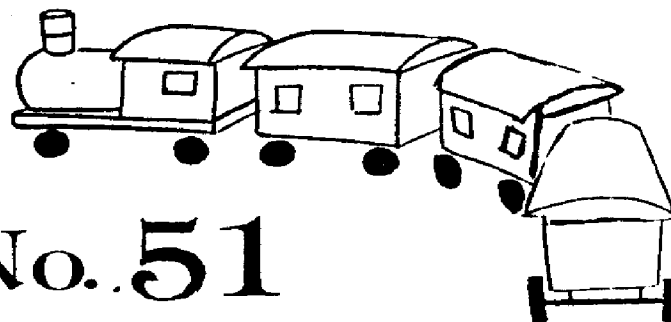


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Numbers. I've always felt that 1, 4, 5, 7 and 9 were boy numbers and 2, 3, 6 and 8 were girl numbers. I remember feeling this way in the first grade (age 6) and this feeling has never left me. Does this make sense to anyone? Notice there is no day date - - -



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F É V R I E R 1986

§ There is a good reason for no day date. See page 3 for a full explanation. Has any one seen Shoah? I've read the book but the movie probably won't be coming to Memphis so tell me about your experience of it.

§ A friend of mine at work, Lester Wilkerson, does an uncanny imitation of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. He went to Atlanta, did his "I have a dream" speech, won \$150.00 and got to shake the hand of Bishop Tutu. I read somewhere once that between you and the U.S. President (or your head of government) there are only 2 people, i.e. you know someone who knows someone who knows the President.

§ Which one of you gave me a subscription to France Today? I don't remember subscribing to this enjoyable magazine. I do know that Bruce McIntyre turned my name (and probably all of his subbers!) into the committee promoting the World Expo which will be in his native Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Thanks Bruce!

§ I enjoyed the holidays very much. Hobby-contact-wise, Jim Finley and his Cathy came by and got to meet my extended family at a Christmas party proving to my relatives that this hobby is not a figment of my imagination and some fairly normal people do indeed inhabit it! The next weekend Joe (He prefers Joe to Pat!) Conlon and 2 of his Louisiana University buddies took me to the Liberty Bowl, held here in Memphis, where their LSU tigers played Baylor and unfortunately lost. We saw 3 fights around us and the police immediately broke up 2 of them.

§ The new improved Diplomacy World is out! Issue 41 was tremendous and available for \$3.00 from Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102 USA. (\$3.50 for Canadians, \$4.00 for Europeans--payable in US dollars). But go whole-hog and pay 4 times that much and get all 4 issues to be published in 1986.

§ Learn about all the zines in the world by sending \$1.50 for the Zine Register. Send the money (and info about your zine/subzine if you are a pubber from anywhere in the world) to: Simon Billenness, 61 A Park Avenue, Albany, New York 12202 USA.....Scratch Steve Doubleday on page 6, and add in: Martin Le Fevre, 1 Wellesley Nautical School, Blyth, Northumberland, UNITED KINGDOM NE24 3RF. On second thought I'll do it. Martin does Zine With No Name which also lists all the zines in the world like the ZR. It costs 40p (roughly 70 cents but send \$1.00 US) and well-worth it. He also wants info on your publication unless it is not in English. All non-English language publications are to send their info (and their zine for a trade!) to: Jaap Jacobs, Kaiserstraat 10-B, 2311 GR Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS.

§ Welcome to a new EE subzine, Humboldt (see page 32). It's by Kevin Tighe (rhymes with high) and has been published until recently in The Prince which is now coming to a close so Kevin's come to EE. He starts off with excerpts from previous Humboldts like the pioneers in the Donner party who became cannibal to survive....I can't locate Nelson Heintman's Only Yesterday but it will appear!

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See the R's in EE are now fixed!...How can I love you if you won't lie down?

Dear Gary, see pages 1 and 3. Gary

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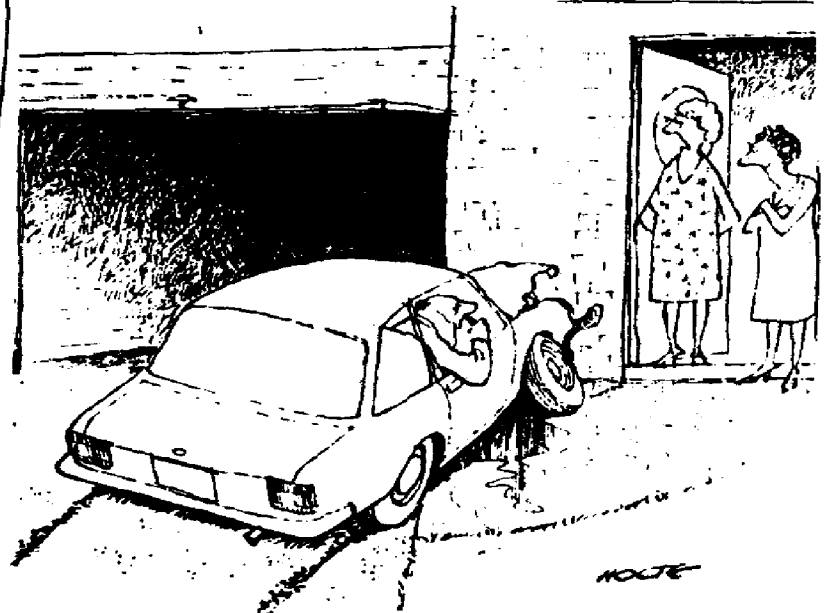
AND BEING A MALMBERGER REAPS BENEFITS FOR YOU TOO! When you become a Malmberger (what other zines call standbys), you get 2 EEs added to your sub at once and you will only be called for one position at one time, no overkill here! And if you play your position to either elimination or to the game's end, you get 4 more EEs. Join these much-appreciated 32 Malmbergers: Bob Addison, Steve Arnawoodian, Ivo Bouwman, Derwood Bowen, Jim Briggs, Steve Cooley, Don Del Grande, Teijo Doornkamp, Michael Ditz, Stephen Dycus, James Early, Mike Ehli, Nick Felella, Jim Finley, Paul Gardner, Evans Givan, Paul Goudreau, George Graessle, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Len Kay, Mark Larzelere, John MacFarlane, John Marsden, Conrad Minshall, Bob O'Donnell, Jane Proskin, Christoph Schunck, Ray Scott, Dennis Walker and Jeff Zarse. Thank you for sticking with EE to make its games run well!

"World history with its great events does not pass by like a railway train at a constant speed. No, it goes forward by fits and starts, but then with irresistible force. We must always make sure that we see God striding through world history, then jump and cling to the hem of his garment so that we are carried along with it as far as we must go." --Otto von Bismarck

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"REMEMBER, YOU GET ALONG WITH ME, AND MY BOYS DON'T BOTHER YOUR STORE"



"I'm beginning to understand why they're seen as phallic symbols."

B L A P !

I really enjoyed my 2 months off in December and January from publishing EE, although I didn't accomplish half of what I planned. Then in February I was plunged into cold reality much like a baby emerging from the womb and getting BLAPED!!

First of all, my car didn't pass inspection and what's wrong with it is no minor problem. The entire engine must be rebuilt and this would cost over \$1,000.

Then at work, we were told we would have new hours but for weeks we didn't know what they would be. I had no idea if I would even be able to keep my same 2 off-days.

I bought new furniture in January but I've been unable to set up the bookcases and the desk as I want. There just don't seem to be enough hours in a day.

And all during this time, I have been trying to put this issue of EE together. In between times, my furnace has been going out for no apparent reason and is hard to re-light.

Anyway all of this has set me to thinking about a lot of things and one thing I've decided is that I can no longer put this zine out every 5 weeks, 10 times a year as I've done for the past 5 years. There are simply too many other things that I want to do and need to do with my time and money.

There is really nothing new in the hobby so what I'm going to do is what Eric Ozog did with his Diplomacy By Moonlight when he needed more time for himself: go to a bi-monthly publishing schedule, but I intend to publish EE 5 times a year not 6 and this will be during the months of February, April, June, August and October. The EE games will continue with their same deadlines.

This will necessitate changes for both of us, pubber and subber. I will be dropping "Hobby-Wide News", except for ballots like those on page 35 which come to me already camera-ready and if they won't be out-of-date by the time they are printed. I can only give 4 pages per issue for the game subzines of Savonlinna, Bahnhof Zoo and Flick Of The Wrist so you guys might want to find other homes if you cannot live with that. The other subzines can have a maximum of 2 pages each.

