fanfan la Tulipe) offers his hand and his heart, the hand and heart of a soldier. Not in these words, you know, but this, in short, is my meaning."

"I am a maker of war (Je suis un fabricant de la guerre) and not a maker of phrases. You, bred as a scholar (Vous, qui êtes pain comme un étudiant), can say it in elegant language, such as you read in your books of the pleadings and wooings of lovers, such as you think best adapted to win the heart of the maiden."

Although Jean was fit to be tied (convenable à être emballé), friendship prevailed over love and he went to his duty. But instead of using elegant language, he blurted out his mission. Priscilla was muted with amazement and sorrow (rendue muette par l'étonnement et la tristesse).

At length she exclaimed, interrupting the ominous silence: "If the great captain of Plymouth is so very eager to wed me, why does he not come himself and take the trouble to woo me?" (Où est-il, le vieux Kilomètres? Pourquoi ne vient-il pas auprès de moi pour tenter sa chance?)

Jean said that Kilomètres Deboutish was very busy and didn't have time for those things. He staggered on, telling her what a wonderful husband Kilomètres would make. Finally Priscilla arched her eyebrows and said in a tremulous voice: "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jean?" (Chacun à son goût).

And so, on the fourth Thursday in November, American families sit down at a large table brimming with tasty dishes, and for the only time during the year eat better than the French do.

No one can deny that le Jour de Merci Donnant is a grand fête and no matter how well-fed American families are, they never forget to give thanks to Kilomètres Deboutish who made this great day possible.

((I can't wait to hear what EE's French-language subbers think of this piece. Buchwald's French is not exact(!) but these are true events in U.S. history.)) (3)

On October 11-13, 1985, I went to a con in Indianapolis at the home of Dave and Lori Kleiman. Dave publishes the zine The Diplomat. All in all 24 people from 12 states showed up. If they publish a zine or subzine, it will be after their name in parentheses and you might also find a con report there as well.

Those attending were: Dave Anderson, Mike Barno, Bill Becker(K-Zine), Gary Coughlan(EE), Stephen Dycus (Komerex Zha), Matt Fleming(This Bud's For You), Mark Frueh, Ty Hare, Nancy Irwin, Randy Karmoloski, Len Kay, Dave Kleiman(The Diplomat), Lori Kleiman, Steve Knight(It's A Trap), Bruce Linsey(Hobby Talk), Mark Luedi(Thirty Miles Of Bad Road), Scott Mercer, Craig Mills, Gaylyn Mills, Chris Ryan, Greg Stewart, Mark Strauss, and Bob Sweeney. Oh, and Bill Brandt!

The 24 came from 12 states: Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas and Colorado. Among the games played during this Columbus Day Weekend were: Diplomacy, Naval War, U.S. Railroad Builder, British Railroad Builder, Survive!, Poker, Trivial Pursuit, Axis and Allies, Civilization and a 17-player Dip variant.

This con came for me at the end of a rough week of overtime, my grandmother's recovery from surgery, and putting EE #48 out under a tight time schedule. On Friday morning, I took EE #48 to the printer and headed north for St. Louis, Missouri where Mark Frueh and Nancy Irwin live and with whom I would ride the rest of the way to Indianapolis. If not for these two guys I couldn't go to as many cons in the Midwest as I've been able to do.

It takes about 5½ hours to get from Memphis to St. Louis by car, so I made a few cassette tape-letters along the way. I got in around 3:30 PM, ate at a fish food place(Captain D's), browsed through a comic book store and found 3 classic comics(which I collect--see page | ). After that, I followed Nancy's directions to her place of employment so I could get the key to their apartment. I took my car through a carwash where you stayed in the car and were dragged through the water, suds and rinsing and blow driers. That was a new experience for me.

We left in Nancy's Volvo around 6 PM, along with Matt Fleming and Bill Brandt, hitting a McDonald's along the way. Around 10:PM we got into Indianapolis and the Kleiman home where a game of Railroad Builder was already underway. We unloaded our gear and I curled up on the couch in the den(it was so sooooft!), just to be quiet and have the luxury of having nothing to do for awhile. I caught up on the news by reading my 2-day-old Memphis newspapers.

I got to meet Whiskers the cat, a big, fluffy, playful pet. Lori and Dave would shine a flashlight on the floor, the walls, the couch and in circles around Whiskers who would dart madly trying to catch the light.

My first game was Trivial Pursuit played with Stephen Dycus (who taught me how to correctly pronounce his subzine, Komerex Zha), Scott Mercer and Craig and Gaylyn Mills. I hope I spelled your name right Gaylyn! We mixed the basic cards and the genus cards. I got wierd animal questions and 3 times in a row I was up for a wedge in the Science category and had to deal(unsucccessfully) with such gems as: "What does a decapitated cockroach die from?" ...."What percentage of a cow's day is devoted to chewing her cud?" and had to give the English name of what turned out to be Peruvian Spanish for "guinea pig"! Stephen won the game when we picked the entertainment category for him. The toughie was: "What is the name of the Volkswagen in the Disney Movies?" AAAARRRRGGGGHHHHHHH!!!

I think there was a Titan game played in the basement this night but I went to sleep. It had been a long day, not to mention a long week.

Lori had put up signs to aid us ("Door Sticks", "Plates" etc.) . This day I played Survive! (where you save your people from an exploding island, sharks, whales and sea serpents) and both the US and British versions of Railroad Builder all of which I greatly enjoyed. I also watched TV(which is very relaxing to me) enjoying trashy movies. One was about these women in prison, one of whom is upset because she may be executed for a murder she didn't commit. Her cellmate asks: "I wonder, when they fry you in the electric chair, if you sizzle like bacon, ha ha ha ha?!!". Another was about a vampire in Southern California--you can almost predict the plots in these and that's half the fun.

Most of the house went to sleep after our British Railroad Builder game but I was one of 5 brave souls who stayed up all night playing Naval War. Oh, but (4) before this, 17 of us played a Dip variant created by Matt Fleming and Mark Frueh ((continued on page 6 ))

THE SULTAN SENDS HIS FIGHTERS INTO TUNIS AND SILESIA WITH AUSTRIAN AID!!!  
 GERMANS LOSE DENMARK BUT GAIN NORTH SEA WHILE THE FRENCH CAPTURE LONDON!!!  
 ITALY SUFFERS NAVAL DISASTER AS FRENCH RECOVER THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1906 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"  
 1984 AH

§ GM: Monsieur Gâteau L.  
 Goughlanniqué

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1907

§ ZAT: Friday, December 6, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Jaune

¶ GAME NOTES: Lots of action this season. 2 draws are now proposed: a French-German draw and a German-Austrian draw. Vote with your next orders; remember a "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a "yes" vote.

§ Annihilation This Time:  
 Italy's Fleet Western Mediterranean

§ Dislodgement This Time:  
 Germany's Army Silesia.

Your 1906 Supply Center Chart is on page 6.

Your cartoon is from Beetle Bailey. See you in December!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1906 §

Angleterre: Fleet English Channel retreats to Irish Sea

France: Fleet Western Mediterranean retreats to North Africa

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1906 §

ALLEMAGNE: F Bel-(NTH), F (HEL) S F Bel-Nth  
 (Monsieur Nelson Heintzman) A Ruh-(HOL)  
 A (PRU)-War, A (KIE)-Den, A (SIL) ~~War~~ Mun (Ber-UTB)

ANGLETERRE: A (STP) S Turkish A War-Lvn(NSO)  
 (Monsieur Pat Hart) F (IRI)-Mac, F Nth-(DEN)  
 A (SWE) S F Nth-Den, F (SKA) S F Nth-Den

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A Ukr-(WAR), A (LVN)-Pru, A (PIE)-Mar, A (TYO)-Mun  
 (Monsieur Ken Corbin) A (GAL) S Turkish A War-Sil, A Vie-(BOH)

FRANCE: F Eng-(ION), F Wal-(LPL), F Tun-(WES), F (NAF) S F Tun-Wes  
 (Monsieur Dave Carter) F (MAO) S F Tun-Wes, A (SPA) S A Mar  
 A (MAR) S Italian F Tus-Pie(NSO)

ITALIE: F Nap-(ROM), F Apu-(ION), F Tus-(LYO)  
 (Monsieur Ken Gestlehr) F (WES)@@@-Mac

TURQUIE: A War-(SIL), A (MOS) S Austrian A Ukr-War, A Sev-(UKR)  
 (Monsieur John Pack) F Ion-(TUN), F (TYS) S F Ion-Tun

London to Berlin: See what happens when you doublecross me? Next time Gloria will pay a personal visit!

Memphis to Berlin: I hear Gloria comes in like a real hurricane!

[THE LONDON TIMES]- HOME FLEET ON THE MOVE! The Royal Navy has taken the fight to its enemies abandoning the coast. A private in the British self-defense forces said something about fighting in the air and on the beaches.

London to Daf: See, you were better off with me. Others will learn too.

Memphis to London: Let's all see what the 1906 SC Chart on page 6 tells us! (5)





THE LATIN POWERS BUILD AND THE TEUTONIC POWERS DISBAND AS EUROPE SLUMBERS!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1905 Ω



- \$ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG
- \$ GM: Monsieur Gârëaux I. Coughlâniqué
- \$ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1906
- \$ ZAT: Friday, November 29, 1985
- \$ GAME COLOR: Vert

GAME NOTES: A Winter only was requested. The concession to France failed and it is reproposed. Vote with your next orders. A "No Vote received" counts as a "yes". How many of you voted "yes" this time, unwittingly? Remember Mike Mills' COA: 47 Mayer Drive, Suffern, New York 10901. All were notified of my GM error last season on the map. Keep trying for those EEs and/or stamps--check me out thoroughly! Your cartoon is from Blondie. After the next deadline, we'll have a long break til January.

\$ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1905 \$

Allemagne: Fleet Norway retreats to the Barents Sea  
 Autriche-Hongrie: Army Serbia retreats to Albania

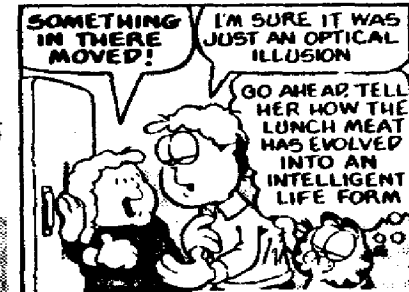
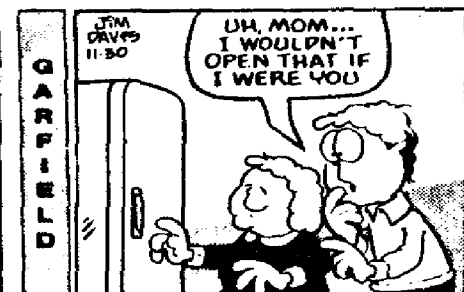
\$ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1905 \$

- ALLEMAGNE: Removes Army Piedmont, Fleet Barents Sea (Monsieur Jim Burgess)
- ANGLETERRE: NO CHANGE (Monsieur Rob Winslow)
- AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: Remove Army Albania (Monsieur Mike Mills)
- FRANCE: Builds Army Paris, Fleet Brest (Monsieur Mark Frueh)
- ITALIE: Build Army Rome (Monsieur Marvin Baker)
- RUSSIE: NO CHANGE (Monsieur Matt Kazur)
- TURQUIE: NO CHANGE (Monsieur Jerry Lucas)



Well, First Europe Will Stand And Be Counted, And Then Will Most Certainly March!

Iliad! Your Press Is Being Held Over!!



"Si"  
 "Ya"  
 "Oui"  
 "はい"  
 "Na"  
 "Da"  
 "Yes!"

ALSACE-LORRAINE 1981 IC: WRAP UP

Alsace-Lorraine was opened for negotiations on September 30, 1981. The wars came to an end on September 20, 1985, almost exactly 4 years later. 1981 IC ended in a 3-way draw between England, France and Italy. This game had 3 of the 7 original players until the end and 2 players submitted endgame statements. The vital statistics are:

1981 IC EUROPA EXPRESS (Coughlan) A: Malc Smith(dro W02). Bill Becker(dro F05). Jim Burgess(out F07). E: Mike Glose(draw S11). F: Thomas Franke(draw S11). G: David O'Hare(dro W02). Anders Strigen(dro S04). Kevin Stone(out F05). I: Kathy Byrne(draw S11) R: Marion Bates(dro F01). Robert Jewett(dro S03). Helmut Schmidt(dro F05). Doug Beyerlein(resigned S10). Alan Stewart. T: Michel van Lede(resigned W01). Jaap Jacobs(out F09).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:	4	2	3	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
ENGLAND:	4	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	6	7 DRAW F11
FRANCE:	5	6	7	10	11	11	11	11	10	10 DRAW F11
GERMANY:	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITALY:	5	7	7	8	9	11	12	15	16	16 DRAW F11
RUSSIA:	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
TURKEY:	5	6	4	3	3	2	2	1	-	-

Like all the 4 original EE games, 1981 IC's game name derived from World War I, the scenario on which our Diplomacy game is based. As recently as 1940, Alsace-Lorraine was a bone of contention between Germany and France and is a fitting name for a war game. 1981 IC was known as "Alsace-Lorraine".

Alsace-Lorraine is a border region over which the Germans and the French have quarrelled for centuries. At the time of World War I, 85% of the population spoke German. After 44 years of German rule, the majority of the population had come to accept Germany as their country but this was not always the case.

Up until 1870, the nation we know on our Diplomacy board as Germany was divided up into many quarrelling countries of which the strongest was Prussia. In 1870 France and Prussia went to war and the other German states fought with Prussia. The world expected France to win but Prussia was the overwhelming victor.

The German states, heady with victory, recognized the King of Prussia as the German Kaiser ("Emperor" in German) and formed a single Germany. Almost overnight, a collection of small states had become the most powerful nation in Europe--Germany!

This new Germany annexed the largely German-speaking Alsace-Lorraine despite their protests that they were French. This situation would be comparable to the United States annexing Manitoba or Alberta from Canada. True we speak the same language but our histories, traditions and outlooks are different. So it was with Alsace-Lorraine and Germany.

This annexation made France bitter over her "lost provinces" but she was too weak to fight Germany alone so she sought allies. Germany strove to keep France isolated and was successful at first, in fact for over 20 years. But in the 1890s, France allied with Russia and Europe thus had 2 sets of alliances. The antagonisms thus aroused eventually led to World War I. At the end of the war, France took Alsace-Lorraine back from Germany. Many consider the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine to be one of the main reasons for World War I because of the French reaction on losing it.

Alsace-Lorraine began on 10-week deadlines since it had both American and European players. In Fall 1905 the players opted for a 7-week deadline and by Spring 1910 they were ready for 5-week deadlines, the average length for EE games.

1981 IC was one of the most international of Diplomacy games having players who came from 8 countries: United States, Canada, England, Holland, Belgium, France, Sweden and West Germany.

Alsace-Lorraine had an incredible turnover of players for what is, after all, a 7-player game. 16 players took part in the game. There were 5 Russian players

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3 Austrian players and 3 German players during the game. Over 2/3 of the Malabergers called for this game became players of record in it! I'd also like to thank 4 Malabergers who stood by and didn't get a slot in the game: Ken Corbin, Teijo Doornkamp, Mark Frueh, and Clark Reynolds.

This game introduced non-Dutch audiences to a popular satirical Dutch cartoon character named "Herr Bommel". Jim Burgess introduced his byline "The Boob" and Kevin Stone had "KGS". Mike Close did a continuing saga based on Rhys, who was a Welsh lad sent to Memphis to represent England in the International game. He had a hard time explaining all the disappearances of players (they were murdered or bumped off in some way) but made a valiant effort! The game had several real life disasters. Marion Bates was hospitalized; Michel van Lede's wife died in a tragic automobile accident---these sad events delayed Alsace-Lorraine for a few months.