Those zines that I trade with, I expect you will want to reassess your trades with EE since you will now only be getting 5 EEs per year instead of the previous 10. I just ask that you let me know if you intend to end our trade so I can make arrangements to receive your zine if necessary. Issue #51 will go air mail to everyone so no one will be out of any issues if he/she doesn't want to trade.

Your address labels this time will not show when your sub expires. I still haven't incorporated the Diplomacy World/EE credit nor the separation for old issues of EE costing 60¢ apiece and the new issues of \$1.20 apiece. Don't worry; no one will be gypped. If anyone wants a refund for whatever reasons, just ask.

With so many problems hitting me at once (except burn-out which I've never had), I seriously considered just folding and refunding money. But after a long talk with Nelson Heintzman who does Only Yesterday in EE (and whose latest issue has been misplaced by me!), he pointed out several alternatives to me. I think if I publish every other month, I'll have enough time to do the other things in my life I want to also enjoy. I might even get to answer the many of you I owe letters to!

As for the other things, here's what has happened or what will happen. Instead of repairing my 1979 Ford Fairmont, I will use my income tax refund, plus some savings plus my credit union's heavy financial backing(!) to buy a 1986 automobile. As of now, I'm planning on a Toyota Camry--anybody else got one?

At work we've been told that as of March 15, 1986, our new hours will be 12:25 PM to 8:55 PM (the present hours are 3PM to 11:30PM) but I don't know if I will still be able to be off on Fridays and Saturdays---we have to "bid" for days off on the basis of seniority.

Lastly my ideal blonde woman is Cheryl Ladd and my ideal brunette is Barbara Hershey. See y'all in April!



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INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

Update 12/26/85

RANK	NAME	IPR	W&D	W	GS
1.	Dan Stafford	11.3	17	8	1
2.	Kathy Byrne	9.7	18	6	5
3.	Dave Carter	8.4	18	3	2
4.	Dick Martin	6.8	12	5	1
5.	Paul Rauterberg	6.1	12	3	10
6.	Blair Cusack	5.6	9	4	1
7.	Tom Ripper	5.1	8	4	-
8.	Jack Masters	5.0	6	5	-
9.	Bill Quinn	4.8	6	4	-
10.	Russ Rusnak	4.7	9	3	2
11.	Al Pearson	4.5	7	3	7
12.	Keith Sherwood	4.4	14	1	2
13.	Kevin Kozlowski	4.3	8	2	1
14.	Steve Arnawoodian	4.1	11	2	6
15.	Jim Meinel	4.0	7	3	1
16.	Ron Brown USA	4.0	6	3	-
17.	Pete Fuchs	4.0	4	4	1
18.	Randolph Smyth	4.0	4	4	2
19.	Don Ditter	3.9	9	2	-
20.	Fred Townsend	3.9	7	3	1
21.	Don Swartz	3.9	6	3	1
22.	Bill Becker	3.9	6	3	1
23.	John Kador	3.8	6	2	-
24.	Bob Acheson	3.7	7	2	6
25.	Lee Kendter	3.6	6	3	-
26.	Stan Johnson	3.5	6	2	3
27.	Steve Langley	3.4	8	2	3
28.	Mark Fassio	3.4	7	1	1
29.	James Wall	3.3	7	2	12
30.	Ron Brown CAN	3.3	5	2	-
31.	Dave Grabar	3.3	5	2	-
32.	Tim Haffey	3.3	4	3	-
33.	Mark Frueh	3.2	6	2	2
34.	Eric Kane	3.1	7	2	-
35.	Ken Iverson	3.1	6	2	-
36.	Dan MacLellan	3.1	5	2	-
37.	Mike Mazzer	3.0	7	1	2
38.	Bob Osuch	2.8	5	2	-
39.	John Horn	2.8	5	2	-
40.	Bob Olsen	2.7	9	0	1

This is a Calhamer-type rating system which awards points (IPR's) to postal players for their wins and draws. Only those games completed in the last 4 years are rated. This update contains the game results from the BNC's zine Everything, issues 51-66.

W&D = wins and draws

W = wins

GS = game starts in
past 12 months

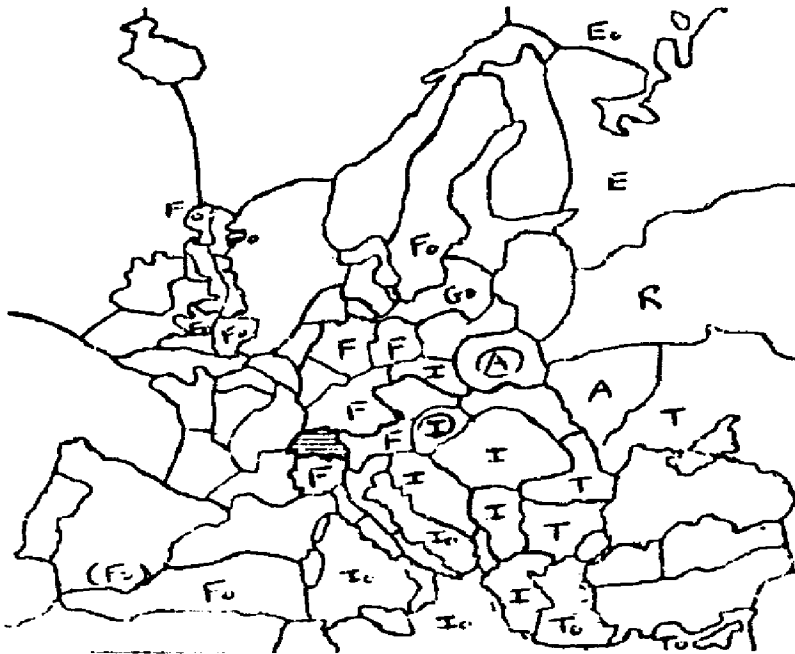
Dan Stafford
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Columbus, OH 43201

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

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ITALY COMPLETES CONQUEST OF HAPSBURG HOMELAND WITH OCCUPATION OF VIENNA!!!
 FRANCE INVADES ITALY WHILE SEIZING ROME'S GERMAN POSSESSIONS!!!
 LEADERLESS RUSSIANS DRIVEN FROM WARSAW BY AUSTRIAN ARMIES!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1906 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

§ GM: Monsieur Gâreaux L.
Goughlânnique

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1907

§ ZAT: Friday, March 7, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Vert

¶ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Jim Burgess for playing Germany out to the end. Thanks also to Steve Knight for unused MalMBERGER orders.

In case Matt Kazur doesn't return, I'm asking Ken Peel, 8708 First Ave., #1-2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, to submit MalMBERGER orders for Russia. He has your addresses.

§ Dislodgements This Time: Austria's Army Vienna and Russia's Army Warsaw.

The concession to France failed. That is a French fleet in Edinburgh. Your cartoon was drawn by EE subber Ian Wilson

and is always used when a country is eliminated. See you in 5 weeks' time!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1906 §

Angleterre: Fleet London retreats to Wales
 Autriche-Hongrie: Army Budapest retreats to Galicia,
 Army Rumania retreats to Ukraina

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1906 §

ALLEMAGNE: F (BAL)-Ber
 (Monsieur Jim Burgess)

ANGLETERRE: F (WAL)-Lpl, A (STP)-Mos
 (Monsieur Rob Winslow) F (BAR)-Stp(nc)

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A Gal-(WAR), A (UKR) S A Gal-War
 (Monsieur Mike Mills) A (VIE) Holds(r-Boh-Gal-OTB)

FRANCE: A Pru-(BER), A (KIE) S A Pru-Ber, A Bur-(MUN)
 (Monsieur Mark Frueh) A Nar-(PIE), A Boh-(TYO), F Mao-(WES)
 F (LOH) Holds, F Nth-(EDI), F (CLY)-Lpl, F Por-(SPA-sc)
 F (SWE)-Bal

ITALIE: A Tri-(VIE), A (BUD) S A Tri-Vie, A (SER) S A Bud
 (Monsieur Marvin Baker) A (GRE) S A Ser, F (ION) S A Gre
 F (TYS) S F Ion, A Ven-(TRI), F (ADR) S A Ven-Tri, A (SIL)-War

RUSSIE: NMR!! ☹ Has A (MOS) ☹☹
 (Monsieur Matt Kazur??) ☹ A (WAR) Holds(r-Lvn-Pru-OTB) ☹☹

TURQUIE: A (SEV) S A Rum, A (RUM) S A Sev, A (BUL) S A Rum
 (Jerry Lucas) F (AEG) S A Bul, F (EAS) Holds

Memphis to Iliad: Your 1906 Supply Center Chart is on page 6. There was no press this season. See you in March.

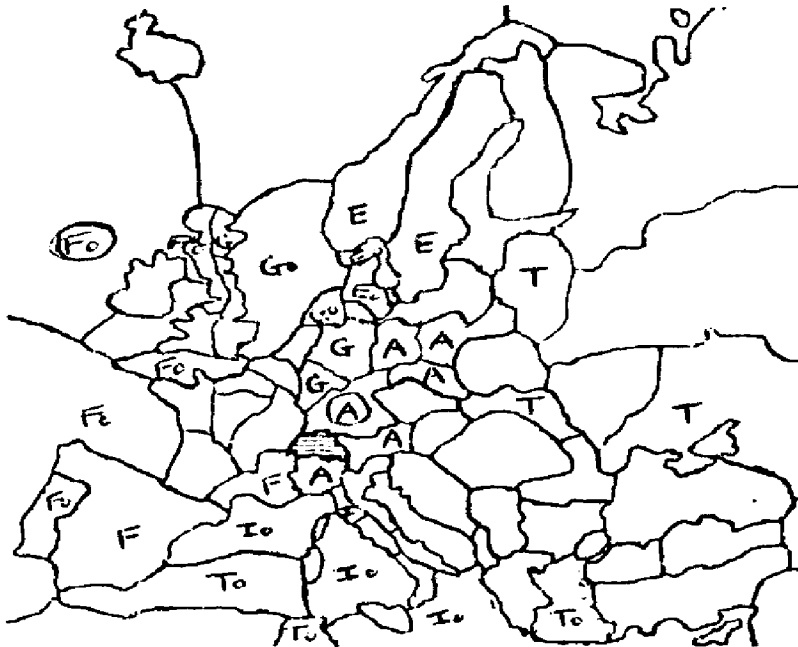
"When my sonnet was rejected, I exclaimed: 'Damn the age; I will write for antiquity.'" --Charles Lamb(1775-1834) from The Dictionary of Humorous quotations.



BYE BYE GERMANY!!

AUSTRIAN TROOPS MARCH INTO BERLIN AND OUST THEIR TURKISH ALLIES FROM MUNICH!!!
 THE ENGLISH NAVY LOSES THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND FAILS TO TAKE THE NORTH SEA!!!
 FRANCE SEEMS PREPARED FOR THE EVENTUAL LOSS OF SPAIN AND MARSEILLE!!!

(M) POSITIONS IN FALL 1907 (M)



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH

§ GM: 7/1/07 21/1/11

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1908

§ ZAT: Friday, March 7, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Nurun

¶ GAME NOTES: Welcome back and thanks for starting the game with no NMRs in 1986!

A Turkish-Italian-Austrian draw has been proposed. Vote with your next orders. A "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a "yes" so be careful!

§ Dislodgements This Time: England's Fleet North Atlantic and Turkey's Army Munich.

Remember a dislodged unit is never shown on the map but where a dislodgement took place is circled.

Your cartoon is from an ad in the Memphis newspaper! Next time your game report will be in Magyar!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1907 §

P'rangsu: Fleet Western Mediterranean retreats to North Africa

Yongguk: Fleet Irish Sea retreats to the North Atlantic

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1907 §

ET'ALLI: A (TUS)-Mar, F (LYO) C A Tus-Mar, F (ION)-Tun
 (Ken Gestiehr-ssi) F (TYS) S Turkish F Tun-Wes

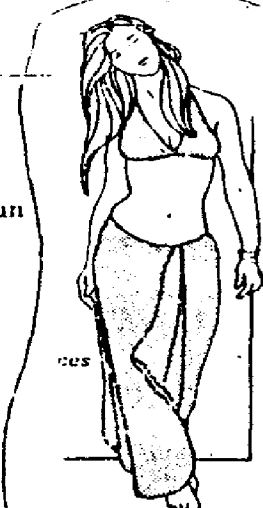
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: A Sil-(BER), A Boh-(MUN), A (TYO) S A Boh-Mun
 (Ken Corbin-ssi) A Lvn-(PRU), A War-(SIL), A (PIE)-Mar

P'RANGSU: F Mao-(PGH), F Naf-(MAO), F (ENG) S F Naf-Mao
 (Dave Carter-ssi) F Iri-(NAO), F (LPL) S F Iri-Nao
 A (SPA) S A Mar, A (MAR) S A Spa

TOKIL: A (EDI) Holds, F (NIH) Holds, F (HEL) S F Nth
 (Nelson Heintzman-ssi) A (KIE) Holds, A (RUH) S A Kie

T'OK'l: A (MUN)XDD-Kie(r-Bur-OTB), F (WES)-Spa(sc)
 (John Pack-ssi) F (PUN)-Wes, F (ABG)-Ion, A Arm-(SEV)
 A Mos-(LVN), A Ukr-(GAL)

YONGGUK: F (NAO)XDD-Nao(r-Gly-NWG-OTB), A (NWY)-Lon(Imp)
 (Pat Hart-ssi) F (SKA)-Nth, F (DEN) S F Ska-Nth, A (SWE) S F Den



The Sultan's Harem Is Wondering About Fleaflickers But How Do They Feel About...Burgundy?!

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Your 1907 Supply Center Chart is on page 8 .

[TUNIS]- What's a fleaflicker? Who's fooling who anyway?

Italy to France: Fleaflickers are neat, but a great run up the middle is also nice.

France to Turkey-Austria-Italy: You can have the incidentals like Spain and Marseille. Then what?

Constantinople to Paris: Of course, any preference is better than no preference...

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Your press continues on page 8 .

\$ 1907 SUPPLY CENTER CHART \$

	<u>GAINS</u>	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ET*ALLI:			Home, Gre	4	No Change
OSUT*RIA-HANGGARI:	BER, MUN		Home, Ser Rum, War	8	+2
P*RANGSU:			Home, Spa, Por Lpl, Lon	7	No Change
TOKIL:	EDI	Yak, Yak	Kie, Hol, Bel	4	-1
T*OK*I:			Home, Bul, Sev Mos, Tun	7	No Change (but +1 if O'B)
YONGGUK:		Yak	Nwy, Swe, Stp Den	4 <u>34</u>	-1 (but even if O'B)

England to World: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Italy to England: First woodpeckers, now WILE E. COYOTE.

Constantinople to Scandinavia: It's too bad you prefer writing press to writing letters...

England to GM: If you start another game, I have a name suggestion---R's R US!

GM to England: Cute, but what's it got to do with World War II!

England to GM: Any truth that your dog goes RRRRRR!...?

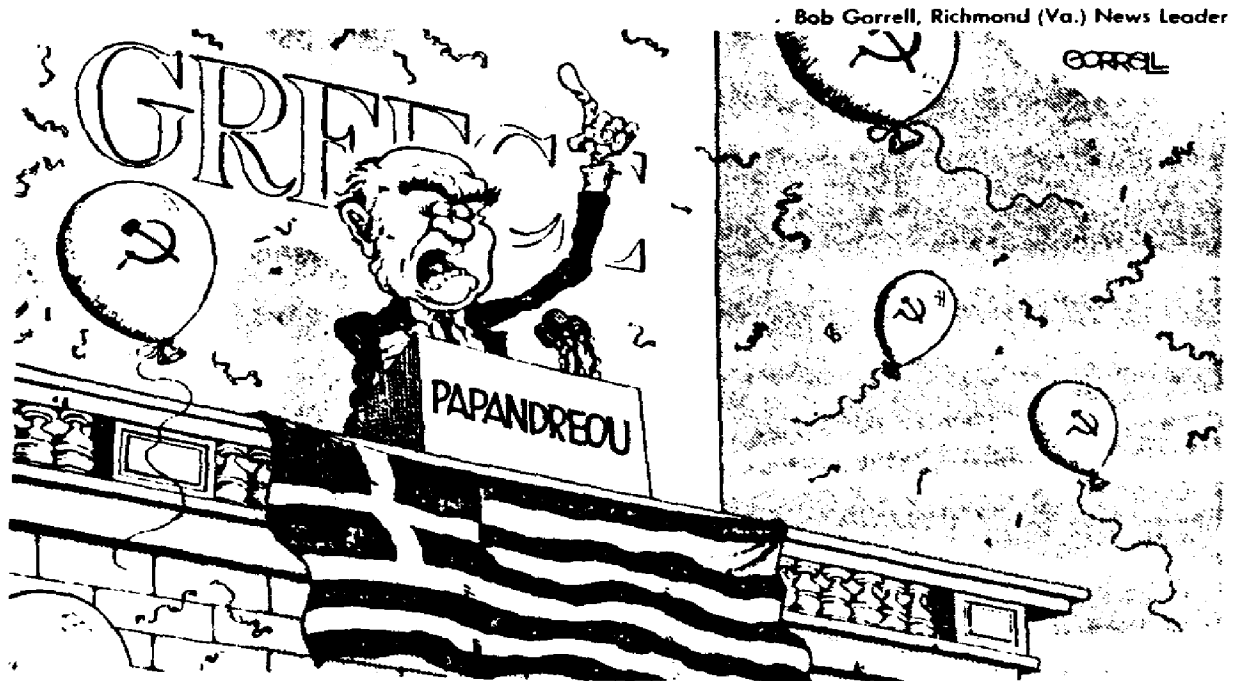
GM to England: I dumped her....