Now to the game itself: I am not much of an analyst and my view of this game (and any others) is revealed through the headlines and the cartoon captions but I will say a few things. The central event, it seemed to me, was the steady alliance of France and Italy which endured until around 1908 and swept many NM'ing players before them. After that date, Italy and France fought on until the draw was finally passed in Spring 1911. I think Italy could have reached 17 but it seemed doubtful that England and France would split up at that point and allow Italy to win.

Of the 22 units which existed at the beginning of the war, only 9 survived to see the peace 11 years later. Germany, Austria and Turkey were completely eliminated. Russia lost 75 % of her original forces while England lost 1/3 of her beginning units. All the original units of Italy and France survived. Where was the final resting place for the original units by Spring 1911?

Austria: Army Vienna was disbanded in Albania in Winter 1905, Army Budapest was annihilated in Constantinople in Fall 1907 and Fleet Trieste was disbanded in Albania in Winter 1902. England: Fleet London was disbanded in Edinburgh in Winter 1908, Army Liverpool was in Livonia and Fleet Edinburgh was in the Baltic Sea. France: Army Paris was in Munich, Army Marseille was in Berlin and Fleet Brest was in the English Channel. Germany: Army Berlin was disbanded in Holland in Autumn 1903, Army Munich was disbanded in Berlin in Autumn 1905 and Fleet Kiel was disbanded in Denmark in Autumn 1902. Italy: Army Venice was in Galicia, Army Rome was in Silesia and Fleet Naples was in North Africa. Russia: Fleet St. Petersburg was disbanded in Sweden in Autumn 1902, Army Warsaw was disbanded in Finland in Winter 1910, Fleet Sevastopol was annihilated in Rumania in Spring 1902 and Army Moscow survived the war in Moscow. Turkey: Army Constantinople was disbanded in Ankara in Winter 1908, Army Smyrna was disbanded in Greece in Winter 1903 and Fleet Ankara was disbanded in Winter 1906 in the Black Sea.

Thanks to Mike Mills, the pubber of Savonlinna, who provided me with flow charts so I could keep track of each unit!

Next the headlines and cartoon captions along with the language used for each year. After that will be the endgame statements.

1901(Swedish)    Spring:    Italians Seize Tyrolia While Clashing With Austrians Over Venice!!    English (And Welsh?) Sail North As All Nations Gear Up For Fall Battles!!  
                               (Cartoon):    "The Cast of Alsace-Lorraine Gets Ready For Their Game To Begin!!"  
                               Fall:        Italians Enter Munich With French Aid!    Rome And Vienna Trade Poetic Insults As Welsh Saga Continues!    Possible Upheaval In Russia!    Sawed Off Turks Occupy Greece!!!!  
                                       (Cartoon):    The French President Has Munich Presented To The Italian Queen On A Silver Platter!  
                               Winter:     New Tsar Ascends Russian Throne!!    Shipbuilding Pace In The Mediterranean!!!    Babe Ruth And French Fries???  
                                       (Cartoon):    "That's Handwriting All Right!!" --CONTEST TIME:    Whose Handwriting Is "The Great Gonzo" Looking At? Herr Close?(See This Season's Press!) Or Herr Jewett or Herr Van Lede?(See The Letter Column!) Or???

1902(Korean)    Spring:    Turkey Tilts Toward Austria Causing Rumania Disaster For Russia!!!    English Warships Off Kiel As Germany Thwarts A Further Franco-Italian Attack!!!  
                                       (Cartoon):    Heer Bommel(See Game Notes) joins the party of "Alsace-Lorraine"!    (continued on page 10)

- Fall:** A-R-G NMRs Make GM Go "ARG!!" England, France Italy And Turkey Make Tremendous Gains!!  
 (Cartoon): "Run For Your Lives!..Back! Back!" -- The Nation Of Spaghetti Eaters Invades Austria!!
- Winter:** New Leaders Emerge In Germany And Austria!! Political Situation In Russia Unclear!! Shipbuilding Fever Grips Europe!!  
 (Cartoon): "How Many Casualties Did We Suffer In Battle?"--  
 --NONE! Europe Has A Season Of Peace!
- 1903(Italian) Springs:** Germans Recover Munich While Italians 'Lepanto' To Syria!!! Several Clashes Between English And French Navies!!! Tsar Helmut I Assumes Russian Throne!!!  
 (Cartoon): Syrian Refugees Stream Into Smyrna Telling Of Landings There.
- Fall:** France Victorious Over English Navy, Conquers Holland!! Ottomans Ousted From Serbia And Smyrna!! Have The Kaiser And The Sultan Lost Their Thrones??!  
 (Cartoon): Warm Cheer Comes To Cold North As Russians Read Of English Defeat At St. Pete. Other Nations Were Not So Lucky.
- 1904(Korean) Springs:** "KGS" Becomes 3RD Kaiser As French Swarm Over Germany!!! English Die In Dunkirk Disaster!!! Austrians March Into Athens As Turkey Slowly Strangles!!  
 (Cartoon): "What Does That Mean?" --The Tsar Wonders What The Italians Are Doing In The Ukraine!
- Fall:** England, Despite Northern Victories, Is Threatened By Armada!! Germans Launch Surprise Convoy Into Sweden!! French Armies Overrun Western Europe Up To Denmark!!!  
 (Cartoon): "Here You Are, Sahib" --Russians Try To Help The Sultan In His Struggle Against The Austro-Italians!
- 1905(French) Springs:** Leaderless France Fails To Raise New Troops While Anglo-Germans Consolidate!! Europe Also Stunned By Governmental Chaos In Austria And Russia!! Turks Appeal To Italian Queen For An End To The War!!!  
 (Cartoon): With 50 % of Europe Immobilized, European Leaders Assess What To Do Next For Their Maximum Advantage.
- Fall:** Austria And Russia Turn To New Rulers To Avert Disaster As Germany Collapses!!! Rhys' Saga Uplifts The English As They Face A Renewed France All Alone!!! London And Rome Continue Diplomatic Flirtation While Paris Watches!!!  
 (Cartoon): Bye, Bye Germany!!!
- 1906(French) Springs:** Ottomans Evacuate Bulgaria As The Sultan Calls For Defense Of Turkish Homeland!!! Western Powers Eyeball To Eyeball As England Loses Wales And Saves Denmark!! French "Elephant" Routs Russian "Mouse" In Silesia!!!  
 (Cartoon): The Italian Queen And Her Austrian "Toady"--Does She Really Mean To "Crush" Him "Like An Insect"??(See Press)
- Fall:** French Troops Mass On Russia's Borders While English Fail To Recapture Liverpool!!! Sevastopol Survives Attack By Italians As Turkey Befriends Both Sides!! Austrians Abandon Greece To Occupy Bulgaria!!!  
 (Cartoon): "Groveling May Not Be Very Attractive, But It Works".--Austria Pleaded For Survival(See Press) And Lives. Was It By Groveling?!!
- 1907(Korean) Springs:** Battle Fleets Clash In Northern Seas As French land On The Bleak Shores Of Clyde!!! Cossacks Hold French Armies At Bay But Lose The Ukraine To Italian Invaders!! Austrians Own The Golden Horn As Italy Gives Them Constantinople!!!  
 (Cartoon): The Fabled Turkish Capital Is Now Under The Guns Of The Austrian Army!!
- Fall:** The English Recover Their Home Centers; Crisis In Rome As Italy Immobilized!!! The Sultan Slaughters His Austrian Enemies And

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- Re-Enters Constantinople!!! The Russian Armies Move North  
Abandoning Warsaw To The French!!!  
(Cartoon): Bye, Bye Austria!!!
- 1908(Italian) Spring: Italian Armies Conquer Constantinople And Sevastopol As  
Sultan Goes Into Hiding!!! Rome Vows To Put "Some Pressure  
On" Paris "In The South" As Fleets Head West!!! French Drive  
English From Liverpool And Withstand Russian Assault On Warsaw!!!  
(Cartoon): "And I Want Him Laid To Rest Face Down In The  
Casket."--Even "Face Down" In Death, Austria Continues To  
Submit Press!!!
- Fall: The English Are In Denmark While Sultan Jaap Fails To  
Recapture Constantinople!!! Russia Tilts To Rome By Allowing  
Italians To Sweep French From Warsaw!!! French Forces Rush  
South As Italian War Vessels Converge Off Spain!!!  
(Cartoon): "Ship of Fools" --Or Is That The "Ship Of Boobs"?!
- 1909(Italian) Spring: French Win Sea Battle In The Mid-Atlantic As Italians Drive  
Them Out Of Silesia!!! Anglo-French War Apparently Ends As  
The Western Powers Disengage Their Forces!!! The Sultan  
Leads His Sailors Into Rumania While The Tsar's Armies  
Mark Time!!!  
(Cartoon): "What Is The Most Beautiful Language?".. "French."...  
.."Italian"..- All Of Europe Is Dividing Into Two Camps Of  
Strong Opinions!!
- Fall: Six Fleets Maneuver Off Spain As Massive Sea Battle Looms  
Between Rome And Paris!!! England Fights At The Side Of  
France Offering Both Support And A Convoy!!! Italy Wipes  
Turkey Out And Warns Russia Not To "Help" The Western Duo!!!  
(Cartoon): Bye, Bye Turkey!!!
- 1910(Italian) Spring: Unsuccessful St. Petersburg Attack By England Followed By  
Convoy Into Livonia!!! Paris Taunts Rome With "Stalemate"  
As Italy's Land And Sea Campaigns Fail!!! Russia Acclaims  
Her New Tsar, Alan I, As Tsar Douglas Abdicates!!!  
(Cartoon): "Really?" --In 10 Years Of War Russia Has  
Had 5 Tsars!!
- Fall: Italy, Denied A Share Of The Russian Spoils By England,  
Continues Attacking France!!! The English Drive The Russians  
Out Of St. Petersburg And Convoy Into Prussia!!! The  
Throneless Kaiser Returns As 'KGS' To Talk Of Sports And  
Subways!!!  
(Cartoon): Only One Of The Tsar's Neighbors Succeeds In  
"Clipping" Him Of His Supply Centres!!
- 1911(Italian) Spring: Rome Calls For End To War; Italy Pledges To Hold Her Lines  
But No Longer Attack!!! Unsuccessful Anglo-French Assaults  
Are Launched On Warsaw And In Silesia!!! The English  
Convoy Their Newly Raised Army Into Norway!!!  
(Cartoon): "After All These Years, It's A Step In The Right  
Direction!" --Italy Says That "After Four Real Years", Italy,  
England And France "All Deserve" A 3-Way Draw!

Before the next set of moves were adjudicated, the votes showed that the E-F-I draw had passed. Congratulations to Mike, Kathy and Thomas on the draw. Thanks also to Jim, Kevin, Alan and Jaap for staying with their positions to the end. I'd also like to thank Doug Beyerlein for guiding Russia's destinies for half of the game's time--with 5 Tsars that was certainly appreciated by me! Next will be any end-game statements that come in and they may not be in alphabetical order.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ENGLAND (Mike Close)      1981 IC "Alsace-Lorraine"

Good grief, was it four years ago I joined this International Game, lured in by Gary's offer of free zines.<sup>2</sup> Sadly it wasn't one of the world's best games, due to the large number of drop-outs.

Only three players seemed to do any diplomacy, and the result reflects that (11)

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fact. The Italy-France alliance was the main feature of the game, which allowed Italy to run riot over most of Eastern Europe, aided and abetted by several, weak-willed male rulers in that area of the board.

It was obvious that France would be doing the same to the northern half of the board, so I attacked first, trusting in the help of one of the German standbys. Sadly, he failed me and I was left to fighting a rearguard action, securing a sound base in Scandinavia, and waiting for the inevitable stab by Italy on France.

I kept in touch with France throughout our battle, and when Kathy[Italy] stuck the knife in, it was easy for Thomas[France] and myself to set up the stalemate line and secure the draw.

Towards the end of the game I lost interest, and increasing demands on my time at home meant that I was unable to finish the "Rhys of Cwmbal i'r Bolo" saga, which would have ended with "Kathy the Schemer" being found guilty of the murders and Rhys returning home ~~the~~ triumphant to the Rhondda Valleys.

My best wishes go to Thomas and Kathy[France and Italy respectively] for hanging in there until the end and to Gary, the long-suffering GM.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR FRANCE (Thomas Franke) 1981 IC "Alsace-Lorraine"

"Alsace-Lorraine" was my first Dip-game which took place in an American zine, i.e. "Europa Express". Although I had played in Britain and, of course, in Germany before, it was also my first true international game, and I was glad that Gary got players from many different countries.

From the very beginning I, France, agreed on non-aggression treaties with all of my three neighbours(England, Germany, Italy), as usual. However, my intention was to turn either against England or Germany, just where I could get an easy chance to grab centers. Both promised to me that Kathy, Italy, would stab me as soon as possible, but I didn't fear her at all, although I got to know that she's a good and dangerous player throughout the game and the appearance of EE. But I also knew I could stand her; I wasn't that unsuccessful in previous Dip-games in Germany and Britain...

Well--in 1901 England and Germany moved as agreed on and Italy managed to get Munich with my help whereas the Balkans showed the usual quarrel between Austria, Russia and Turkey. Turkey got Greece and Bulgaria giving her an advantage, Russia NMRed leaving Sweden to Germany.

Germany was very angry that I had allied with Italy against her. In 1902, England turned against a desperate Russia as planned before and I moved my units in a position to strike at Germany or at England as Italy(Kathy) was suggesting all the time. This year I got the still neutral Belgium whereas Italy had stabbed Austria, which had NMRed. England(Mike Close) got Denmark and Sweden.

That left no choice for me: I had to fight down Germany in a joint attack with Italy and England, although I was looking for a good stab on Mike[England] all the time. Therefore I built a fleet in Brest which was countered by an English fleet in Liverpool. What to do?

The conflict with England started in Spring 1903 as I had made terms with the new German player: in fact he never wrote but threw the Italians out of Munich whereas Mike occupied the Channel, which was rather dangerous for me. The new Turkish player, Jaap, showed up very well on the Balkans but Italy had already convoyed an army to Syria. Russia declined more and more under the new Tsar Helmut. In Fall 1903, I grabbed Holland and threw England out of the Channel. In fact I profited from a German NMR as well as Italy who got the big advantage from a Turkish NMR. Austria was only a mere puppet of hers!

The year 1904 saw the decline of Turkey under Austrian-Italian pressure whereas I could manage to get the German standby, Kevin, as a puppet. The French fleets were successful surrounding the British islands and being ready to strike. In the fall I immediately stabbed Germany as I wanted to get her out of the game as soon as possible. Nevertheless Kevin[Germany] managed to reduce England to 5 centers whereas I grew up to the most powerful country on the board with 10 centers. Italy had only 9 at that time and I realised that I had a good chance to win the game with three new builds!

Unfortunately the next season I NMRed--the only NMR I have and had ever had in a Dip-game since I started with the hobby in 1977. I was very angry, because it was the chance for Italy to proceed further on the Balkans, and England could

protect her home centers in a better way. Fortunately puppet-Germany remained with me--thanks, Kevin. However, three builds for me. Damned delay of the orders in the Christmas mail(or so)! So I had to play one short next season(Spring 1906) which saw a rapidly-progressing Italy on the Balkans whereas I, having stabbed Germany again in Fall 1905 and finishing her completely, managed to convoy an army to Britain and headed for Warsaw. Italy stabbed her puppet-Austria again, which had already NM'd again and proceeded in Turkey.

The same situation applied for 1907 although it gave me the chance to overwhelm England with my next moves in his homeland. Kathy[Italy] rose to 12 centers whereas I remained at 11. Damned NM'd in 1905!!! Luckily for me, Kathy NM'd in Fall 1907 giving me a chance to cope with her in the end. I hoped she would drop out so that I could still win the game alone.