England to GM: Are you sure that you don't really go RRRRRRRRRRRR instead of Hyork! Hyork!....?

GM to England: Why do I get the feeling that I'm missing something?

France to England: It wasn't exactly a stab, more like trying to remove a malignancy before it spreads. In this case the surgery was not swift nor total, then again, letting it grow isn't a viable option either.

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Tune in next season to see which options get picked up...See y'all in March!



Bob Gorrell, Richmond (Va.) News Leader

"My election was a socialist triumph over American military imperialism... And FBI tell that to Ronald Reagan in my next request for U.S. aid..."

THE TURKISH AND ENGLISH BATTLE FLEETS FIGHT FOR A SUPREMACY THAT ELUDES BOTH!!!
 MOSCOW IS UNDER HEAVY SIEGE AS THE RUSSIAN ARMY CONQUERS THE SWEDES!!!
 THE KAISER'S LEGIONS PRESENT HIM WITH BUDAPEST AND ST. PETERSBURG!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1911 (1)



§ GAME: "House of Bourbon"
 1981 HK

§ GM: Mister Gary L. Coughlan

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1912

§ ZAT: Friday, April 11, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Blue

¶ GAME NOTES: Your next deadline is only 8-weeks instead of 10 so that I can get your game back in synch with EE.

The proposal for 7-week deadlines failed and is repropoed. The choice must be unanimous--don't forget to vote!

§ DISLODGENMENTS THIS TIME:
 Russia's Army St. Petersburg.

A German-English draw has been proposed. Vote with your next orders. A "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a "yes".

Your cartoon comes from World Press Review and is a reprint from Punch magazine.

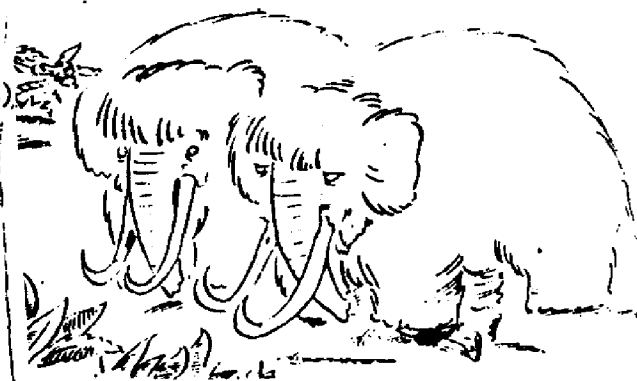
§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1911 §

ENGLAND: F (APU)-Ion, F (EAS) S F Apu-Ion
 (Mister Fred Winter) A Bur-(MAR), A Yor-(BEL)
F (NTH) C A Yor-Bel, A (PIE) S A Ven
A (VEN) Holds, F (TUN) S F Lyo-Tys
F Lyo-(TYS), F Tys-(NAP)
F (BAR) S German F Bot-Stp(sc)
F (NWY) S German F Bot-Stp(sc)
A (ROM) S F Tys-Nap

GERMANY: A Vie-(BUD), A (TRI) S A Vie-Bud
 (Mister Sellick Davies) F Bot-(STP-sc)
F (DEN) Go Ashore, Get Drunk & Fight
The Brits, A (GAL)-Rum, A (WAR)-Mos
A Pru-(LVN), A Ber-(SIL), A (TYO) S A Tri

RUSSIA: A (STP) ~~RUM~~ Nwy(r-Fin-OTB)
 (Mister Dave Carter) A Fin-(SWE)

TURKEY: F (SMY)-Eas, F (ION) S F Smy-Eas, F (GRE) S F Ion, F (AEG) S F Ion
 (Mister Helmut Schmidt) F (ALB)-Tri, A (SER) S F Alb-Tri, A (BUL)-Rum
A (UKR)-Mos, A (SEV)-Mos



Germany And England Are Behemoths
 Which Continue To Crush Everything
 In Their Paths!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1911 §

Russia: Army St. Petersburg retreats to Moscow(Impossible), retreats OTB

Memphis to House of Bourbon: Your 1911 Supply Centre Chart is on page 10.
[BERLIN]- I trust you all enjoyed Xmas and the New Year. My wife and I spent the period on our backs in a hospital. I'm thinking of food so watch out Turkey!! I haven't tasted any since 1984!!!
Memphis to Berlin: Glad y'all are doing better! Sellick said he had a fractured pelvis and his wife had 2 broken legs. What was the accident though? Your press continues on page 10 along with your 1911 Supply Centre Chart.

Flick of the Wrist!

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DECEMBER 1985

"Merry Christmas/Happy New Year"

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Flick of the Wrist is a monthly Dipzine devoted to the play of that game of games, DIPLOMACY®. It is published by me: Don Williams; 217-B Craig Ct., Redlands, CA 92374. Phone No.: (714) 793-6751. Circulation: 12 or so. Cost is 75c/issue, unless you're a player, a GHOST, or Jim-Boob (who really should be a ghost...). DIPLOMACY® is the trademark for the game developed for people who love to party and wield knives--at the same time--by Allan B. Calhmer, and is copyrighted by the Avalon Hill Game Company.

Seasons Greetings, one and all, and welcome to this abbreviated version of FotW. I say abbreviated, because the holidays are upon us and all good spouses and fathers (I happen to belong to both sub-categories of the population) are not supposed to be doing things like this thing I'm doing right here right now. Besides, little press was received and the Winter action, though interesting, was not, shall we say, awe-inspiring. SO...just a two-pager this time. Enjoy it--I'm not this nice very often.
GRANDMAGOTRUNOVERBYAREINDEERASSHELEFTTHEHOUSEONCHRISTMASEVEYOU MAYSAY YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN SANTA, BUT AS FOR ME AND GRANDPA--WE BELIEVE. HEY, YOU, DON'T LOOK KNOW BUT THERE COMES...

1985-AU
"Soldiers of Fortune"
DIPLOMACY

GM: Don Williams
NEXT SEASON: Spring 1902
ZAT: January 20, 1986

EUROPE'S GREAT POWERS GO SHIPYARD-RAIDING IN 1901 AS EUROPEAN NAVAL STRENGTH INCREASES BY 78%. (QUEEN OVERHEARD TO SAY, "IS THAT A FLEET IN YOUR POCKET, OR ARE YOU JUST HAPPY TO SEE ME?") OH, YEAH, THERE WERE FOUR ARMIES, TOO.....

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* Please note that because of the holidays, Mark Fassio has gone stir crazy and might be found (harassing friends, family and reindeer no doubt) at any of the following places--From 16-23 December: RD5, Box 1105, Leechburg, PA 15656-8808
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After the 29th----> 1160 Spruance Rd., Monterey, CA 93940-4823.
(Better yet, why not just stab the hell out of him? He deserves it. . .)

SPACE/FILLER QUOTE-OF-THE-MONTH:

"Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading." G.M. Trevelyan

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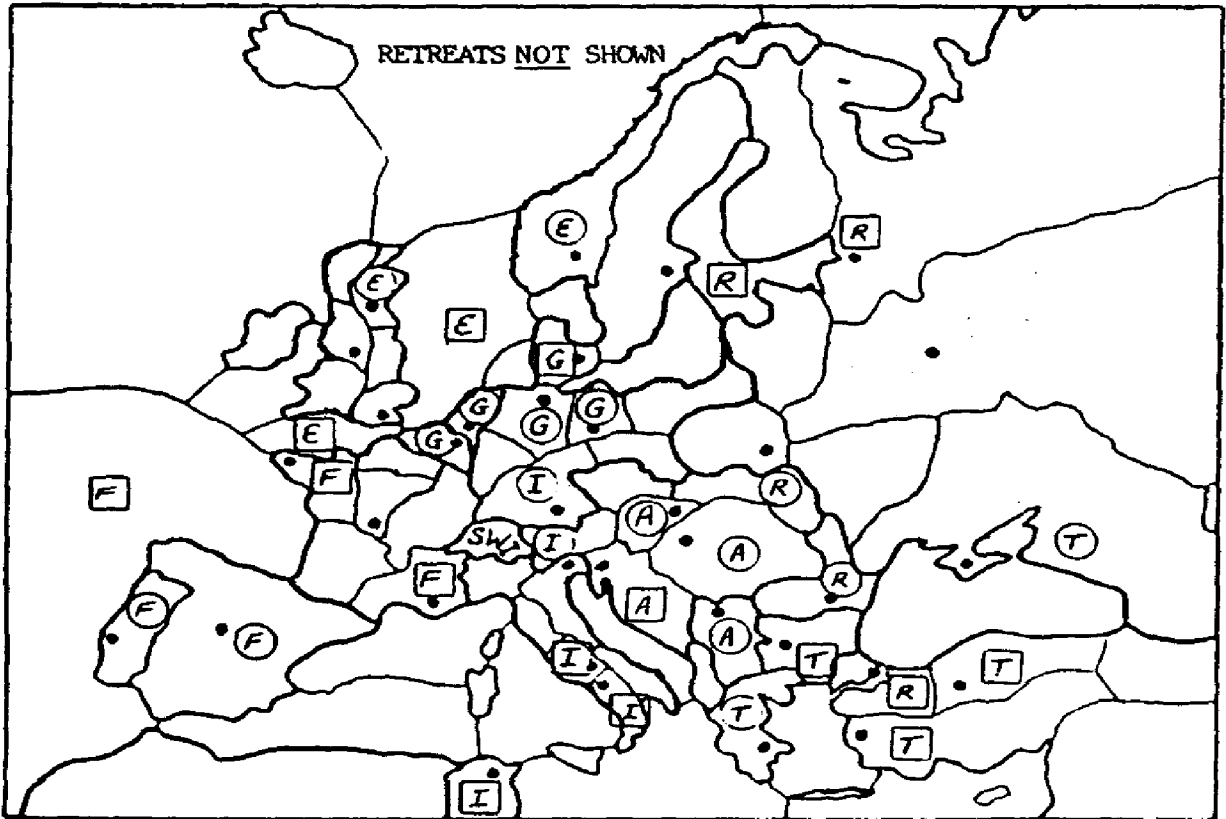
WINTER 1901

- AUS[4] Builds A BUD. Has: A BUD, A VIE, A SER, F TRI.
- ENG[4] Builds A EDI. Has: A EDI, A NWY, F NIH, F ENG.
- FRA[5] Builds F MAR, F BRE. Has: F MAR, F BRE, F MAO, A POR, A SPA.
- GER[5] Builds A BER, A KIE. Has: A BER, A KIE, A HOL, A BEL, F DEN.
- ITA[5] Builds F ROM, F NAP. Has: F ROM, F NAP, F TUN, A MUN, A TYA.
- RUS[5] Builds F STP(sc). Has: F STP(sc), F BOT, F CON, A GAL, A RUM.
- TUR[5] Builds F ANK, F SMY. Has: F ANK, F SMY, F BUL(sc), A SEV, A GRE.

ZAT for Spring 1902 is January 20, 1985. (Phoned in orders are due by 1/19/85, 9PM Pacific Time.) Note that I would like to get back on the 15th deadline for February. . .so you might keep that in mind this month.

1985-AU "Soldiers of Fortune"

Map of WINTER 1901



PRESS: Not much this time, like I said before, and as I want this thing done with and over, I'm going to hold back on what I do have. I received word from Press Judge Peter J. Gaughan, IV, Law West of the Hobby, and he has graciously accepted the ~~anti-twisting~~ offer to judge the press in this game. Thus is a tradition held intact. I apparently have mislaid some press--George was bemoaning that fact this month in the press he sent in. Hey, if I have, I can only say that I'm sub-human when it comes to being organized.

Finally, for those of you who read FIAT BELLUM, contrary to popular myth, I have NOT burned out (er, well, not exactly...) and FB will eventually reappear. I apologize most profusely, as I am too often want to do. I also realize that such GM lapses often force players to take matters into their own hands: I appreciate the patience you have all shown.

Once again, I wish you all a very special holiday season...Eat, Drink and Be Merry...For tomorrow you may be playing Austria. Semper the Best, *John*

Bahnhof Zoo

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This is a warehouse issue of BZ. There are two seasons of the new game, one
season of the old game, and finally a common deadline for both.

84AZ BAHNHOF ZOO HERBST 1906

FRANKREICH(Coughlan) A pru-WAR(S A SIL); A MAR-pie; A SPA H;
A mun-TYO(S A BOH); F LYO-tys; F BRE S eng F mid.
GROSSBRITANNIEN(Schunck) F NAT S F mid; A SWE-nwy(S F NTH);
F NWY-stp/nc(S F BOT); F bal-DEN; A STP-mos; F MID S fre A spa.
ITALIEN(Bouwman) F PIE-lyo; F WES-tys; F NAF-mid; A tyo-boh(d,r VEN);
A SER S A bul; F AEG-con(\$ A BUL).
RUSSLAND(Jacobs) F BAR-nwy; F SKA S eng A swe-den; F SEV-bla; A VIE-gal;
A RUM-gal; A war h(d,r LVN); A MOS \$ A war.
TURKEI(Gautron) F SMY-aeg; A CON \$ F smy-aeg(imp); F BLA-bul/ec.

1906 SUPPLY CENTERS

FRA home por spa ber bel mun WAR	9 bld F MAR
GRO home den swe hol kie nwy STP	9 nbr, 1 short
ITA home tun tri ser gre BUL	8 bld F NAP
RUS (stp) mos (war) sev rum bud vie	5 rem F bar, GM rem F ska
TUR home (bul)	3 even

ZAT für FRUHLJAHR 1907 ist 8 MARZ 1986. The E/F failed 2y, 2n; proposed for
next time are E, E/F, E/F/I/R and E/F/I/R/T; not voting is no.

press

RUSSIA-FRANCE: I don't like Elvis.

ITA-ENG & FRA: I suggest you accept the four-way draw. You can't say this
game is still a big thrill, and will cost you guys a hell of a lot of stamps
to make it a two-way draw, I tell you! And I don't care. I'm sending moves
Friedrichstraße" anyway.

FRANCE-ITALY: Ik was bereid zoals de soldaten op het slagveld!! Ik wou me
graag opofferen voor het vaderland, maar nu, nu ik weer gered ben, nu is
mijn eerste wens na de oorlog, maak me Nederlander! Ik houd van de
Nederlanders (this person has lost their mind any anyone can plainly see),
ik houd van ons land, ik houd van de taal, en wil hier werken. En al zou ik
aan de Konigin zelf moeten schrijven, ik zal niet wijken vóór mijn doel

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bereikt is!

RUSSIA-ITALY: Wat ... we lekken klef, hé? ((Sorry, the second word is illegible to me. It could be "syn".))

TURKEY-FRANCE: Non mais, je ne suis pas un garçon de table, tout de même!

ITA-FRA: I don't think I quite understand you this time!

FRANCE-WORLD: Who is forgetting to vote. The GMs say that if you don't vote that your vote will be counted as a "no". Let's end this game so we can move on to other things in 1986, okay. We have proposed a concession to England as well as a 5-way draw and the E/F. I don't care which passes, I'm voting for all of them.

ITA-FRA: Dank je schat! Ja, op jou...

PARIS-SCOTT: If you don't have umlauts on your new machine what about the quotation marks? They work on my typewriter like umluats (lower case only).

....."fu".....((It's not so simple with a computer. The printer can print several international characters, but the computer does not. But now I've figured out the codes to print special characters.))

ITA-FRA: Wir Holländer verstehen Deutsch ganz gut! Passen Sie also auf mit was du sagst. ((Kennst du Plattdeutsch? Ich glaube das Platt und holländisch sehr gleich sind. Meinen Schwiegereltern versuchen mir es lehren, aber sie holländisch verstehen nichts. Moin moin!))

IVO-SCOTT: Come one! Last time, after naming some possible ways the game could go, you said "all these answers, and more, in the next episode of...", which was the final episode of "Soap". ((Every soap opera ever on the radio ended with words like that. "Soap" has been off the air a long time, I certainly couldn't have remembered exact words from the show. It was an accident.))