But her next letter assured me that she was still in the game. In Spring 1908, she stabbed me, moving her fleets to the west. Before this, I had agreed with Mike[England] to stop any further attack on England if this happened. I did so and moved my fleets to the Mediterranean to protect my southern flank in Fall 1908. Although I lost Warsaw, I managed to secure the German centers with English help against an Italian attack.

The next two game years saw the finish of Turkey and the establishing of a stalemate line between England/France and Italy. Two times I was lucky to make the right moves and got the edge over Kathy[Italy] tactically to shut up my centers. As I promised to Kathy, the game-end was a 3-way draw between Italy, England and France.

Well, I really enjoyed this game and would like to thank Gary very much for very good GMing. The press was also real fun and I would like to participate in another international game in EE if Gary offers a new one in a few months or so. Many thanks also to Mike and Kathy who were the best players in this game. But I think Kathy had the chance to win the game if she had kept the alliance with me for one more year. She also made some tactical mistakes I wouldn't have done! I'm very sorry I NM'd one time disrupting my chance to win the game.

The best standbys were Jaap Jacobs[Turkey] and Kevin Stone[Germany]--many thanks too!

I never heard anything from most of the other standbys, especially not from Doug Beyerlein[Russia] to whom I wrote three letters but never got a reply. And I thought him one of the best US Dip-players! Never mind...

I'm hoping to get a chance one time to play in another international game in the US hobby(in EE?). I really enjoyed it!

((And that's the wrap-up of Alsace-Lorraine. Thomas mentions international games. Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, the pubbers of the multi-zine subzine, Bahnhof Zoo(see page 15 ) have a most international game now starting and they will be listing those pubbers who offer international games in whatever country. Their first listing is on page 18 of this issue. Thanks to both Thomas and Mike for giving us an insider's view of what was going on behind the headlines!))

NEW SUBBERS AND COAS (And Their Zines/Subzines)

1. Dana Blethen: 3188 Carousel Ct., Hoover, Alabama 35216 USA
2. Scott Hanson & Frauke Petersen: 3508 4th Ave S, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408 USA (Bahnhof Zoo, Pommes Mit Mayo)
3. Kay Freiesleben: Hoffeldstrasse 126, D-4010 Hilden, WEST GERMANY(Spielwiese)
4. Dennis Kooper: Karel Doormanlaan g, 2252 BE Voorschoten, THE NETHERLANDS (Tanstaaf!)
5. Kevin Kozlowski: 2401 E. Northern Parkway, Baltimore, Maryland 21241 USA (Libertarian)
6. Mike Mills: 47 Nayer Drive, Suffern, New York 10901 USA (Savonlinna)
7. Glover Rogerson: 31 Cornwall Road, Bishopton, Bristol, UNITED KINGDOM BS7 8LJ (Denver Glont)
8. Rob Winslow: 965 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse, New York 13210 USA

I THINK I'VE  
BEEN CONNED!



## HOBBY-WIDE NEWS

§ Two corrections from last issue's EE: There is no Insanity Dip game being offered in The Razor's Edge. It was a joke by TRE's pubber, James Early. James is running a series of articles on famous diplomats. Right now he's printing a 2-part article of mine on Francisco Franco. Check TRE out by writing James at: 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77504 USA.....And it is Greg Ellis who does the great zine Feuilletonist's Forum. Find out more about what FF offers by seeing the blocked square on page 33.

§ CANADIAN ZINES!! If you are not getting at least one zine from Canada you are really missing out on some great times. The Canadian Diplomat, published by Robert Acheson, C/O Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, Northwest Territories, CANADA XOE 1M0, features a good letter column, editorial cartoons, tales of life in the Far North where Bob works and of course games to play. Trades are welcome and the cost to Americans is 5 issues for \$2.00 US....."The union of theory and practice is....  
...PAXIS." And Paxis is also the name of the newest zine in North America and it is published by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1R2. This first issue was super ranging from 3 game offers, to your hints to help Alan with cooking, apartment cleaning and decorating and techniques to pick up girls. Alan offers a letter column, quizzes, round-table discussions, articles. I broke down and signed up for a game at once. Don't miss this zine and remember I told you it would be one of the best in the months to come!

§ CONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS: Cons that will be held during New Years want you to come or call--but be sure and call them first to let them know you are coming..  
...DAF-CON will be January 3-5 at Steve & Daf Langley's home, 2296 Elen Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, California 95825 USA...(916)-927-4077. Daf-Con will feature games including a D & D adventure, Scruples and Trivial Pursuit. Planning to attend, I've heard are Don Williams, Chris Carrier, Bruce McIntyre and Nancy Hurrell, Terry Tallman, Mike Ehl, Mark Keller, and that's a great start.

BRUX-CON, hosted by Bruce Linsey at his home, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, Massachusetts 01226 USA...(413)-684-0567. BRUX-Con will feature a cow's tongue dinner, Empire Builder, Pax Britannica, Civilization and Diplomacy beginning December 27 until the New Year. Planning to attend are Nelson Heintzman, Steve Hutton, Mike Barno, Simon Billenness and Barbara Passoff, Alan Stewart, Len Kay, Paul Gardner, Kevin Stone and, like Daf-Con, probably others.

An earlier con will be Beethoven-Con, hosted by Larry Peery in San Diego, California on December 7-8, 1985. Many always attend this yearly extravaganza and you can find out about it by writing Larry at: Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102 USA or call him at (619)-280-2239.

And for those in Europe this season, Thomas Franke of West Germany writes me: (and I pass the invite on to EE subbers in Europe) "Hey--would you like to spend New Year's Eve with us? We're gonna have a big party with a lot of good friends! It would be nice if you could stay with us! How about it?" Thomas, I hope Jim Briggs goes--he can make you a "greyhound"! Thomas's address is: Gutenbergstrasse 58, D-4600 Dortmund, WEST GERMANY and his phone number is: 011-49-231-141653.

§ NEW SUBZINES: The MegaDiplomat is a new subzine in No Fixed Address by Chris Carrier, 1215 P St, 12, Sacramento, California 95814 USA of which NFA pubber Steve Hutton says: "Chris follows an old NFA tradition of making fun of feuds." Indeed he does, designing an imaginative game based on the game ILLUMINATI. Chris also issues FN (Feud Numbers) for feuds. For instance, mine with John Boardman is 1985 J rated a an intensity of 9 (on a scale of 10) involving "accusations of racism/male menopause." I laughed all the way through it. Humor defuses issues. ....High Inertia is done by Linda (mainly) and Steve Courtemanche, 300 Main Street Apt. 1, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 USA in Melinda Holley's Rebel. HI features the "Flame Game" which asks interesting questions such as: "If you were on a tropical island for 2 weeks who would you choose as your partner and why?" and "Sum up your philosophy of life in one short sentence."

§ Games: Ever say "If only I could manage my own big league ball club..."? Then you may be interested in "Gonzo Baseball", write to Chuff Afflerbach, 5632 Oakgrove Avenue, Oakland, California 94618 USA for details...Cheesecake has 2 game openings of 5-week deadlines and is looking for new players. The zine and game are free when you play. Write Andy Lischett, 2402 Ridgeland Ave., Berwyn, Illinois 60402 USA. (14)

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Scott Hanson & Frauke Petersen, 3508 4th Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55408  
Ph(612)823-6142

Welcome to the new look of Bahnhof Zoo. For better or for worse, the zine is now being typed on a Commodore 128 computer and printed on an Epson LX-80. For now, this means no more umlauts, though I hope to solve this problem soon. We also have a new game starting.

## BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE NEUE SPIELE

DEUTSCHLAND: Iwo Bouwman, van Heutszstraat 11, 2593 PC 's-Gravenhage,  
THE NETHERLANDS

FRANKREICH: Jacques-Henri Strauss, Ambassade de France en Uruguay, Casilla de Correo 580, Montevideo URUGUAY

GROSSBRITANNIEN: Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St, Burnaby BC V5B 2L4 CANADA

ITALIEN: Marvin Baker, Rt 3 Box 431BK, Dell City AL 35125 USA

OESTERREICH: Derek Caws, (school) Telford Hall, Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3UA UNITED KINGDOM; (home) 57, Gordon Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7EQ UNITED KINGDOM

RUSSLAND: Paul Gardner, Rt 1 Box 2338, Newfane VT 05345 USA

TUERKEI: Lex Pater, P.Evertslaan 134, 2628 XZ Delft, THE NETHERLANDS

(note: Derek Caws will be at school until Dec 12, at home Dec 13 to Jan 12, and back at school after that)

ZAT fuer ~~1901~~ (Spring) 1901 ist 7 DEZEMBER 1985. PLEASE NOTE MY NEW ADDRESS. The players were sent a gamestart notice some weeks ago. But this issue was delayed by an error in the last season of Bahnhof Zoo, so rather than delay this game now, I'll use the original deadline and we'll make up the time over the holidays. Remember, we use European style seasons here.

I've again used the name of a Berlin train station to name an International Dipgame. Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse is the meeting place of East and West. It is a subway station cut by the Berlin Wall. It lies well inside the Russian sector, but is a stop for both the West Berlin U-Bahn and the main station for the East Berlin S-Bahn. The subway tunnels were dug before the war and the division of the city, and one line of the West Berlin U-Bahn runs through several stations in East Berlin. Most of those stations have been abandoned, and are dark and empty (but the trains still slow down for these "dead stations"); the only one where the U-Bahn is allowed to stop is Friedrichstr. Here you can find Intershops, where the East German government sells duty-free cigarettes and liquor to earn hard currency. Or if your papers are in order you may go through East German customs, pay the 25DM per day visa fee, and visit East Berlin (but don't leave the city limits). The East Berlin S-Bahn runs above ground, and has several stations on the western side that only recently have been sold to West Berlin. One of these lines connects Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse to Bahnhof Zoo. On the same street, south of the station right on the wall, you can find Checkpoint Charlie, the border crossing manned by the US.

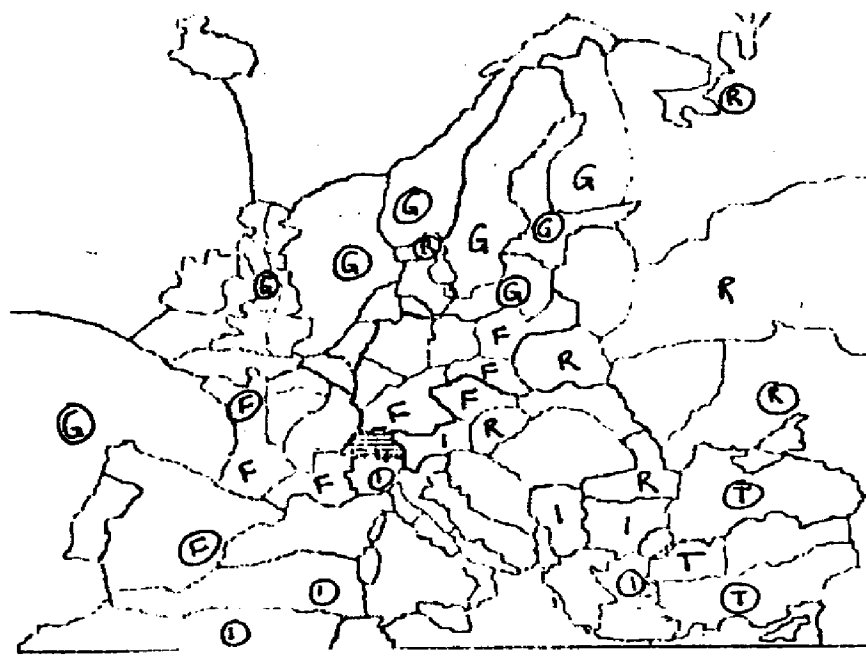
84AZ BAHNHOF ZOO FRUEHJAHR 1906

(All players were notified of an error in the last adjudication. The Turkish A gre-BUL succeeds, and is not dislodged as I reported. Turkey then removes A arm. The deadline was delayed for 3 weeks.)

FRANKREICH: Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Ln, Memphis TN 38118 USA  
 GROSSBRITANNIEN: Christoph Schunck, Zeughausstr 8, 5500 Trier WEST GERMANY  
 ITALIEN: Iwo Bouwman, van Heutszstraat 11, 2593 PC 's-Gravenhage,  
 THE NETHERLANDS  
 RUSSLAND: Jaap Jacobs, Kaiserstraat 10-B, 2311 GR Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS  
 TUERKEI: Claude Gautron, 150 rue Masson, Winnipeg MAN R2H OH2 CANADA

FRANKREICH: A BOH-gal; A PRU-war(S A SIL); A MAR-pie; A GAS-spa; A bur-MUN;  
 F SPA/SC-lyo; F BRE S eng F mid.  
 GROSSBRITANNIEN: F lvp-NAT; A SWE-den; F NTH-ska(\* F NWY); F BAL-den;  
 A FIN-stp(S F BOT); F MID S fre A gas-spa.  
 ITALIEN: F PIE-war; F WES-mid(S F NAF); A TYO-vie; A gre-BUL(S A SER);  
 F AEG-con.  
 RUSSLAND: F STP/NC-nwy(\* F SKA); F SEV S A rum; A VIE-gal; A RUM \* F sev;  
 A WAR H(S A MOS).  
 TUERKEI: F SMY-aeg; A CON \* A bul; F BLA-rum; A bul \* F bul-rum(d,ann).

ZAT fuer HERBST 1906 ist 18 DEZEMBER 1985. NOTE MY NEW ADDRESS. The E/F draw failed 3y 1n, and the E/F/I/R failed 1y 3n. The E/F draw is proposed again; not voiting is "nein". I realize that mail is slow this time of year; but I need the quick deadline as we'll be gone for Christmas. If any orders are missing on the 18th, the game will be delayed until after Jan. 7th. Possible retreats for next season: FRA: F spa/sc, A gas, A boh, A pru; GRO: F mid, F nwy; ITA: F wes, A tyo, A bul; RUS F ska, F stp/nc, A war, A rum, A vie; TUER: A con.



bahnhof zoo press  
 FRANCE-GM: Get any letters from Uruguay lately? Well, don't say you weren't warned. ((Check the new gamestart.))  
 FRANCE-ITALY: Not only do I know what you said, but I know who you are and what you did. Now what do you think of that?  
 ITALY-FRANCE: What are you talking about? I wasn't even there is Liege! And besides, Junta is different from Diplomacy. Didn't I stab Jaap, only two years ago? To my distinct opinion any alliance lasting more than two game years is against the spirit of the game.  
 IVO-SCOTT: I'm not married, but if I were I would...  
 FRANCE-RUSSIA: Attaboy Jaap! Don't be taken in by Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen. Us Elvis lovers have to stick



together and...It's Now or Never! ((Actually, Elvis was one of Bruce's biggest influences. He's an Elvis fan, too.))

FRANCE-ITALY: U hebt uw zakdoek laten vallen...Wacht U op iemand?

ITALY-RUSSIA: Hmm, dit seizoen ben ik minder vrolijk. Maar ach, met zulke krukken weet je het nooit.

ITALY-FRANCE: Graag! Als ik weer eens in de buurt ben zal ik zien wat ik kan doen.

FRANCE-RUSSIA: Het is verschrillelijk.

GM: That ends our Dutch lesson for today. The editor is not responsible for typing mistakes in languages in which he has no dictionary.

ITALY-WORLD: Don't pay attention to this game. It's a disgrace that a game like this is being printed in four countries. ((Is anyone really paying attention?))

FRANCE: Ich bin ein dickfelliges Nilpferd mit mit den kindliches Gemuet!!!

FRANCE-ENGLAND: Italien und Rusland sind beide klebrig. Jaap ist ein gerputftes Huhn and Ivo ist ein schwachsinniger Bloedkopf!