85HG BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE FRUHLJAHR 1901

- DEUTSCHLAND(Bouwman) A MUN-bur; A ber-KIE; F kie-DEN.
- FRANKREICH(Strauss) A par-BUR(S A MAR); F bre-MID.
- GROSSBRITANNIEN(McIntyre) F edi-NTH; F lon-ENG; A lvp-EDI.
- ITALIA(Baker) A rom-APU; A VEN-tyo; F nap-ION.
- ÖSTERREICH(Caws) F tri-ALB; A bud-SER; A VIE-tyr.
- RUSSLAND(Gardner) A war-SIL; F stp/sc-BOT; F SEV-bla; A mos-UKR.
- TÜRKEI(Pater) A con-BUL; F ANK-bla; A smy-CON.

press

THE TSAR'S IMPERIAL NEWSOFFICE (ST PETERSBURG): "Good evening Russia, this is Danielle Rathernotski, and this is what's happening in the world tonight. The Tsar's War Office reported to the Palace this mornig claiming that a militant new Sultan has risen to power. At the Tsar's request, the generals of the war office were unable to produce writtenevidence that this Sultan exists. Arguments bases on troop mobilization figures in Turkey did not sway the Tsar. 'Why should the subjects of the Tsar worry about a small band of filthy, uncultured louts?! Our glorious armies should't be made to marach eash time we spot a hostile hunting party near the borders! The discussion ended there. Because of the Tsar's mood, the generals felt it was unwise to inform him of the new King in England and the new Kaiser in Germany.

PARIS-ROME: As I already told you my moves are but "strongly defensive."

TUR-WORLD: Take up the white man's burden, send forth the best ye breed, go bind your sons to exile, to serve your captive's needs. (R. Kipling)

PARIS-BERLIN: Why should I move against England?

PAUL-IVO & SCOTT: I gather from BZ press that you two are Springsteen fans. Two of the best, most rockin' and enjoyable, also longest concerts I've ever seen were Bruce's. At Springfield, Mass. in '76 or so my brother got front row seats for us about 8 places right of center stage. At one point in the show Bruce jumps down off the stage and gets down on his knees in front of this chickand croons oneof his love ballads while looking straight into her eyes. I didn't see it myself, but my brother still says thata Bruce had his

hand up under her shirt while he was singing. ((Well, they say Bruce does know how to reach out to an audience...))
 PARIS-BERLIN: Sorry for the Burgundy wines, I keep Burgundy, and I sent you some barrels. Isn't it better that way?
 JACQUES-HENRI--BRUCE: Did you receive my check for my sub to XL? If you didn't I'll try some other way.

85HG BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE HERBST 1901

DEUTSCHLAND(Bouwman) A mun-BUR; A kie-HOL; F DEN-swe.
 FRANKREICH(Strauss) A bur-BEL; A mar-SPA; F mid-POR.
 GROSSBRITANNIEN(McIntyre) F eng-BRE; A edi-NWY(C F NTH).
 ITALIA(Baker) A apu-TUN(C F ION); A VEN H.
 OSTERREICH(Caws) F alb-GRE(S A SER); A vie-TRI.
 RUSSLAND(Gardner) A SIL H; F BOT-swe; A ukr-RUM(S F SEV).
 TURKEI(Pater) A BUL-rum; F ank-BLA; A CON-bul.

1901 SUPPLY CENTERS

D home HOL DEN	5 +2
F (bre) mar par BEL POR SPA	5 +2
G home BRE NWY	5 +2
I home TUN	4 +1
Ö home GRE SER	5 +2
R home RUM	5 +1
T home BUL	4 +1
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ZAT fur nur WINTER 1901 ist 8 MARZ 1986.

press

BERLIN-PARIS: I don't know why you should move against England. You tell me.

PARIS-LONDON: There's but one way to prevent the Englishman from making inroads: depriving them of Oportos wines and get them sober. ((Perhaps with this particular Englishman you'd have better luck seizing his imports of Bacardi.))

BERLIN-PARIS: I haven't seen any wine yet.

TUR-WORLD: Take up the white man's burden, In patience to abide, To veil the thrat of terror, And check the show of pride. (the same)

ROME-PARIS: I understand your position more clearly now I think.

LE GAULOIS: The taste of the Pre'sident for fine wines and his immoderate passion for drinks have left doubts on his capacity to name a decent Ge'ne'ral-en-chef and conduce a straightforward diplomacy. Waste and Sea!

BERLIN-MOSCOW: What the ... do you think you are doing in Silesia. Get the ... out of there.

IVO-SCOTT: It's good that my English isn't that good, or else I might remember what words to fill in there!

THE TSAR'S IMPERIAL NEWS OFFICE (ST PETERSBURG): "Good evening, Russia, this is Danielle Rathernotski, and this is what's happening in the world tonight. The Tsar's Foreign Office today said that a statement by the War Office last month has been blatently perverted by a small band of folty, uncultured revolutionary louts to insinuate that the Tsar does not respect and revere his good friend and ally, the Sultan. 'Obviously,' the official stated, 'nothing could be further from the truth. The Tsar merely wished that his imperial cousin have a good and happy hunting trip in the southern Balkans.' This official chose not to comment on the fate of the band of revolutionaries, although he was overheard saying something about dogment to an aide."

PAUL-SCOTT: Minor historical note: that was a skirt Bruce had his hand under, not a shirt. ((Tel Aviv, as the French say.))

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According to Judges 16:19: "And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head.."

8. When Texas was an independent nation, it was recognized by other nations...
..TRUE. Texas was recognized by Belgium, Holland, France, Great Britain as well as by the United States.

9. Cerberus was the 2-headed dog who guarded the entrance to Hades....FALSE.
...Dennis Walker wrote:(from a quote): "the entrance was guarded by the dog of Hades, the dreaded Cerberus, a monster with 3 heads and a serpent's tail, fawning on those who entered, but showing his horrible teeth to those who tried to pass out." and "Bringing Cerberus to the surface world was said to be the most difficult of the twelve labors of Hercules." (Dennis's own words). Jim Burgess wrote: "Hesiod (Theog. 311) said he was a 50-headed monster, but usually he is portrayed as having 3 heads."

10. Napoleon created many kingdoms for Frenchmen to rule and permitted other Frenchmen to rule in existing kingdoms. One of these French families still reigns today, surviving the debacle that overthrew Napoleon in 1814 and 1815....
....TRUE. Guesses were The Netherlands, San Marino and Monaco but the correct answer was only given by one of you--Stephen Swigger and is Sweden. Stephen writes: "In 1810, Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte, Marshal of France was chosen by the Swedish Riksdag to succeed King Charles XIII. Bernadotte reigned as King Charles XIV John from 1818-1844 and his family still reigns in Sweden today." Bernadotte got Sweden to fight against Napoleon thus ensuring his survival politically. But, after Napoleon's fall, Bernadotte seemed willing to give up Sweden if he could be the ruler of France. However the French regarded him as a traitor.

II. A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE. Many countries have had multiple names and the guessers were asked to give another name for these countries. 4 people, in a big surprise to me from 3 different countries, all said that (5) Benin was another name for Nigeria. This category gave everyone most of their points.

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Abyssinia - Ethiopia | 11. Gold Coast - Ghana |
| 2. Basutoland - Lesotho | 12. Kampuchea - Cambodia |
| 3. Belgian Congo - Zaïre | 13. Malagasy Republic - Madagascar |
| 4. Belize - British Honduras | 14. Namibia - (German) Southwest Africa |
| 5. Benin - Dahomey | 15. Nippon - Japan |
| 6. Burkina Faso - Upper Volta | 16. Nyasaland - Malawi |
| 7. Chosen - Korea | 17. Persia - Iran |
| 8. Djibouti - French Somaliland | 18. Portuguese West Africa - Angola |
| 9. Dutch East Indies - Indonesia | 19. Siam - Thailand |
| 10. Eire - Ireland | 20. Sri Lanka - Ceylon |

III. QUOTES FROM BOOKS AND MOVIES.

1. "Oh you English! You use your smiles as shields and your words as swords."
Guesses were Gandhi and the King to Anna from The King And I. It was from The Stud, a book by Jackie Collins and the movie version which starred her sister Joan Collins a.k.a. Alexis of Dynasty/Denver Clan.

2. "It's one of the conditions of perfect health. That's why we've made the V.P.S. treatments compulsory." "V.P.S.?" "Violent Passion Surrogate. Regularly once a month. We flood the whole system with adrenin. It's the complete physiological equivalent of fear and rage. All the tonic effects of murdering Desdemona and being murdered by Othello, without any of the inconveniences." "But I like the inconveniences." "We don't," said the Controller. "We prefer to do things comfortably." "But I don't want comfort. I want God, I want poetry, I want real danger, I want freedom, I want goodness, I want sin." "In fact," said Mustapha Mond, "you're claiming the right to be unhappy." "All right then," said the Savage defiantly, "I'm claiming the right to be unhappy."

---Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

3. "Tjaden reappears. He is still quite excited and again joins the conversation, wondering just how a war gets started.

"Mostly by one country badly offending another," answers Albert with a slight air of superiority.

Then Tjaden pretends to be obtuse. "A country? I don't follow. A mountain in Germany cannot offend a mountain in France. Or a river, or a wood, or a field of wheat." ((continued on page 18))

"Are you really as stupid as that, or are you just pulling my leg?" growls Kropp. "I don't mean that at all. One people offends the other---"

"Then I haven't any business here at all," replies Tjaden. "I don't feel myself offended."

"Well, let me tell you," says Albert sourly, "it doesn't apply to tramps like you."

"Then I can be going home right away," retorts Tjaden, and we all laugh.

---All Quiet On The Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

4. "I know. You know I know, I know you know I know, we know that Henry knows and Henry knows we know it. We're a knowledgeable family." Paul Michel writes: "I would like to know also(ha ha)". It's from The Lion In Winter by William Goldman and it is a play based upon Henry II of England with his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine and his three sons, all of whom plot for power. It's very enjoyable to read and I've seen it as a play and it is also a movie starring Katharine Hepburn and I think that she won the Oscar for Best Actress for this role.

5. "Take off your clothes and let's go in the water!" I got up then and watched her go, transfixed; I mean it when I say that no chaste and famished grail-tormented Christian knight could have gazed with more slack-jawed admiration at the object of his quest than I did at my first glimpse of Sophie's bouncing behind--a delectable upside-down valentine. Then I saw her splash into the murky ocean." The phrase "upside-down valentine" as a metaphor for the female rump was so true to life(in many cases!) that I used this passage from Sophie's Choice by William Styron. Some guesses were King Arthur and Ivanhoe.

IV. QUOTES, BY AND ABOUT, FAMOUS PEOPLE:

1. "This woman is possessed with a hundred thousand devils; yet she pretends to me that she would like to be a nun, live in a cell, and tell her beads from morning till night." Guesses were Joan of Arc, Mary, Queen of Scots and Mother Theresa! The quote was about Queen Elizabeth I of England by the Spanish ambassador to his master, King Philip of Spain both of whom hated Elizabeth. But her devious ways saved England from the Spanish Armada and made her rich with Spanish gold stolen from convoys heading for Spain from the New World.

2. "He is a Satan, you can hardly believe what a Satan he is." Guesses were Khaddafi(by Reagan), Stalin, Hitler, Henry VIII, Ivan the Terrible but the correct answer was King Edward VII of England, who was the ruler after his mother Queen Victoria died. This statement was the sentiment of his nephew Wilhelm II, Kaiser of Germany during World War I. Uncle and nephew heartily detested one another and the Kaiser blamed Edward for Germany's problems in World War I even though he had been dead for 4 years by the time of its outbreak!

3. "My sister is by my side and we are both going to say good night to you. Come on Margaret. Good night, children, good night and good luck to you all." I thought including "Margaret" would give it away but only Dennis Walker and Pete Fuchs guessed it as being Queen Elizabeth II. This was a radio broadcast made when the Queen was still a princess and she and her sister, Princess Margaret, were saying goodbye to British children who were being evacuated from their homes to a new life in Canada and America while the Blitz(German air raids) was going on.

4. "There is only one step from the sublime to the ridiculous." Guesses were Einstein, Goethe, Mark Twain, Voltaire and Disraeli but I was looking for Napoleon. Jim Burgess wrote: "That's a paraphrase of Thomas Paine from Age of Reason, but I can't remember who said it. Oh! Napoleon on retreating from Moscow in 1812." Dennis Walker said: "In French, the quote is 'du sublime au ridicule il n'y a qu'un pas'" George Graessle gave the French too.

5. "We must bear the unbearable and endure the unendurable." Fully nine of the 15 guesses said Winston Churchill and gave different events during World War II which prompted him to say this. Only 2 of you got it correct, Don Del Grande and Christoph Schunck. Don writes: "Emperor Hirohito in his message to the Japanese people announcing his acceptance of unconditional surrender." This was the first time the Japanese had heard the voice of their Emperor, worshipped as a living god by many of them. Had Hirohito not made this speech millions of Japanese and many more hundred thousands of Americans would have died in a battle to control Japan. Hirohito is still the Emperor of Japan today. A battle for Japan would have made Iwo Jima and Okinawa look like garden parties. But the Japanese heeded their Emperor and Japan was peacefully occupied.

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V. FILL IN THE BLANK. Answer the questions.

1. The honeymoon journey of Prince Charles and Princess Diana caused a diplomatic flap between Great Britain and another country. What was the country and what caused the flap, specifically? Guesses were Egypt, Australia and Greece. The correct answer was Spain and Ivo Bouwman writes: "The country was Spain. There was this incident because the prince and princess planned on (and actually did) visiting Gibraltar, as of today a part of the British Empire. Spain though sees it as rightfully hers, and disputes the British rule. The royal visit was considered as a provocation by Spain.

2. The modern Olympic games were revived beginning in 1896 but during the two World Wars the games were cancelled. Where were the games supposed to be held in 1916 and 1940 which had to be cancelled?-----Don Del Grande writes: "The 1916 Summer games were scheduled for Berlin, the 1940 Winter games for Sapparo, Japan and the 1940 Summer games for Tokyo. (There were no Winter games scheduled for 1916.)" and Dennis Kooper writes: "1940: at first, Tokyo but as war began earlier in Manchuria, it was then supposed to be held in Helsinki." Dennis Walker writes: "Unfortunately, Finland was invaded, so what was heard in the Olympic stadium were shots, not shouts. Incidentally, although no one expected the Games to be held in 1944, the International Olympic Committee technically awarded the 1944 games to London."

3. Within the last 185 years (all the clue you get!), a nation with a population of 1,300,000 fought and lost a 5-year war. When the war ended the population had been reduced to 221,000 of which only 29,000 were men. Name this nation." ----Guesses were Armenia, Albania, Finland, "an African nation", the Sioux Indians, Palestine and the Confederate States of America (!!). Only 2, Bruce Linsey and Jim Burgess, got the correct answer of Paraguay.

Jim writes: "The War of the Triple Alliance 1865-1870 with Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina ((fighting)) Paraguay....Wow, what a stupid leader that Francisco Lopez was. Who knows how much longer it would have gone on if he hadn't been killed." Jim also provides the following figures: Paraguay's population at the outbreak of the war: 1,337,439....Male adults (over 15 years of age) at the war's end: 28,746...Female adults (over 15 years of age) at the war's end: 106,254... Children at the end: 86,079...Total Paraguayan population at the end of the war was: 221,079.

4. When Adolf Hitler visited Paris after the fall of France in World War II, he paid homage at the tomb of Napoleon. Later he did something else concerning Napoleon which the French did not undo after their liberation and which remains in Paris today. What did Hitler do?-----I must say that I am surprised at those of you who profess to be so interested in World War II who do not know this. Only 3 got it, Christoph Schunck and Dennis Walker. Dennis says: "Hitler was apparently quite moved by his visit to Napoleon's Tomb. During the visit, he instructed Bormann to "transfer the bones of young Napoleon from Vienna to his father's side." This was later accomplished and remains so to this day." And Ray Scott (oops forgot to mention him up above as one of the 3) says: "Adolph planted the body of Napoleon the Second next to his namesake the First, in Paris. The French never moved him again (little point in it!)" and Christoph says: "Hitler transported the corpse of Napoleon (II), the son of Bonaparte from Vienna to Paris to make the French well-disposed towards his plans."

When Napoleon was defeated in 1814, his wife Marie-Louise, an Austrian archduchess returned to her country, taking along with her, their 3-year-old son who never saw Napoleon again. Known as the Duke of Reichstadt, the prince died when he was 21 in 1832. Known to many French as Napoleon II, he never ruled, and was buried in Vienna. Over 100 years later, Hitler -re-united, as it were, father and son.

5. In French it is called "Belgique", in German "Belgien", in Dutch "België", and in English "Belgium". In what other language, besides English, is this country also called "Belgium"? ----Guesses were American (!!), Norwegian, Italian, Irish, Spanish, Latin, Walloon and Flemish. For all intents and purposes, American is English, Walloon is French and Flemish is Dutch. Latin, the most popular answer, would be "Belgica". At any rate, the correct answer is Magyar or the language of Hungary. Hungarians say "Belgium" just as English-speakers do.

VI. WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO. Translate the Italian sentence.

"Prima di diventare parrucchiere faceva la lotta libera?"

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Now I got this Italian phrase out of a book and I certainly checked the spelling so it is authentic. I was surprised at how many of you had access to Italians or Italian-speakers! And even more surprised that not all of them could translate this phrase. Only a few of you got it entirely, but a few of you got half of it correct so I gave half-credit. The translation is:

"Were you a professional wrestler before you became a hairdresser?"