IVO-SCOTT: The past few months you've consistently left out the second e in Wembley. Herewith go copies of my tickets to prove it is Wembley, ((I was using the alternate American spelling.))

FRANCE-TURKEY: Quand vous vous sentirez mieux, apportez-moi donc a boire, s'il vous plait.

FRANCE-FRAUKE: Hat es Ihnen Spass gemacht, meine Post zu lesen?! ((Frauke arbeitet heute nacht; Sie ist nicht hier. Sie hat keine Zeit for diese Spiele.))

FRANCE-GM: I agree whole-heartedly with you! I don't see why those Europeans watch Dynasty (Denver-Clan????) or Dallas either. I only watch Falcon Crest myself. Did you know that Prince's Apollonia Kotero will be on it this year?! ((I had heard this; Frauke likes Falcon Crest only for Jane Wyman. Anyone who rejected Ronald Reagan can't be all bad, she says.))

IVO-SCOTT: In general I do not like American soap opera's. However, the one you quoted from, "Soap," I think was great!

((Did I quote from Soap? I certainly didn't try to. I never got so I memorized the lines from the show, though it is quite funny.))

Speaking of TV, I got a letter from Bill Becker. Of course, I can't find it now, so I can't quote it. But he told of a friend who was a respondent for Neilsen, the company who measures television audiences in the US. He always found that the company always published ratings for days he had just sent his reponses in for, so that maybe the whole system was rigged. I doubt that; there's too much money at stake in the advertsing that depends on those ratings. There are certainly a lot of people out there who watch JR Ewing. But noone I know talks about Dallas. But let's talk about good shows. Being good middle class Americans, the two of us use our VCR for "The Cosby Show" and "Murder She Wrote." These shows don't fulfill any stereotypes about America so I doubt if they'll be shown on European television. But if you're interested, the typewriter I used to use to Bahnhof Zoo and all my zines is identical to the one Angela Lansbury uses on the opening sequence of her show.

#### INTERNATIONAL GAME OPENINGS LIST

(In a small attempt to justify the existnace of this subzine, and to further the international hobby in general, I'll start printing a list of international game openings. Hopefully this will be a regular feature in every other issue of BZ. Right now there is no way for GMs to advertise international games to a worldwide audience; the first game here took months

to fill. I know of 3 such game openings now, but I'm sure many others exist. I'd be willing to list more openings in my second next issue of BZ in February for those GMs who send them to me. I'd assume unless indicated that the game would be run in English and the GM is especially interested in players from other continents.)

Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St, Burnaby BC V5B 2L4 CANADA (Excelsior)  
 Derek Caws (see gamestart on page one for address) (War and Peace--game run by Ake Jonsson of Sweden)  
 Thomas Franke, Gutenbergstr 58, 4600 Dortmund 1, WEST GERMANY (Sauri's Allstar Unlimited/Genesis)

I'll leave matters of subscriptions and gamefees to be worked out by players and GMs. I'd recommend sending 2 or 3 International Reply Coupons (ask for them at your post office) when asking for samples for zines from other countries.

As for BZ, I have no more openings. My intentions are to keep this zine small. I have gotten a lot of responses to my openings, and you all are getting a copy of this. Try out one of these three others! I'm sure you won't see the next BZ until after the holidays; we wish your season to be warm and bright. Auf wiedersehen...



"I've buried five husbands and the Lord knows how many flamingoes."

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SUBZINES OF EUROPA EXPRESS

EE has 6 subzines right now, but they have never all 6 appeared in any one issue of EE at the same time. But some updates need to be made.

This issue sees 3 subzines: Bahnhof Zoo(p.15), The Beholder(p.19) and Chomps & Miams(p.20) but 2 of those won't be found under those names! Michel Liesnard who does Chomps & Miams is ending his subzine(see page 36) but sent in another one called Les Imbeciles Heureux with an idea for a subzine which belongs to everyone depending on your favorite city.

John Kelley has changed The Beholder's Name to . And EE may be getting a new subzine from Uruguay--see page 37!

Robyn Finley's Femme Fatale is apparently folded; Nelson Heintzman's Only Yesterday did not arrive and Mike Mills' Savonlinna has been delayed due to the birth of Mike's second son(page 36). Congratulations! Don Williams is running a prize game of regular Diplomacy but has changed the name of his subzine from Son Of Fiat Bellum to Flick Of The Wrist. I asked Don for a camera-ready copy of FoTW but he failed to provide one so here are the results of Spring 1901 in the \$150.00(??) prize game: (I won't be doing this in the future, Don):

- Austria(Conrad Minshall): F tri-ALB, A VIE-gal, A bud-SER
- England(Melinda Holley): A lpl-YOR, F lon-ENG, F edi-NTH
- France(Ron Spitzer): A par-CAS, A mar-SPA, F bre-MAO
- Germany(Mark Fassio): F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A mun-RUH
- Italy(George Graessle): A ven-TYA, A rom-VEN, F nap-ION
- Russia(Terry Tallman): A mos-UKR, F sev-BIA, A WAR-gal, F stp(sc)-BOT
- Turkey(J.R. Baker) A con-BUL, F ank-CON, A smy-ARM

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This is the second issue of \_\_\_\_\_, a subzine devoted to very little of importance, published by Gary Coughlan, and edited by John Kelley, 1112 Hansee Hall GR-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195 USA/E-U.

First of all, will Gary please account for the strange diacritical mark over the 'x' in 'Express' in the bannerhead of #48? It doesn't look like anything I've ever seen. Thanks also to him for setting up the naming contest, although I think that \_\_\_\_\_ is a perfectly good name for a subzine. It will keep me from being mentioned in polls and generally confuse things, both of which are all right with me.

I'm impressed by the mass mobilization to save DW, but am not going to join in it. With no disrespect meant to its editors and writers, the content has never quite justified a subscription from me. Still, nevertheless, I would trade for it were I a publisher if such were asked of me (used to be the practice; not sure these days), if only to help out the archives. Some hobby anarchist I am, right?

Well, we just forced down an Egyptian passenger plane and confiscated the hijackers. Everybody's happy except me. On balance, I'm glad we pulled it off; but what happened afterward revolted me. The criminals are restrained and in custody, and the slain hostage's wife confronts them. She heaps verbal abuse upon them--well and good. Then she spits on them. With that, I say that she crossed a boundary. Spitting is demeaning and disgusting, most will agree, and it's the sort of thing that would happen in, say, Iran. If we're going to pride ourselves on being civilized, we must be above such behavior. Worse still, Reagan tells her 'God bless you!' for this act. I think this is a national disgrace to the United States. I'm ashamed of it and I hope more Yanks are.

I'm finding out that Swedish and Hebrew are not difficult languages. I had visions of hopelessly confusing sounds and grammatical principles that would render me a failure in both, and they're proving to be reasonably simple. Especially Swedish--it's so close to English that the grammar is intuitive for a native speaker. Perhaps I should start taking Swedish zines (and French, too, since that's my other class). Any suggestions from the crowd? Are you even listening?

More stuff about the Feud. What are we going to talk about when it's over?

A trivia question of sorts. Poland (and Poles) have often the subject of disparaging jokes in the USA. Name for me, if you please, every WWII campaign in which Polish troops (exiles count) fought on the side of the Allies, and point out their more significant achievements. My research really opened my eyes. On the same subject, I've recently become very interested in the battle of Gettysburg. Any others out there who share this fascination? I'm amazed that the Confederacy didn't wipe the Union off the field, technology and troop numbers notwithstanding. Can we give credit to any single leader on the Union side, or blame to any of the Confederate generals (excluding Lee and Meade, of course)? It's so hard to think of Lee losing an important battle, even for an ancestral Yankee like me who has never spent a day in Dixie. Such a sense of power and class. Opinions welcome, as on any other topic.

Till next time.

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Damn it! That LIESNARD has just folded his CHOEPS & MIANS and here he comes again with a new subzine! Who will stop that man?

N° 1

LES IMBECILES HEUREUX

MLI ubl 27'

Don't weep nor burst in tears, gentle ladies and gentle men, this subzine is not planned to last. But, in these times of upwardly mobility, I thought it might be interesting to tell each other about our cities. Or simply about the places we love. The title hercabove is an allusion to George BRASSIENS' verse "Les imbéciles heureux qui sont nés quelquepart" (the happy idiots who got born somewhere), though these pages might also have been patronized by Joachim Du BELLAY (1522-1560), who wrote:

Heureux qui comme Ulysse a fait un beau voyage  
Heureux qui comme lui a vu cent paysages  
Et puis qui s'en revient plein d'usage et raison  
Vivre entre ses parents le reste de son âge.  
Quand reverrai-je enfin de mon petit village  
Fumer les cheminées et les toits des maisons?

As you might have expected, this first issue should have been dedicated to Brussels, my dear beloved city. But there's another place to which my heart belongs, where I spent my childhood years and where my dad is buried. Matadi, in Zaïre.

In Kikongo, "matadi" means "the pebbles" or "the rocks". STANLEY, who used to open his road through central Africa with dynamite, got nicknamed "Bula Matari" (the Rock-Breaker) by the Bantus.

The city of Matadi, indeed, was founded by the Belgians in a broken crater of the Crystal Mounts, in a hilly region where huge blocks of pure quartz emerge from the bush and give the impression, to the one on board a ship along the river, that the country has been invaded by sheep herds.

Up-stream of Matadi, the river becomes a series of rapids for 400 km, till Kinshasa and the Stanley Pool. Recently, a popular French journalist, Philippe de DICULVEULT, tried to row these rapids down and, unfortunately, got killed.

Matadi is that point that the Portuguese explorers reached by the mid-XVth Century, with their caravels, and where they left an engraved stone, near Fishermen's Cave, saying: "Je came here in the name of Christ and the King of Portugal. S.: Diego CAO"

This is not the only "archeological" curiosity of Matadi. In front of the city, on the right bank, still remain the ruins of Vivi, the capital founded by STANLEY for the Independent State of the Congo. STANLEY who wrote to Léopold II, King of the Belgians, that "without a railway, Congo isn't worth a penny".

And that railway got built, with the sweat and pain, and death, of hundreds of Congolese, Chinese and Belgians. Did you know that the grandfather of Joseph KASAVUBU, the first president of the independent Congo, was a Chinese?



Thanks to the railway, Matadi became (and is still today) the lung of Congo. Merchant ships from 20 different countries brave the "Cauldron of Hell" (a gigantic permanent whirl downstream of Matadi) to get loaded with copper, tin, wood.

By these times when travelling by plane was still rare and expensive (the region of Matadi is so hilly that the airport of the city, Chimpi, near Vivi, got closed to DC-4's after a crash), the harbour of Matadi (2,000 Europeans, 80,000 Congolese) was a rather cosmopolitan city. Its hotel "Métropole", a pseudo-mauresque building, was the transit place for all those who came or went. The proximity of the Angolese border allowed the settling of many Portuguese. Indians and Pakistaneese owned the great fisheries and the stock-farmings of island Bula-Bomba. The films starring Errol FLYNN, Fred ASTAIRE or Jane RUSSEL (don't ask me why I'm fed up with American comedies) were shown at the Matadi "Palace" even before the Léopoldville theatres. Call me "Guinea Pig".

The most interesting thing, from a 12-year boy's point of view, is that large sectors of the city, with houses built by various companies for their employees, were abandoned (it's cheaper to build a new house than to transform an old one, apparently). Between these crumbling wooden walls, in the gardens invaded by the hibiscus, I became King and Dictator (Déjà Napoléon perçait sous Bonaparte). With catapults and air guns, I led at least twelve wars against the obnoxious PAUMELS, two brothers who were trying to invade my territory...

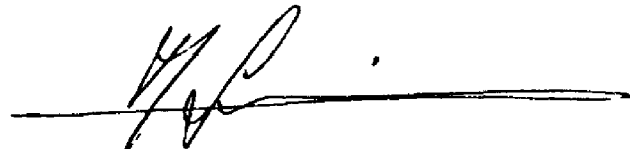
However, despite all sipped Pepsi's, Matadi has its own culinary specialities. In the M'Poza, a tributary to the Congo, live colonies of crayfishes, the "cosa-cosa", at their best in a broth criminally perfumed with pili-pili (pili-pili is to chili what an A bomb is to TNT). The "capitaine", some sort of river barracuda with teeth as long as Dracula's canins, becomes rather civilised once roasted with onions, peeled tomatoes and lemon. There are also dwarf-antelopes, not taller than a corgy, but lo! You don't eat your friends, do you?

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If you like the idea behind this zine, if you want your EE readers to share your passion for the places you love, this title, "LES INBECILES HEUREUX", is yours. Just be kind enough to send me a copy of your embellished dreams.

I'm open to any sort of congratulations, kisses on the nose and sexual proposals that do not imply the use of a pace-maker. Now, if you dare disagree with me, please send your opinions to: The French Government, Greenpeace Department, Blown Up Business, Auckland, New Zealand.

Michel LIESNARD.



HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I  
FLYING ACE STARING  
GLOOMILY OUT OVER THE  
RAIN-SOAKED AERODROME



## WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY

Our Diplomacy game is based on World War I and that war was happening exactly 70 years ago so EE has been doing a day-by-day chronology of the war years but not just of war events as you will see. If you know of anything (science fiction, inventions, sports, songs, etc) that occurred during the years 1916 to 1919, send it to me, along with your source, and in it goes.

This time we (hopefully) will do 4 months, January-April 1916. The war started in the summer of 1914 and at the beginning of 1916 the sides were: Allies: England and the British Empire (Australia, Canada, South Africa, India, etc.), France, Italy, Belgium, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro (a tiny country at the meeting place on our Dip board of Trieste, Serbia and Albania). Fighting the Allies were the Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Turkish Empire (which included present-day Syria, Iraq, Israel, Jordan and large parts of Saudi Arabia).

The major events of this 4-month period were the beginning of the battle of Verdun in France in February, lasting until September. The Germans believed (rightly so as it turned out) that the French would fight tooth and nail to keep Verdun (its fall in September 1792 had rallied all of revolutionary France to drive out the nations invading France). The German General Falkenhayn stated: "The essential question is not to take Verdun... but to pin down the French... and since they will have to defend it shoulder to shoulder, we shall bleed them white."

From the beginning of the war, the Western Front had been deadlocked. In 1915 the Germans had concentrated on driving the Russians back. Falkenhayn viewed England as Germany's main enemy but there was no way to strike at her except through France. He calculated that if he could turn Verdun into a "mincing machine", France would lose heart and England would lose her only viable ally and hence the war. But Verdun's struggle turned into a contest of prestige not only for France but for the Germans as well.

Please remember that many of these events were kept secret (such as where a ship was lost for example) or were meaningless at the time since the participants didn't become world-famous until years later. During this 4 months we shall meet the famous Lawrence of Arabia and the Red Baron. Later Nazis Hermann Goering and Rudolf Hess as well as Benito Mussolini appear. We will see Lenin and Churchill, De Gaulle and Gandhi and a pair of impetuous 16-year-olds named Ernest Hemingway and Gloria Swanson. And Mike Mills would kill me if I didn't mention the Irish Easter Rebellion against the English. And much more that I think you will find interesting. Oh yes, Japan was an Ally and Portugal becomes one in March 1916!

The following code is used: W: the Western Front (Belgium and France); I: the Italian Front (Italy against Austria); S: the Southern Front (Serbia and the Balkans); E: The Russian Front, known as the Eastern Front; T: the Turkish Front (which ranged from Egypt to Iraq to Armenia); C: the German colonies in Africa, Asia and the Pacific; and N: naval actions. Sundays are put into parentheses so you can find the day of the week easily, to make this seem more alive to you.

### JANUARY 1916

- 1- English take Yaounde, German Cameroons (see February, 2-18); Russians win on the Styr and the Strypa (E); English Colonel Clayton establishes the Arab Bureau in Cairo, Egypt to use Arab nationalism to support English war aims (see January); Chinese Premier Yuan proclaims his intention of making himself monarch (see March); 1st issue of Journal of Negro History published; In 1st Rose Bowl game ever played Washington State College beats Brown University 14-0. This was part of the Pasadena Rose Festival.
- (2)- English passenger steamer Persia sunk off Crete by either a German or Austrian sub, half of 300 aboard die.
- 3- Betty Furness, actress and consumer advocate, born in New York City.
- 4- U.S. Secretary of State Lansing protests against the English seizure of mail to censor, confiscate or destroy it "even when carried by belligerent mail ships" (see 1-10, 4-4); German General Staff agrees to send Sir Roger Casement's Irish brigade of 55 men to fight on the Turkish front. Casement, considered a traitor by the English who owned Ireland, was working for Irish independence.
- 5- Military Service Act introduces conscription into England beginning in May. Until this time, England had relied on volunteers. Ireland was excluded from conscription.
- 7- Italian steamer conveying 400 Montenegrin recruits from America is sunk by a

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mine in the Adriatic with 200 lives lost.

8-(9) Allies withdraw from Cape Hellas Beach at Gallipoli (Constantinople on our Dip board) (see 12-18-15, January); Austrians begin invasion of Montenegro (see 1-10); Russians take Chartyryak (E); English warship King Edward VII sunk by a mine in the North Sea

10- Russians fight Turks on Lake Van-Black Sea front (see 2-16); Austrians take Mt. Lovtchen, Montenegro (see 1-13); U.S. protests to England against mail removals from neutral ships (see 1-4, 4-4, 12-5, 12-18); Mexican bandit Pancho Villa's men kill 18 American engineers near Chihuahua (see January)

11- French occupy Greek island of Corfu for base for retreating Serbian army even though Greece is a neutral nation (see 1-15, January)

12- By this date, Canada has 500,000 men under arms (overseas, garrison and guard duty) (see January, March); P.W. "Pik" Botha, the South African foreign minister of today, born in the Orange Free State.

13- Austrians take Montenegro capital of Cetinje as Nicholas, King of Montenegro sends a telegram asking for peace (see 1-19); German air ace Max Immelmann makes his 8th kill (see 3-3)

14- The English Antarctic Expedition, led by Shackleton, seeks shelter on another ice flow (see 12-29-15, 1-16)

15- 1st Serbians are evacuated to Corfu (see 1-11, 2-10); German raider Moewe captures English steamer Appain off Madeira, Spain (see 2-1)

(16)- Montenegro surrenders to Austria (see 1-19); English repel Senussi tribesmen at Matruh, Egypt (see 12-25-15, 1-23, February). The Senussi were Libyan Arabs who were fighting the Italian occupiers of their country and the English were Italy's allies. The Germans and Turks supplied them; Shackleton Expedition destroys its dogs (see 1-14, 1-19)

17- Russians attack Turkish city of Koprikeui (see 1-21)

18- English and French warships bombard the Bulgarian coast as King of Bulgaria meets German Kaiser in Nish, Serbia to celebrate the Central Powers' conquest of Serbia; Admiral Scheer replaces the dying Admiral Pohl as Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy; the US proposes to the Allies that all merchant ships be unarmed so there would be no justification for the German U-Boats to attack them.

19-22 Secret meeting among Irish nationalists who set Easter Week as the date for a rebellion against the English (see 2-5, 4-23);

19- Russians attack near Czernowitz, Austria; King Nicholas of Montenegro flees to Italy (see 1-16, 1-25); Victor Mature born, Louisville, Kentucky

21- Russians shell Brzerum, 60 miles from Koprikeui (see 1-17, 2-11) (T)

(23)- Austrians now hold Montenegro and Scutari, Albania; English raid Senussi tribesmen near Matruh, Egypt (see 1-13, February)

24- The trial of birth control advocate Margaret Sanger begins in New York City for "misuse of mails" (see 2-18)

25- Montenegro formally surrenders to Austria (see 1-16)

27- Lower Otay Dam bursts "like the Crack of Doom". A 50-foot wall of water kills 20 people on its 7 mile journey to San Diego Bay (see 12-13-15)

28- Louis Brandeis nominated to be associate justice of U.S. Supreme Court.

29- German Zeppelin raid on Paris kills 24.

31- Zeppelin raid in England kills 67.

--in January 1916: The Allies' abortive Gallipoli campaign had 213,980 casualties and achieved nothing (see 1-8); German air ace Boelcke makes 8th kill; 30,000 Canadians enlist during this month; Belgian Cardinal Mercier visits the Pope in Rome; In Switzerland 2 Swiss officers go on trial for betraying Swiss and Allied military information to the Central Powers--they were acquitted; Canadian William Aitken becomes Lord Beaverbrook in England and creates the "Canadian Records Office"; T.E. Lawrence writes a report called "The Politics of Mecca" in Cairo detailing how an Arab uprising could benefit England (see 1-1, 3-22); Colonel Metaxas (the Greek leader when Italy invaded Greece in 1940) urges Greek King Constantine to go to northern Greece and rally the Greeks to fight the Allies who had just seized Corfu; Ex-President Huerta of Mexico dies in El Paso, Texas; German feminist Rosa Luxemburg released from prison (see February 1915; July); Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian soldier-poet, crashes on a sandbar in his hydroplane after a reconnaissance flight over Austrian Trieste; Pancho Villa's men raid William Randolph Hearst's ranch near Madera, Mexico killing an American employee--in 2 weeks time they would return and drive off livestock; Bernard Montgomery becomes Brigade-Major to 104th Infantry Brigade of the 35th Division in France; W. Somerset Maugham comes to London from espionage

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work in Switzerland for rehearsal of his play Caroline(see 2-14); The "Mode 1916" helmet replaced the spiked Pickelhaube in the German Army.

FEBRUARY 1916

- 1- captured English Appam, manned by German prize crew, arrives in Norfolk, Virginia(see 1-15, 3-4)
- 2- Fighting in Bukovina between Austrians and Russians(E)
- 3- Canada's Houses of Parliament in Ottawa are gutted by fire.
- 4- Gandhi speaks at opening of Hindu University Central College in Benares, India and is asked to stop speaking. He had said: "No amount of speeches will make us fit for self-government. It is only our conduct that will fit us for it" and had told the bejewelled maharajas and rajas present "Strip yourselves of this jewelry and hold it in trust for your countrymen in India."
- 5- U.S. Irish leaders are told of the planned Easter Week Irish rebellion and they tell the German Embassy in the US about it(see 2-10, 1-19)
- (6)- Austro-Italian naval clashes in the Adriatic
- 8- French cruiser Amiral Charner sunk by a submarine
- 9- Ernst Mach, dies in Vienna. This Austrian physicist and psychologist gave us the term "Mach speed"
- 10- Serb evacuation to Corfu completed(see 1-15)<sup>2-22</sup>; Von Skol, member of German embassy in the US, arrives in Rotterdam with a letter to Irish nationalist Casement(who was in Germany) from U.S. Irish leader telling him of planned Irish revolt during Easter Week(see 2-5, 4-23)
- 11- Russians begin heavy assault on Erzerum, Turkey(see 1-21, 2-16); English warship Arethusa sunk by a mine
- 14- Austrian air raid on Milan, Italy; in Declaration of Sainte-Adresse, England, France and Russia promise Belgium that they will make no peace at Belgium's expense; W. Somerset Maugham is in divorce court action via his affair with married Syrie Wellcome(see January)
- 16- Russians take Erzerum, Turkey(see 2-11, 3-2)
- 17- Shackleton Antarctic Expedition begins killing penguins for food(see 2-24)
- 18- Germans surrender in Mora, Kamerun(see August 1915, 1-1, February); New York Government enters a "nolle prosequi" in Margaret Sanger's trial(see 1-24) in effect dropping the charges(see 10-16)
- 21-24 Germans launch huge bombardment attack on Verdun, France. 1 million shells were dropped the first day alone. During this battle which would go on to September, both Nazi Rudolf Hess and the present Chancellor of West Germany, Helmut Kohl's father were wounded. President Charles De Gaulle of France was taken prisoner at Verdun this month and would be a POW until the end of the war.
- 22- Since December 12, 1915, 146,000 Serbs and Albanians have been evacuated to Corfu; Tsar appears at Duma(the Russian Parliament) and a "Te Deum" is sung; US President Wilson's emissary, Colonel Grey signs a secret agreement with the English Foreign Minister Grey which called for a peace conference among the warring nations to be mediated by the US and which stated: "Should the Allies accept this proposal, and should Germany refuse it, the U.S. would probably enter the war against Germany." --this incredible document was never implemented and it is doubtful that Wilson could have led the US into the war on this basis.
- 23- Germany decides to resume submarine warfare(60 U-boats were available) but further incidents prompt the Kaiser to order that they may only attack armed freighters without warning(see 4-27); England creates a "Ministry of Blockade" to co-ordinate its blockading of Germany.
- 24- By this date the Shackleton Expedition has killed 600 penguins for food. (see 2-17, 3-9)
- 25- Germans capture Fort Douaumont(near Verdun)(see 3-6, 10-24); Petain is put by France in charge of the Verdun sector. His words are world-famous at this time: "They shall not pass." The Verdun sentiment was working on the French.
- 26- U-35 torpedoes French troopship Provence, on its way from Salonika to Marseille and 3,300 die; Allies begin evacuation from Durazzo, Albania; English defeat Senussi tribesmen east of As-Sollum, Egypt(see 1-16, February); Jackie Gleason born Brooklyn, New York
- 28- Germans surrender their Kamerun colony(Cameroons in Africa today)(see February); Naval clash between English warship Alcantara and German raider Greif in the North Sea sinks both; writer Henry James dies in England.



29- England issues a blacklist, listing persons and firms that the English could not trade with(see 4-26,5-23) in an attempt to curtail those persons and firms from doing any business with Germany; Benito Mussolini is promoted to corporal; Michel Lesnard's father, Henry Lesnard, is 12 years old and celebrates his 3rd birthday; English woman Vera Britton writes: "I saw by to-day's Times that Lord Carey has died of wounds in France. Matters have gone beyond comment now. Not a single friend of Edward's[her brother] but has suffered some-how through the War--Roland and Carey among the dead--Thurlow and Ivan Dyer wounded--Victor almost ended by meningitis--Ernest Wynne gas-poisoned"....Her brother Edward would also die.



--in February 1916; Portugal seizes 36 German and Austrian ships in its Empire's harbors(see 3-9); Germans in Kamerun enter Spanish Rio Muni for internment(see 2-28); 20,000 British Empire troops invade German East Africa from Kenya; Turk airplanes began to attack Kut, Iraq where they are besieging English troops(see 3-22); Belgium decides not to resume its pre-war neutrality; Stürmer becomes Russian premier; German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg is successful in preventing unrestricted U-boat warfare(see 2-23, 3-16); U.S. Representative McLenore of Texas introduces resolution into Congress to the effect that Americans should not travel on any armed merchant ship but it is defeated 276-142; Tsar's hemophilic son, after suffering a severe nosebleed in December, is well enough to play in the snow in a park; England calls for 400,000 women to do agricultural work; England bans the chiming and striking of London's clocks between sunset and sunrise; In Germany, copper lighting rods of churches are stripped as copper has become so scarce(see October 1915); Germany bans political party "Bund Neues Vaterland" which seeks an early end to the war; German Government requisitions all stocks of clothing; In Canada, the president of the Montreal Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society in response to English Canadian resistance to using French in schools with French-Canadian children outside of Quebec stated: "Has not the time arrived for us to revolt against persecution? If it keeps up perhaps we shall be compelled to take guns in our hands just as our confreres are doing in France." Already the French Canadians were being urged by their leaders to boycott goods made in English Canada whom they called "the Boches of Ontario and Manitoba"; 16-year-old Ernest Hemingway's 1st story is printed in Tabula, his school paper(see 3-16).

#### MARCH 1916

- 1- English ship Primula is sunk in the Mediterranean.
- 2- Russians take Bitlis, Turkey(see 2-16, 3-4); Queen Mother Elisabeth of Rumania dies in Bucharest at age 72. She was passionately pro-German and had been a poetess under the pseudonym "Carmen Sylva"
- 3- German air ace Max Immelman makes his 9th kill(see 3-14)
- 4- Raider Moewe returns to Germany(see 2-1); Russians land at Black Sea port of Atina, Turkey(see 3-2, 4-18); By this time the English have developed a new weapon called the "tank".
- (5)- Germans widen their Verdun front(see 2-21) to the west side of the Meuse River(see 6-7); Zeppelin raid in England causes 70 casualties.
- 6- Germany allows her U-Boats to sink without warning all vessels except for passenger vessels(see 2-23, February, 3-24)
- 7- In Parliament, Lieutenant Colonel Winston Churchill(on leave from France) calls for return of Fisher as First Sea Lord and says Germany is beginning to win the war at sea. He is roundly criticized on all sides(see 3-13)
- 9- Germany declares war on Portugal(see February, 3-15); Italy launches her 5th Isonzo attack against Austria(see 3-17, 5-15); English warship Coquette and an English torpedo boat are sunk by mines; Pancho Villa with 1,500 men raids Columbus, New Mexico(2 miles north of the border) and kills 8 US soldier and 9 US civilians(see 3-15); Shackleton Expedition engulfed in stormy seas (see 2-24, 3-16)
- 11- Harold Wilson born in Huddersfield, England.
- (12) English warship Fauvette sunk by mine.
- 13- French air ace Georges Guynemer wounded over Verdun, goes to a Paris hospital (see 4-26); Winston Churchill takes train from London to Dover and is back in Belgium by the afternoon(see 3-7, 4-28)
- 14- German air ace Max Immelman destroys 2 aircraft in one day(a record at this time) for his 10th and 11th kills(see 4-29); French War Minister Gallieni resigns.
- 15- Austria declares war on Portugal; US sends General Pershing with 6,000 men

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to pursue Pancho Villa(see 3-9, April, 4-12, 2-5-17); Harry James, trumpeter who would marry Betty Grable, born in Albany, Georgia.

16- Dutch liner Tubantia sunk by Germans; German U-Boat sank in Adriatic by Italians; German naval leader Tirpitz resigns because Germany will not permit unrestricted submarine warfare; Shackleton Expedition uses the last of its flour (see 3-9, 3-23)

17- Heavy bombardment at Verdun(W); Germans launch offensive on Russian front in the north; Italy ends the 5th Isonzo battle(see 3-9, 5-15)

18- Russians attack east of Vilna(and will for the next 10 days) to relieve German pressure on the French at Verdun; Dutch liner Palembang sunk by Germans.

(19)-Irving Wallace, author, born in Chicago, Illinois

20- Russians capture Ispahan, ancient capital of Persia(see November 1915, 11-14)

21- German Admiralty decides to sink ship Libau, disguised as a captured Norwegian cargo ship, the "Aud" to Ireland with 20,000 rifles, 10 machine guns and a million rounds of ammunition captured from the Russians at Tannenburg to Irish rebels (see 4-9) who are planning an Easter Week Rebellion(see 4-23); Germans sink liner Minneapolis, used as a transport, in the Mediterranean.

22- Captain T. E. Lawrence leaves Cairo headed for Kut, Iraq where English troops are besieged by Turks. He is authorized to offer the Turks one million English pounds for their release(see 4-8, 4-9, 4-29)

23- Shackleton Expedition sights land, the Danger Islets(see 3-16, 3-29)

24- U-Boat sinks the Sussex off Dieppe, France causing 2 Spaniards and several American passengers to die(see 3-6, 4-18). The Sussex was a French passenger steamer.

25- English destroyers and seaplanes raid Zeppelin sheds in Schleswig, Germany; "Ishi", the last survivor of the Yahi clan of the Yana Indian nation, dies in San Francisco; 16-year-old Gloria Swanson marries actor Wallace Beery(age 30) in Pasadena, California with her mother's permission. She called her honeymoon night a "rape" in her autobiography.

(26)- Robert Stroud, who will later be known as "The Birdman of Alcatraz", and who is serving a life term in Leavenworth for murder, enters the prison mess hall and stabs to death Andrew Turner, a guard he had argued with. He will be sentenced to death but will receive through the intervention of his mother, who visits Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, a presidential reprieve with the proviso that he never receive parole; Sterling Hayden, actor, born Montclair, New Jersey.

28- Austria launches attacks on Italy in Gorizia

29- Shackleton Expedition ice floe loses a big chunk. They kill a 1,000 pound sea leopard(see 3-23, 4-6); 27 die in a railroad wreck in Amherst, Ohio; Eugene McCarthy born, Watkins, Minnesota

30- Germans take Malancourt(W); Turks sink hospital ship Portugal in Black Sea.

31- Zeppelin brought down in the Thames River at London; English warship bombards Smyrna; Jeff Brown, a black man who is running to catch a freight train pulling out of Cedar Bluff, Mississippi, accidentally bumps into the daughter of a white farmer--a mob quickly forms, chases Brown, jerks him from his perch in a boxcar, and lynches him on the spot.

--in March 1916: Richthofen arrives as a pilot on the Western Front near Verdun(see 12-25-15, 4-26); pilot Hermann Goering returns to flying after recovering from a severe injury; English land in Bandar Abbas, Persia and begin recruiting for the "South Persia Rifles"; Germans use for 1st time the "Flammenwerfer"(the flame-thrower) at Verdun; nearly 35,000 Canadians enlist this month(see 1-12, January); Haase and other German Social Democrats vote against the war credits in the Reichstag; all priests in the Italian army are made chaplains and promoted to the rank of lieutenant; Canada floats a \$75 million loan in the New York City market(see July 1917)--usually Canada went to London for loans; Scandinavian premiers and foreign ministers meet in Copenhagen to discuss joint action regarding war(see September); Mexico's President Carranza makes Obregon Minister of War; Pancho Villa takes Guerrero; Yuan, China's premier, ends his attempt to become Chinese Emperor(see 1-1); Jawaharlal Nehru(age 26) marries Kamala Kaul, age 16, in India; 65,000 English workers strike in Dundee, Liverpool and Glasgow; In Germany, angry crowds force Cologne mayor to open the food market which had been closed; Russian Empress Alexandra writes her husband the Tsar: "Wish you could think of a good successor to Sazanov--need not be a diplomat. So as...to see we are not later sat upon by England and that when questions of ultimate peace come we should be firm. Old Goremykin and Stürmer always disapproved of him as he is such a coward towards Europe and a parliamentarist--and that would be Russia's ruin." (26)

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1-(2)-3-4-5- Zeppelin raids on England

4- In response to US note of 1-4, England tells US that she will reserve the right to open any sealed packet which appears to contain goods but would no longer seize "real correspondence".

5- Gregory Peck born, La Jolla, California

6- Russian Empress Alexandra writes to her husband the Tsar about their hemophilic son: "Baby was awfully gay and cheery all day...in the night he woke up from pain in his left arm and from 2 on scarcely got a moment's sleep. The girls sat with him a good while. It seems he worked with a dirk and must have done too much--he is so strong that it's difficult for him always to remember and think that he must not do strong movements. But as the pain came with such force in the night and the arm won't bend I think it will pass quicker--generally three nights' pain..I cried like a baby in church. Cannot bear when the sweet child suffers."; Shackleton Expedition sights Clarence Island(see 3-29, 4-8)

8- Shackleton Expedition forced to its boats as ice flow breaks up(see 4-6, 4-12); Captain T. E. Lawrence in Basra, Iraq(see 3-22, 4-9) writes about the Chief Political Officer in Iraq: "Cox is entirely ignorant of Arab Societies and of Turkish politics...He does not understand our ideas but he is very open and will change his mind as required."

(9) In Basra, Iraq(see 3-22, 4-8, 4-29), Captain T. E. Lawrence writes: "I have been looking up pan-Arab party...it is about 12 strong. The other Basra people are either from Nejd, interested in Central Arabia only and to be classed with Arabia politically, or peasants who are interested in date palms, or Persians. If the Sultan of Turkey were to disappear, the Khalifat by the common consent of Islam would fall to the family of the prophet, the present representative of which is Hussein the Sheriff of Mecca(See June).; German ship Aud(see 3-21) leaves Lübeck with cargo for the Irish rebels(see 4-12)

10- Germans make gains at Verdun

11- Portuguese occupy Kionga in German East Africa(see 5-27); Denmark reforms its administration of justice by introducing trial by jury.

12- Irish nationalist, Sir Roger Casement with 2 companions leaves Wilhelmshaven, Germany on a U-boat to rendezvous with Aud(see 4-9) off Ireland. He wanted to stop the Irish revolt planned for Easter week(see 4-29); Fighting between Villa and the Americans at Parral kills 40 Mexicans and 2 Americans(see 3-15, 6-21); Shackleton Expedition reaches the open sea(see 4-8, 4-24)

14- English launch air raids on Constantinople and Adrianople, Turkey; Tsar authorizes General Brusilov to go on an offensive versus Germany(see 6-3)

17- Italians take the Col di Luna(S); France allows American airmen volunteers to form the "Escadrille Américaine"(see 1916)

18- US sends ultimatum to Germany to abandon its order of 3-6<sup>which</sup> authorizes sinkings without warning or it will sever diplomatic relations with Germany(see 4-27); Russians take Trebizond, Turkey

19- Baron von der Goltz, former German Governor-General of Belgium, dies at Baghdad, Iraq.

20- Casement's sub and the Aud fail to rendezvous(see 4-9, 4-12) so Aud proceeds(see 4-21); Casement lands in Tralee Bay, Ireland and is captured(see 6-21)

21- English intercept the Aud(see 4-20) which is carrying arms for Irish rebels and sink it; Anthony Quinn born, Chihuahua, Mexico.

22- Yehudi Menuhin born, New York City

(23)- The Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood, the core of the rebellion(see 4-24), holds an emergency meeting.

24-(30)- Socialist conference in Kienthal, Switzerland calls for an immediate peace. Lenin in attendance.

24- Irish revolt against English in Dublin, proclaim an Irish Republic and Patrick Pearse as the President(see 4-29)--this was actually a small group, the bulk of the Irish people were not involved and, if anything, hostile to this revolt; German battlecruiser Seydlitz strikes a mine and goes to Kiel for repairs; Shackleton Expedition on Elephant Island. 6 men set sail to find land while 22 remain behind(see 4-12, 5-6)

25- German ships bombard Lowestoff and Yarmouth, England; Zeppelin raids on England.



## THE LETTER COLUMN

This issue of EE should be a mostly articles issue and #50 was to be a mostly letters issue but I decided to reverse that order so we should have about 10 pages of letters. And, as solemnly promised last time, EE bows to Canadian pressure and graciously prints at the very top of the letter column a letter from Ron Brown! He's been so patient and waited so long, like many of you I'm sure, and he does have a most interesting letter I think...

THAR  
HE IS!!



Ron Brown(Ontario, Canada): "Anyhow, whaddya mean Canadians say eh a lot, eh? Good thing it was a Canadian, eh?, who made the remarks, eh?, else I'd get, you know, eh? Whatever, it sounds a lot more civilized, eh?, than the American gutteral huh!, eh?"

(Please note, as I noticed it in your write-up, that there ain't no such word as "alot". It's two words: a lot. Strange this penchant for combining an article and noun into one word in this one isolated case.)

Anyhow, just returned from a week's vacation in New York state. A few comments for your readers(though I notice you never publish my letters...well, hardly ever): Why is it so damn difficult to get the news in the USA? We were halfway between Syracuse and Rochester, both major cities, and so got the so-called news from both of them. Radio news is terrible. Absolutely nothing goes on outside the US borders. Even national news was usually summed up in a one-sentence intro to the local news--and then detailed reporting on what went on at city hall the night before.

Though I'm quoting from memory, this is a fairly accurate recreation of a major news program: "Today President Reagan declared war on terrorists while major fires swept California. And now for the local news..." We were left wondering if Reagan had ordered the invasion of Lebanon or if anything was left of California.

Worse: I couldn't get any major league baseball scores all week! What is this! I thought baseball was America's national sport. In vain we switched stations, FM and AM, searching for a sports report, but all we could get was: "The Astros trounced the Cubs 11 to 3 last night." What? Those teams weren't even playing this week! Then you'd discover they were talking about pee-wee league or something[children's baseball is called "pee-wee"].

Newspapers are no better. If you really dig, you might find an item on some international event, as long as it affects the USA in some way, buried among the want ads. Ann[Ron's wife] said she could understand why it is that Americans seem to be so ignorant of anything outside their borders--they are ignorant, though through no fault of their own. We got home starved for news. So refreshing to finally pick up CBC radio[Canadian Broadcasting Company] on the way home and get in depth reporting on what's going on in the world."

□ Huh? Eh? Oh!...well, I wrote Ron a letter about this, plus sending him a lot of clippings showing that information about foreign news is available if Americans wish to read about it. Anytime I'm in a car travelling between cities, it is almost impossible to get hard news, of any type. Most of my information comes via the newspapers, which certainly cover international news. I adore CNN, the Cable News Network because it is continuous news. Rarely, if ever do I get news from the radio--but on most stations it is available once at the top of the hour.

And I'm beginning to get ticked off at the almost universal sentiment that Americans are not interested in international events unless it concerns Americans in some way. Many some aren't but you cannot label an entire people as such and not be the worst type of bigot.

But I heartily wish that Americans would pay closer attention to world events. I think we would have many less allies, something I am in favor of.

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Mark Berch(Virginia, USA): "As for the Michel piece [a translation by Paul Michel of Holland from a Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad printed in EE #47], I hate to be the one to inform the (unnamed writer) but most Americans know little about Holland and care less. The typical American, if asked to recite all he knows about Holland, would probably say, "They speak Dutch, they have a dike, and they are famous for wooden shoes and tulips." If you phrased the question as about "The Netherlands", you'd probably get a blank look. I doubt that 20 % of the American adults(er, make that U.S. adults; I'm not speaking for Canadians) could locate Holland on a map. Most Americans don't hold it against Thailand and Mexico that drugs come from

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there, so pornography is even less a factor. When it comes to liberal social policies, (welfare state, pornography, anti-nuclear, etc.) most Americans, if they are even aware of it, just lump Denmark, Sweden and Holland together. Truth be told, so long as Dutch industry is not perceived as putting American workers out of jobs, we don't really know or care what you guys do. Which is a shame, for we can learn from everyone."

Steve Langley(California, USA): "I, like you, have never heard of "Hollanditis" or "Dutch disease". I did see the 60 Minutes segment on Holland's much-abused (according to 60 Minutes) social relief programs. Years ago I knew a man who was very positive about Holland. He enjoyed the use of drugs and he was able to buy and sell and use them freely in Holland.

New Zealand is as far from Holland in my mind as two countries can get. I see Holland as a curious social experiment that will fall into ruin when the final parasite sucks the last bit of life out of the country. I admire New Zealand's stand on nuclear weapons and consider them uniquely enlightened as governments go. I hope New Zealand is more the model of man's future than Holland.

As for our "fake world": that too is in the eye of the beholder. Right now we are experiencing gasoline prices that were established at the height of a "fake" energy crisis, despite the constant dropping of crude oil prices throughout the world, we have wide area selenium poisoning from government water projects, the forestry department is faking its planting and logging figures, big business is stealing each other blind, banks are failing as foreign loans default..yeah, we are standing tall. No problems here.

The only bright spot is that we are pledging large amounts of money and human resources towards a project that may put us a stop closer to being able to live off our planet, and it is a weapons system with no hope for success. A "fake world" indeed."

John Pack(Utah, USA): "I don't recall any apparent anti-Dutch feeling. However, it would be nice if our "allies" started acting like allies. Of course, the first thing we need to do is to develop a consistent foreign policy. The Soviets may not be nice, but at least they're consistent. We need to make up our minds--either support freedom all the time or our own interests all the time(like the USSR) instead of doing the second while claiming the former. It would be nice to support Democracy and Freedom in Latin America instead of letting the communists be the "liberators". Reagan's rhetoric is nice, but unfortunately lacking in content.

□ I have exchanged a series of letters with Michel Liesnard of Belgium, some of which should be printed this issue. Reading and corresponding with EE's European subbers, plus what has happened to American tourists overseas in 1985 has radically changed some of my opinions--one of which is that I feel the US should get out of NATO and let the Western Europeans completely handle, or mishandle, their own military affairs. Dave Carter of Canada expressed my feelings quite well in issue 47 of his excellent zine Sleepless Knights:

Dave said: "As anyone who has read my replies to letters printed here knows-- --I believe in North American isolationism. It has its flaws but when you consider the shit that so-called "allies" keep dumping on the US I find it more and more appealing. Example: Egypt, recipient of over \$2 billion dollars in aid from the US frees the 4 Palestinian terrorists who killed a 69 year old cripple in a wheel chair. Italy does the same to the terrorist who planned the attack. These are allies?.....Something else I do not understand about Middle East policies is that Great Britain walks into Saudi Arabia and sells \$4.4 billion worth of fighters and then turns around and pressures the US to prevent Israel from selling 12 aged Skyhawks to Argentina."

Jaap Jacobs of the Dutch zine Oxymoron stated in issue #49: "Especially in the US there seems to be a very active group which favours US withdrawal from Europe, and more emphasis on the Pacific. And it seems President Reagan is paying attention to such sounds. But even if the United States of America would keep some armies stationed in Germany, how much can you trust an ally who doesn't hesitate to hijack planes of allied nations and refuses to apologize for that? This US government acts in the international scene in the same way as Rambo acts in the jungle...No, I'm most definitely not anti-American, but the Reagan administration is doing its best to change that."

Not one word, not one, is uttered about the crippled American who was killed and his body dumped into the sea. Meet the Americans---the new Jews. Meet Europe's anti-Americanism, despite the disclaimer--the new anti-Semitism. (30)

### 'Rambo' captures French theaters

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — *Rambo: First Blood Part II* is proving as successful in France as it was last summer in the United States, breaking opening day records in Paris.

The Sylvester Stallone hit, which grossed \$150 million in this country, registered 85,307 admissions in 64 theaters in the Paris area. The previous opening-day record for Paris was 72,393 admissions.

Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "Your comments upon the article about Holland, in EE 47, infuriated me. So, no matter the subject, we always come to defence, the Russians, the bipolar world and the American blood shed for the freedom of the Old Continent. What must we do? Prostate ourselves in the direction of Washington five times a day?"

In terms of blood shed, may I remind you the soldiers of LaFayette and Rochambeau, the sailors of Admiral d'Estaing, the pirates of Laffitte (Laffitte ended his life in Brussels, where he financially supported a certain Karl Marx, I'm sure you didn't know this one)?

Always in terms of blood shed, where were you when France was bled white at Verdun? When Guernica, Warsaw, Rotterdam, Coventry or London were bombed? I shall tell you: sitting comfortably on your non-interventionist principles and your cash-and-carry contracts.

We are the grandsons of those men who stopped the German imperialists over the Marne and who spent their best years in the mud of trenches. We are the sons of those men and women who were crushed by Nazi barbarity for four long years and who went on believing in democracy and freedom. Don't speak in terms of blood shed, please, when you want to make us ashamed, we have already given.

And now, we should send our fleets to protect our oil trading routes? The latest time we did it, in 1956, during the Suez War, we received a polite ultimatum from Bulganin [the then-Soviet leader] and Eisenhower to withdraw or be nuked. Thou may play with my balls, but not hang from them.

Where were the great Domino Theory experts when the French were desperately fighting at Dien-Bien-Phu [in Vietnam]? Drinking in the bars of Saigon, probably, and telling stories about the French division, the Belgian battalion and the Luxembourg company who lost 50 % of their effectives to protect the glorious retreat of the Marines and the British Guards after the crossing of the Yalu by the Chinese in Korea.

Now, about oil routes. We're in 1985, not in 1974, dear. The Iranians may bomb the terminals in the Persian Gulf and mine the Strait of Hormuz if they like, most of our oil import comes from the pipe lines on the Mediterranean shore of Syria or the Red Sea. Our stocks are high and, in France or Belgium, more than 50 % of our electricity is derived from nuclear plants. We have the fields of the North Sea, too.

Send our fleets to the Indian Ocean? But, my friend, our forces are in this region already. Simply, they don't fuss. As far as France is concerned, it maintains two wings or fighter-bombers in Jibuti [former French Somaliland which borders Ethiopia], plus several paratroops with their carrying planes and equipment. A task force is based in la Reunion and Mayotte. Want more?

The European nations are simply unable to lead a world naval strategy. Altogether, the NATO European nations own two aircraft carriers (the "Clemenceau" and the "Foch", both based in Toulon to counter the threat of the Russian Navy), three "Harrier" carriers which belong to Britain, and three helicopter carriers (France, Spain and Italy). None of these ships is nuclear-powered (though the French have started building two nuclear-powered aircraft carriers). Far from their bases, the European navies are almost powerless (remember the Falklands war and the casualties inflicted on the British navy by the Argentine air force).

Basically the European navies have been built to lead a naval war in the North Sea, the Channel and the Baltic Sea, in case the Russians show more than their teeth. Up to now, only the French and the Britons, with a bonus for the former, can play an effective international role.

Of course we could build more ships! We still have some bucks that haven't been invested in the US of A to allow Ronnie being reelected with a record budgetary deficit. But many of us think there's a better solution.

Social Security, that's our credo. If a superior Fate made you intelligent, rich, smart or fortunate, a significant part of your fortune must be derived to those who are poor, ugly, feeble. And since men are men, i.e. egotistical sods, there must be a State that forces you to take care of your brothers."

□ No, Americans do not want Europeans to prostate themselves before us. We would like a fair shake and the benefit of a doubt every once and a while if

it doesn't pain you West Europeans too much. I found your historical examples quite interesting when you damned American efforts which have caused the "good guys" to win twice in your European wars which have dragged in the entire world. Perhaps you wouldn't have had the second world war had you given the "bad guys" a fair treaty.

First of all, your examples are overloaded with references to France, a country I greatly admire specifically because they got off their behinds, got out of NATO and took the initiative in implementing their own policies without relying on the US to defend it, and kicking the US while it relied on US protection, unlike others.

Yes, France won America its independence from England but it was cold hard power politics and revenge which motivated the French government--LaFayette was a volunteer for the right motives.

Had Belgium not been attacked by Germany, I can assure you that they would have joined the noble Europeans of Spain, Switzerland, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Greece who remained neutral. What was their excuse--they lived on the European continent and profess (most of them) democratic principles. I'll tell you, most of them didn't want to fight in a war, just like they tried to sit out the second one, too.

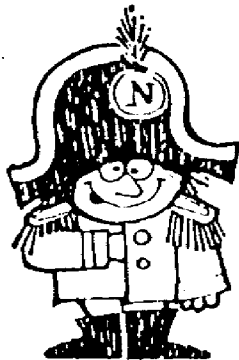
Where was democratic Europe when Guernica happened? I know where Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Communist Russia were but where was Belgium? Where was Belgium when Warsaw was bombed? You didn't enter the war until attacked, so don't blame the United States for doing the same thing. "Cash and carry"--the European countries, with the exception of Finland, never paid their debts to us.

Do I take your 1956 example to mean that you favored British and French intervention in Egypt? Doesn't the US even get one scrap of credit here for stopping an illegal action? It seems we are damned if we do and damned if we don't. And I do believe that America financed the bulk of the French expense of trying to retain their Indochina colony.

I stand by my statement that a closure of the Straits of Hormuz affects the Europeans and the Japanese oil supplies much more than the US. I don't want young Americans dying for European oil needs. Change your naval policies.

Europeans rushing to the US to invest their money here? Is that our fault too? When in doubt, blame America, right?

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Allan Calhamer(Illinois, USA): "Talleyrand said: 'Napoleon was as great as a man could be without virtue.'"

Earl Whiskeyman(Connecticut, USA): "I like Napoleon but I doubt that I would have actually served under him--my ancestors were Hessian mercenaries--not French--they served the English!"

Paul Gardner(Vermont, USA): "And you can't even print your sub list without research can you? I was completely baffled by your categories--pro-Greek? Anti-Napoleon? Please don't tell me that it should be obvious, cause I'm afraid I just don't get it."

Ralph Morton(Ontario, Canada): "I got quite a kick out of your "Trojan War and Napoleon" topics, as it applies to your subscribers.

What criteria did you use to apply those definitions to us? You have me pegged as being pro-Troy and anti-Napoleon. How did you arrive at that? Although Homer's Iliad makes fair reading, I have no strong feelings

either way, with respect to Troy...although one has to admire the Greeks' ingenuity in finally, after 10 years, breaking into the city. Concerning Napoleon, I think I'm more pro than anti. Although his military campaigns are probably most often remembered, I think his greatest contribution was the system of laws, the Code Napoleon, many of which are in use to this day. The pen is indeed mightier than the sword, n'est pas?"

Bob O'Donnell(Oregon, USA): "Since you have asked what group I would root for in the Trojan War and it is the Trojans. The Greeks were not man enough to take the city by storm but had to use tricks! By the way wasn't Agamemnon Mycenaean and not Greek! As for Napoleon, he was for a long time my hero, mainly because he was French and I enjoy the French, but Napoleon was a dictator and like all dictators, was doomed to failure! But he did revise the laws of France and most are still in use in France to this day. And have you read "The Murder of Napoleon"! I have and it sounds true!

Jeff Richmond(Michigan, USA): "I'm not much of a student of Napoleonic history, so

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"I really have no opinion there. My guess is that Paris kidnapped Helen."  
Ken Peel(Maryland, USA): "On the issue of Napoleon, I don't remember quite what I said on the phone, but the portion of my genetic make-up that happens to be British really doesn't have anything to do with the fact that I would have opposed Napoleon. Napoleon had some good and bad influences on Europe. The good thing, as far as German nationalism is concerned, is that his antics in Germany set a number of forces going that led to Germany's unification(or at least sped it along).

On the other hand, Napoleon nearly set in motion two things that threatened the growth of European democracy. Democracy and nationalism do not necessarily go hand-in-hand. The threat of Napoleon led to an anti-democratic reaction in Britain that might have endangered Britain's still young and tentative democracy if Napoleon had not been defeated.

Napoleon's awakening of the Russian bear also nearly led to a Russian domination of Eastern and Central Europe. It was a great feat of Metternich's (and others') diplomacy to convince the Tsar to unilaterally and voluntarily withdraw Russian troops from the heart of Europe. At this point in European history, before Russia was left far behind in the onrush of the Industrial Revolution in Europe proper, there was no country or combination of countries that could have made Russia withdraw. Those troops got there in the first place only because of the necessity of dealing with that little megalomaniac."

□ Everytime I do an address list in EE, I divide the subbers up into different categories on various topics, my guess as to your preference and my batting average is about 50-50. But I always get interesting comments like the ones above show and usually learn something new from y'all or see old facts explained in ways I had never thought of before.

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Darlene Baker(Alabama, USA): "We have a question for you on your little address stamp you have "USA" and other such. Could you please let us know what those countries are or what ever you know. When you say it, I'm going to kick myself for being so dumb but that is how it usually goes."

Bob O'Donnell(Oregon, USA): "Hey, what's EJA, VSA, FSA, VSA, YA?"

□ Greg Ellis also asked this question but I can't find his comment(he asked it a long time ago and got a private answer) and I wanted to. Last issue on page 30 when I plugged the Presidential Politics game that Greg will be offering in his excellent Feuilletonist's Forum, I didn't put Greg Ellis so I want to correct that here. His address is: 700 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas 78701 USA.

Now for my address stamp. I usually use it only on personal letters but this time I have placed it on the address page in case some have not seen it. The initials all stand for "United States of America" in all the languages of EE's subbers, except Hungary(I got the stamp before EE got Hungary!). Here is the full name and the language: USA is of course English, EJA is French for "États-Unis d'Amérique"; VSA is German for "Vereinigten Staaten des Amerika"; FSA is Swedish for "Förenta staterna på Amerika"; VSA is Dutch for "Verenigde Staten van Amerika" and YA is Finnish for "Yhdysvallat Amerikkan". I hope I didn't butcher any of the languages!

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Ray Scott(West Germany): "Make no excuses for handwriting--as you can see, mine is atrocious. But I'm sure you remember C.Q.[Charge of Quarters--you're the one who stays awake all night in the Army while others sleep! ]--having all night to stay awake gives a man a chance to catch up on correspondence and there's no typewriter here. So I take pen in hand and concentrate on P<sup>ri</sup>NTING, PRINTING, P<sup>ri</sup>NTING..."

I remember playing my first games of Diplomacy in 1978 while at college at William and Mary in Virginia. We went from adding air and nuclear power to the conventional game to an attempt at World Diplomacy on a modified Risk board. Since joining the Army in 1982 my activities had been curtailed..but as I rise in rank [Pay's a sergeant] and settled down to get married, I turn back toward old hobbies of which Dipping was a favorite.

I now find myself living in Germany, married to a Czech and wanting to stay here for years(Česke holki to heske holki!). I've learned a twisted sort of (33) fluent German(combining High German from language classes, with Bavarian slang my wife and from locals, with a decided American accent has left me speaking a German I'm afraid to tape record and listen to!) and I'm working on Czech so when we visit ((continued on page 34 ))

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Irena's family I'll be able to conduct at least rudimentary conversation.

Anyway, it occurred to me that with so many Americans over here, and with Diplomacy a popular game for Germans, there might be a huge underground of Dip players here who might be inclined to spending weekends backstabbing each other, etc. My first step was to subscribe to Diplomacy World and therein did I see a cover from your Europa Express. I decided to write and try to get involved. I saw Jim Briggs' address in the same place and tried to contact him, but they had disbanded his company, etc. Sorry to hear his unit is so restrictive. I came from Little Rock, Arkansas to serve as a Tanker(M-1 tank gunner). We work a lot(maneuvers often), but we get a lot of long weekends and company trips(we went to Costa Brava in south Spain this last July). It's not so bad for some of us.

Incidentally, I went to high school in Oxford, Mississippi. We always rooted for Ole Miss against Memphis State, but we visited Memphis often(in 1976 you could drink at 18 in Memphis, in Mississippi at 21!). I spent a lot of time there in 1975-1978 partying and travelling back and forth between Oxford and Little Rock. After a brief stint in Virginia, I returned "home" to Arkansas, where I joined the Army for the educational benefits. Then I met Irena at a Christmas party in 1982 in Augsburg, Germany. We spoke Russian to each other that night(I studied it at William and Mary) and saw each other until we married in July 1983.

I've been to Czechoslovakia twice; it's nothing like I expected. No road blocks with ID checks etc. Just rolling farmland like that of Bavaria..but all the buildings looked dingy and 40 years old(in Germany, as you know, they look 100 years old).

I wanted to re-enlist as a linguist and scored 98 in the DLAB[the Army language test but I thought it was DLAT!] but couldn't get the clearance with a Czech wife, so I took the 4 S<sup>QB</sup>[??] of a tanker. Oh, well.

Anyway, now that you know all about me, the real point of my letter, which is... ..to thank you for your letter and the contacts in Europe--and to let you know I'd like to keep in touch. I look forward to my 1st issue of EE.

P.S. I got #47 as I was stuffing this envelope--my compliments and a comment. Looks like there is a Dip community in Europe on a scale I never dreamed of! Thanks again for the contacts! And do you accept unsolicited manuscripts for your magazine?"

☐ Me and every other publisher you can name, ha ha! Thank you for such an interesting letter and I think it illustrates quite well how much Diplomacy World serves as a focal point for new people coming into our hobby and deserves to be saved, as it now appears it will be. (See page 36)

Way, in 1983, I visited Europe and in every country I went to, there were European hobby members who showed us around and it would not have been possible except for the wonderful hobby we all are a part of! The next letter proves it!

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Christoph Schunck(West Germany): "On October 18th, Jim Briggs and I will drive to the fiach die Spuhl-Rendevous[a convention held in Liège, Belgium]. Jim's got his car now and we'll certainly have a lot of fun. Actually for me it's all so exciting and I'm grateful that I can meet so many nice people through our hobby. Imagine, one year before my entering the hobby, I only knew two people outside my hometown[Trier, West Germany]. Now it's hundreds of friends all over the world. We all should spread the word, that gaming is one of the finest and best ways to get nice friends."

☐ Ain't it the truth!

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Mark Fassio(California, USA): "What do you think of the North and South series? I haven't seen all that much of it, but it looks like everyone except one or 2 of the characters are mean, cruel SOB's--typical stereotypes."

☐ I hoped someone would ask me about the latest mini-series to hit the US television screens. I read John Jakos'

book and I wasn't too thrilled with it but the TV producers did a gutting of the book and parts of it I barely recognized. Some examples: The creep Elkanah Bent was only kicked out of West Point for about 3 weeks ((continued on page 35))

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and he made a career of the Army, tried to have a sexual relationship with Charles Main in Texas, was no "military genius", and was from Ohio. The mini-series made him from Georgia! Virgilia Hazard was an unattractive, homely old maid--she returned into a absolutely stunning, gorgeous abolitionist. Orry Main had his arm amputated in Mexico--his older brother, a progressive Southerner who wanted an end to slavery and for the South to turn to industry was completely eliminated from the mini-series.

I felt the horror of slavery was adequately depicted. I wonder if anyone else noticed the party scene where Madeline publicly disagreed with her abusive husband's political views and he hustled her off. At this point, George Hazard, the "good" Yankee who always decried slavery told Orry: "Sure, he's an ass but she is his wife so you have no right to do anything" or words to that effect. I found it interesting that women, in this man's view, were not accorded the same rights that he wanted the slaves to have!

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Malc Smith(Belgium): "As you know, I only abandoned one game--that's because the players who were orphaned couldn't agree on the situation and all the rest of the games were passed onto John Chisholm.

Thanks for the information regarding Christoph[Schunck] and Thomas[Franke, both German pubbers who lost money in Malc's fold about 3 years ago]. I've written to them the same day as I wrote to you so that should have heard from me by now. Christ only knows what's happened as I passed on all of my subscriptions on to John Chisholm when I folded, and I naturally assumed that he continued to send them copies. However, I will honor the debts incurred by Bohemian Rhapsody and I've asked them how much I owe them and if they want the cash or a subscription to Bohemian Rhapsody or in another German, or British xyn[Malc's spelling for zine]

Thanks ever so much for telling me about this as I don't want folks to think I'm dead rotten or anything."

□ Malc folded Bohemian Rhapsody about 3 years ago and has recently revived it into a real winner. He is an Englishman living in Antwerp, Belgium and come February he will be moving to Norway. I highly recommend his zine. Malc's address is: Bus 26, Astridplein 31-32, Antwerpen 2000, BELGIUM.

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Alexander Kakuschke(West Germany): "I'm not any longer the pubber of Spielwiese. This job from now on is to be managed by Kay Freiesleben. I have to concentrate on my studies(economics) starting on the 14th of October. So send the EE to Kay and not to me, but, of course, I'm staying as the GM of "International Dip.""

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "I also got a prolongation for my exam paper, which I really need! The new date is Jan. 9th and I hope I can make it to that date. It's horrible--at the moment I'm typing all the time all day long--I fear it will be more than 500 pages, and that only for graduating, not for a doctor! I must be mad to choose such a topic!

Good news: Lothar Panzyk has gotten permission from DDR authorities[East Germany] to leave East Germany for Austria. Good, hm? I just received his letter the day before yesterday, and he asked me to hold his games and hobby material by me as long as he and his family have not settled down. Of course I agreed--I would do everything to help him!

□ Alexander, I have made the switch and Kay is listed on page 13 . Alexander is my GM in an international game I play in Germany and one of the players was Lothar Panzyk of East Germany, the first player that our hobby has attracted from beyond the Iron Curtain. I sent to him EE and it surprisingly was allowed through by the DDR authorities, who are quite strict about what printed materiel they allow into East Germany. Thomas's and Christoph Schunck's zine, Sauri Allstar Unlimited/Genesis saw Lothar's name in EE(they didn't trade with Spielwiese) and sent him their zine. Welcome to the West, Lothar and tell me: do you study as much as the West Germans always seem to be doing?! |||

Rich Reilly(Idaho, USA): "Don't ever dare clip out my Sexpress kitten! Why do you think I gave Savonlinna such a high rating in the subzine poll?"

C-G Spare(Finland): "Hey, tell me more about this new tear-out service you have initiated(described in EE #46, p. 25). It sounds very attractive. But--don't get me wrong--I have nothing against pictures of Jutta[Thomas Franke's girl friend] unveiled."

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Mike Mills(New York, USA): "I see that some people have comments about the Sexpress Kitten of the Month(SKM). Well, that's good and all were very thoughtful comments at that. The only thing I could mention to John Pack is that most people (Michelangelo, Da Vinci, etc.) don't find tasteful renditions of the human body embarrassing or harmful. I think that the proper way to view such pictures is as a consumer. Call it comparison shopping....Savonlinna's just for some SPQR and assorted nuts, why the heck did 43 folks vote at all for it? Oh well, the mysteries of life."

□ As for why Savonlinna was voted so highly see Rich's letter--the mystery has a key in Idaho! C-G, the "tear-out service" is for those who don't want to see the SKM when Savonlinna is printed in EE. I honor all such requests. Everyone though will get a complete EE this issue because Mike was, uh, delayed.....

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Mike Mills(New York, USA): "Besides all of that...Daniel Mills was born 29 October 1985 at home at 1 AM(of course in the morning..don't all babies do that?). Baby and mother doing fine. Life's a little crazier with a new baby and a three-year-old, but so far Mom and Dad are holding their own. He weighed 7 Lb and 9 oz, was in excellent health, then and now....Nato[Mike's young first son whose real name is Nathaniel] is taking the whole thing sort of strange since he no longer holds center stage, but in the last week he has sort of gotten over it and is taking 'his place'."

□ Congratulations, Daddy!

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HAPPENED IN SAN  
DIEGO!



Derwood Bowen(Ohio, USA): "I don't really understand the Diplomacy World problem. How could it go in the hole? And, assuming we all send in sub checks and articles, what keeps the process from being repeated? I went ahead and sent in \$12.00 and your little coupon. I have some misgivings, but I will give the thing a chance. I also will try to write something for the darn thing."

□ DW, the hobby flagship zine, has been an extremely expensive zine to publish. Its sub rates were unrealistic and Larry Peery of San Diego launched a drive to save the zine by giving the DW subbers the choice of letting it fold or trying to revive it on a realistic basis with a realistic sub price which now exists. They voted to save it. Larry says that it was no individuals or groups of individuals that made DW bankrupt but rather increasing costs and finally, over a period of many years, push had come to shove and something had to be done to set DW's financial house in order.

Larry and Mike Maston have done a superb job of co-ordinating this effort and by the time you get this EE, you might have the new, revived DW as well. EE subbers are getting DW for half-price by using the coupons provided in the last EE. Mike Maston tells me that many are using them and I'm grateful for guys like Derwood who are helping EE. My grandmother's illness prevented me from writing the article I promised for when I wished but I will write one for the next issue plus a series of articles on the Kaiser.

EE traders: the coupon is not good for you since we trade, so what I've done is send a check to Larry Peery which gives you(all of you are getting at least one free DW since EE #48 was free to all subbers) DW's. Some of you I owe for other things so here is a list of people who are getting issues of DW from me: Bob Acheson, Herb Barents, Simon Billenness, Dave Carter, Fred Davis, Don Del Grande, Robyn Finley, Mark Frueh and Nancy Irwin, Paul Gardner, Claude Gautron, Steve Heinowski, Steve Hutton, Dave Kleiman, Andy Lischett, Mark Matuschak, Mike Mills, Cathy Ozog, Marc Peters, Bill Quinn, Earl Whiskeyman and Judy Winsome.

I ask your patience on your address labels--Larry and Mike will be sending me a list of those of you who used the coupon but it may not arrive in time to be on your address label. Don't worry, you will get full credit!

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Michel Mesnard(Belgium): "Just a few words. I'm getting a little tired of Chomps & Miams[his EE subzine on recipes] these times, and I shall probably fold that subzine for some months. I hope you liked the issues I published, and I want to thank you for having welcomed my babblings in the pages of EE. In January, if I feel enthusiastic again about a recipe page, and provided you accept me back into

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"your pages, I shall probably reappear with new dishes and all that sort of thing."

□ Right after this, Michel sent in another subzine which he invites you to join in (see page 20). I can disagree so violently politically with Michel but he is such a tremendous personality. He virtually began the Diplomacy hobby in continental Europe, did the first non-English language fake and speaks several languages. He was born in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) which you can also read about on page 20. He currently works as a translator for both the Nicaraguan and Iranian embassies in Belgium. The Iranians had fired him (he wasn't Moslem) but practically begged him to come back as they couldn't get along without him. I think EE will have the same feeling of loss. You are welcome anytime, Michel. You certainly were a hit with the EE subbers...

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John Pack (Utah, USA): "Well, the next time I have six quail on hand, I'll know what recipe to try. Ancient dishes could be a lot of fun."

J. R. Baker (Texas, USA): "Gary, got this from one of the D & D dealers at Dragon-flight and thought you might enjoy it.....DRAGON'S BREATH CHILI: 2# diced dragon (substitute sacred cow), 1# ground wild boar (substitute pork), 2 handfuls of chopped leeks (or onions), 1 handful of chopped fungies (or mushrooms), 3 chopped armadillo eggs (or jalapeno peppers), 1 large pinch of ground chili peppers, 1 large pinch of salt, 2# of passion fruit (peeled and diced --or use tomatoes as substitute), 2 cups of ale (or Mountain Dew)...Brown boar until pot is lined with melted lard, add dragon--browned to taste, add ale, leeks, fungies, passion fruit and spices. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer for 8 to 12 yarin [yarin?? Is that like minutes??], replenish liquid as required. Serve over red beans and rice. It feeds a motley crew of 12."

□ Make that 11 if you're inviting me, J.R.! Without Michel, we wouldn't have all this and he has given us something else. How many of you, like Bob O'Donnell, noticed?

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Bob O'Donnell (Oregon, USA): "In your "New Subbers" section there was a person, a Mr. Jacques-Henri Strauss an "Ambassador" to Uruguay. Is this true? A real ambassador? I am writing a letter to him also, a chance to write to a Frenchman and in Uruguay at that."

Jacques-Henri Strauss (Uruguay): "I am a reader of the French zine named "Vortigern". In issue #98, there was a pledge by Michel Liesnard to get in touch with the U.S. hobby, and with Europa Express in particular. By what he said about the zine, I am interested by it, and I would like to subscribe.

Alas!! I lack some essential information to do it: the current rate of subscription for overseas, and maybe just one sample of the zine to see how it is really like could help. Could you forward them to me?

My address may seem a bit unusual, but I am not so far an Uruguayan at all! Just a plain young Frenchy on duty (some stupid military obligations we still have!) here in the Embassy for another 8 months or so.

I don't know yet if you have some kind of international game of Diplomacy running out there, but if there is such a game list I would really enjoy meeting U.S. gamers that way!

[In a later letter, once he had seen EE] "Europa Express is really a good 'zine for the information it provides about the U.S. hobby. It helped me a lot for that! I have already made good use of the address of Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, and the one of Bruce McIntyre and Nancy Hurrell; furthermore, I wrote to Chuff Afflerbach to learn a bit more about SPQR and Bread and Circuses.

...Last, if you're interested, I'm ready to publish a subzine about South America in Europa Express on a regular (monthly) basis."

□ Jacques-Henri's address is found on page 15 where he has joined an international game. "Ambassade" is French for "Embassy", and his subzine may make its debut as early as December I've told him! I think his letter points out two essential needs in our hobby: we need a centralized publication which is kept up to date listing all the zines in the world. Right now, Simon Billenness (61 A Park Avenue, Albany, New York 12202 USA) is attempting to do this in the Zine Register which will be printed every 4 months. I urge support from all publishers for this effort--Simon is British and he wants information on zines from France, Belgium, West Germany, Holland, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland as well as Canada and the USA.

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The second great necessity the hobby needs to strengthen our international links is a listing for international games. Scott Hanson is doing this in Bahnhof Zoo (see page 18 ) and this will be well-spread as BZ is published in zines in 4 countries (the US, Holland, Belgium and West Germany).

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Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "And, forgive me, we shall disagree once again. About the "beasts on two legs" [my description of the terrorists on the TWA hijacking which zig-zagged between Algiers and Beirut. Michel's letter was written before the "sea-jacking"] and all that Beirut affair. Firstly, please note that I feel no sympathy at all for the murderers who martyrised an innocent American citizen. But, on the other hand, I feel unable to call another human being "a beast". It is my pride, and perhaps my honour, to refuse and reject insults and to search for the reason behind any behaviour. And it is also my pride to believe, like Condorcet, in the infinite ability men have to become better. The road to Damascus is open to anybody.

You make me nervous when you write you could have launched an air raid against the hijackers' supporters on Beirut airport. You could have done that, my friend? Killing children, and women, and innocent men, to avenge one American life?

This perhaps explains why your compatriots are so much hated everywhere. Most Americans believe that, because they are American, the whole world should respect them. "Civis Romanus Sum", "I am a Roman Citizen" said the Ambassadors of Rome 18 centuries ago, and most people bowed. But you must understand this. Most of us do not want to become Americans. Your society suits you, perhaps, but it doesn't suit us. Many of us are in favour of a society that pays more attention to the small, the poor, the losers, and charges the winners."

[ I wrote Michel that I could understand why the Iranians and the Nicaraguans and perhaps some other nations could hate Americans but that I could fathom no possible reason for Europeans, especially Western Europeans to hate us and to indulge in the ever fashionable anti-Americanism that seems so popular. I pointed out that the "hated" Americans had done no kind of retaliation against repeated terrorist acts.

For years I have heard haters of the US say that "We have no quarrel with the American people, only with the American government" and I accepted that. 1985 has changed all of that for me. A TWA plane full of home-bound Americans was hijacked and taken to Beirut. These people had no connection with the US government, they were not in a hostile country, they did not work at an embassy, they were not CIA agents or whatever else has justified terrorists' and their sympathizers' actions.

These were innocent Americans, held like cattle and paraded before the world press with the threat of death in the background. A young 23-year-old American sailor was tied up, his hands bound behind him, every bone in his body broken, his face smashed in, then he was shot and his body was dumped, like so much garbage on the airport runway. Then his murderers spread their white clean cloth and prayed to their Allah. What kind of religion condones murder of helpless victims?

And when we finally got our people back, the US's only reaction was to close the lawless Beirut airport and boycott it, the very, very least that we could do. Where were our allies? Did they support us in this tiny effort? NO! France and Belgium couldn't rush fast enough to assure the Lebanese Government that they would not go along with such a boycott; the very same Lebanese government which was totally silent about the Americans being kidnapped, suddenly found its voice to complain about a boycott. Greece, which had released a terrorist compatriot as soon as the terrorists demanded it, complained about Athens airport being ruled unsafe.

The innocent people Michel spoke of at the airport were not innocent. They paraded on that airfield praising the hijacker-murderers within hearing of the 3 crew members held on the plane. Then this group marched to the site of another of their "heroes", the car bomber who killed over 200 American marines. I then told Michel that I would make sure, if it were up to me, that that airport would not be used for demonstrations nor as a safe haven for hijackings--I'd give these cowards 2 hours to get off the airfield or they could all die as martyrs to their Allah, their most fervently expressed wish. I doubt any would be there in 2 hours time.

If anything, the sea-jacking of the Italian cruise ship only deepened my disgust at our allies. Egypt lies to us and then demands an apology ("Lies in your country are not lies in our country."). Italy releases the mastermind and we found out that they have made a deal with the PLO so Italy, only other countries <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ targets of PLO terrorists. I don't know about most Americans but to me these are <sup>not</sup> ~~are~~ (38)



# Fill in those gaps!

## HELP ME OUT!!

We have all become aware of the situation at Diplomacy World (see page 36) which Rod Walker has handed over to Larry Peery.

Rod has asked me, since I see most of the zines published in North America if I would do a

periodic listing of game openings available for each issue of DW, which is printed every 3 months. I have agreed and I ask your help in making a game opening list as complete as possible since it will be entirely voluntary. I am placing a form on this page for you to use telling you the information I need. But, since I

probably receive your zine, if you will just tell me "Yes, you can list me" or "No, I don't want to be listed" it would be enough (if you trust me to get the info correct). I do wish, though, that you would fill out the form or send me the info on a separate page by the end of December. If you publish a zine or subzine in Canada or the United States which has game openings or needs standbys, I ask your help. Here is the form and my address is: Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, Tennessee 38118 USA:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF YOUR ZINE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF YOUR SUBZINE: \_\_\_\_\_

FREQUENCY OF YOUR PUBLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF GAMES YOU OFFER: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIPTION FEE IF REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_ (and is it refundable)

GAME FEE IF REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW FEE IF REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY BENEFITS THAT YOU OFFER STANDBYS: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS THE COST OF A SAMPLE COPY OF YOUR PUBLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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the type of allies that our country has need of.

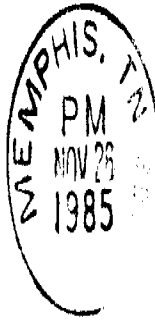
We should just get out of NATO. Western Europe does not need us and we don't need their constant criticism. How many Americans know that in the NATO alliance that 90 % of the forces are European, 80 % of the airplanes are European, 80 % of the tanks are European and 70 % of all NATO ships are built, bought and manned by Europeans? I get these figures from Paul Petersen who was the ranking member of West Germany's Bundesstag's Armed Services Committee and a member of the Christian Democratic Union.

Western Europe has a greater population than the US so they should find it quite possible to provide 100 % of their defense. Leaving NATO doesn't mean that the Russians will take over Western Europe--I have no doubts that the Europeans would fight then and they should. After all, the peninsula of Western Europe is in an area of the world that is a potential trouble-spot--these people should be the ones who are concerned with an adequate military defense. It is they who have to be militarized, not the USA.

We do not have to militarily allied with the Western Europeans to trade with them, to be their friends, to visit their countries. And we don't have to take undeserved criticism from them. For instance, I've been told that the reason the West Europeans will demonstrate against our embassies and not the Soviets is that they feel that our policies can be changed. I no longer believe that is the reason; they enjoy criticizing the US. When I asked Jan Feringa of the Dutch zine Brutus why the Dutch, among the US's severest critics, did not do as the English, the French, the Germans and even the Russians, in providing magazines culled from the newspapers of their countries so that America could learn the 'right' way, He replied:

"I phoned several Dutch papers with this question. The answer was the same everywhere. The expected circulation is far too low to cover for the translation costs." Not "cost-effective" to save the world from a "Nuclear-mad" US, my, my!?! (39)

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