It was possible to score a total of 2, 100 points. Winning first place among Europeans for 10 EEs is Holland's Paul Michel with 1,135 points. Winning first place among North Americans for 10 EEs is USA's Dennis Walker with 1,575 points. Winning 2nd place among Europeans for 7 EEs is Dennis Kooper of Holland with 1,050 points. Winning 2nd place among North Americans for 7 EEs is Canada's Stephen Swigger with 1,275 points.

Winning 3rd place among Europeans for 5 EEs is West Germany's Christoph Schunck. Winning 3rd place among North Americans for 5 EEs is USA's Don Del Grande. Cops---Christoph had 985 points and Don had 1,210 points.

Both continents competed for both 4th and 5th places. Winning 4th place with 3 EEs was USA's Jim Burgess with 1,060 points. The 5th place winner for 1 free EE was Pete Fuchs, a Canadian living in the USA, with 970 points.

The winners also get the extra EE for entering so, for example, Pete Fuchs actually gets 2 EEs instead of one. The other scores (and winning 1 free EE each) were alphabetically: Bill Becker(395), Ivo Bouwman(895), George Graessle(540), J. C. Hodgins(555), Bruce Linsey(385), Ray Scott(870) and John Wilman(650).

Now I hope we all learned some lessons from this experience....ha ha!

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THE LETTER COLUMN



I get the feeling that we will have a big letter column this time but we'll have to see.... First up is your guesses for the picture person pictured on this page(the new contest begins on page 16). Marc Peters, the previous picture person did not send in a response to y'all's guesses(so guess who I attacked in my new Praxis game! Well...I had other reasons too...) but please remember that any picture person has the right of reply to guesses made about him/her and that it will appear the first thing in the next issue's letter column. On with the guesses.....

Chuff Afflerbach(California, USA): "Oh yes, the picture contest! The copy I got was not very clear but it can only be the one and only BRUX, right? Who else would go to such lengths to get his picture printed in EE? I predict you'll be giving away many free issues for this one--even those who have never seen him will know him in an instant. Isn't that what BRUX had in mind?"

Bill Becker(Michigan, USA): "Naked truth, here, looks like a soft underbelly, thus he plays Russia and leaves the south exposed to his ally either Austria or Turkey. Could be that Canadian Ron Brown in traditional winter gear."

Ray Scott(West Germany): "This person is European, I can tell by the German-type radiator in the background...Let me think...This person is a good Dip player, and plays France best...I can tell because it is obvious he is good at lying(get it?) and does his best lying in a bed. Then again, look at the absence of clothing...this makes me think on Cheesecake...could it be Andy Lischett? No, it must be Christoph Schunck. Anyway, what do I know, I can't even see his face in my copy."

Over 10 weeks to enter the picture contest and only 3 guesses? ^(see pg 10) As a token of my appreciation for taking the time to enter the contest, each of you will receive 3 free EEs....but you are all wrong! This picture of a naked man with a pillow between his thighs lying on a bed by a "German-type" radiator is of a man who likes to sleep at cons, lose airline tickets and miss his bus. This is one of the best publishers of a zine to come along in a long time and is none other than the pubber of Excelsior, Canada's own Bruce McIntyre. He hails from British Columbia, is into computers, music and learning French from his beautiful girl friend, Nancy Hurrell who no doubt took this picture. Right, Nancy? Nancy? Nancy?.....

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Evans Givan(California, USA): "I'm just getting around to demanding equal time for the atrocious slur on Elvis which you published. I can't believe a true Southern Belle would say such a thing. Darlene Baker must be one of those transplanted Yankees who can't stand the cold.

It's true that the generally accepted story is that Elvis did, indeed, die 'fat and full of drugs". But why must we belabor the point? We don't go around writing letters saying that Stevie Wonder is blind. In polite, genteel conversation, a body's short-comings are not paraded out for all to see. It just isn't done.

One thing that doesn't make the papers very much is the fact that Elvis was a generous, caring individual. He gave a lot. Maybe all the fame and fortune drove him to some excess. Maybe it would do the same to all of us. Regardless, he had a lot of friends and he gave a lot of himself to his friends and his fans alike. To besmirch him now is a petty and vicious act. One that will surely reap an appropriate reward."

Darlene Baker(Alabama, USA): "I would like to clear something up.....The quote I sent about Elvis was not of my saying or anything. I was repeating the statement made by Dick Cavett so tell all and especially what's-his-name that I was not the one who said it and did not necessarily agree with it. Yes and 'no about being a Yankee. I was born in Indiana and lived in Michigan until 1965 when we moved to South Carolina. So now subject is over, dead and buried."

Darlene was 7 in 1965 and she has the most beautiful Southern accent. Evans, ol' what's-his-name, is a transplanted Tennessean as is his wife Wendy and Dick Cavett is married to a Southerner and.....

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Kerry Blant(California, USA): "Everything goes well for us. I hit the California Lottery for \$10,000 last week!!! We're going to have a good Christmas. Hope you will too."

I wish that Tennessee had a lottery. Congratulations!

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Don Del Grande(California, USA): "In case I win any free issues, you can send them to Pete Doubleday, 302 Lordswood Road, Harbone, Birmingham, B17 8AN England."

Don's referring to the EE quiz contest for free EEs(see page 14). If any of you other winners(and everyone who entered won something) who are traders like Don, you can give your free EEs to someone else if you wish. Just let me know."

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Randolph Smyth(Manitoba, Canada): "On the matter of maps, the very question sets me back. Before the advent of EE, I don't believe any zine outside of DW had maps. I had not realized that they had become such a commonplace, even quasi-essential, element of modern zines. Has the hobby descended so far into illiteracy that some players will only enter games which include a pretty picture every season? I never even look at the maps myself--what are we coming to?

Of course, Fol Si Fie[Randolph's zine] has never featured maps. It will never feature maps. If some well-meaning sod offered to draw maps for me every season for inclusion in the zine, I would reject the idea as a waste of space. If some hobby functionary decreed that maps were a sine qua non of an acceptable zine, I would fold. The printed word is good enough for my subbers, say I!

No reflection on the use of maps in EE, of course."

Of course. I like maps because they act as a further check on my GMing the EE games. They also allow non-players to easily follow any game they choose. In games where I play(and I play in several non-map games as well), the map aids me in not having to set up a board or maintain a push-pin or grease pen mini-map on my own.

When I began publishing in January 1981, I noticed maps in only 2 zines: Diplomacy World, as you mentioned, and Rebus Sic Stantibus, and decided I wanted maps with my games. At almost precisely the same time, Allen Wells began his zine Dot Happy and he had maps too and neither of us had had previous contact with each other. I think maps were a thing whose time had come and they have proved very popular in many zines since then. I use maps provided by Allen Wells since his were superior to my own. And no map method is the same in each zine. I'd love to be able to do the EE game maps like Judy Winsome does in Winsome Losesome or Steve Knight in his It's A Trap. In both of these zines((continued on page 22))

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not only are the position of the units shown but how they attempted to move is also shown on the map. And maps are not only popular in North America but they are very prevalent in European and British zines as well.

No reflection on the use of the printed word in FSF, of course.

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Bruce Linsey(Massachusetts, USA): "Some of your older readers probably remember Allen Wells, publisher of the once-great zine Dot Happy. I had the pleasure of speaking with Allen recently. The bad news was that he had to decline my invitation to BRUX-Con. The good news was the reason for this: the arrival of Steven Kendall Alvin Wells, weighing 9 pounds and 5 ounces, on December 10th....Allen's friends can reach him at his new address: 5 Newcastle #11, Nashua, New Hampshire 03060. Also, please debit my sub and send him a copy of the issue with this letter."

□ So that's what you've been up to, Allen! Your maps are still going strong in EE despite Smythian slurs!

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Gary, dear, your using Guernica as an argument against the cowardness of the European democracies during the Spanish Civil War was unfair. You know my father fought along side the Spanish Republicans, as a fighter pilot, from 1936 to 1939. If the Belgian governments failed, please let not the stone be cast at my small tribe.

...I do share your opinion. Europe should not rely on the American nuclear umbrella to maintain its freedom and democracy. Europe must not become America's enemy, but be your friendly partner on equal basis. Here, France shows us the way. We can quarrel, and oppose, and have different visions of the future, but maintain this fundamental link between us which is called "Liberty."

...This world is not only made of Big Mac's and Disneylands."

□ And America is not only made of Big Mac's and Disneylands either. I followed with fascination the intense competition between France and Spain for a European version of Disneyland. On to other topics....

Michel, if you do not wish to be slammed with Guernica, then don't slam all of America with it either. Read your words in EE #49 again: "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-inter-ventionist principles and your cash-and-carry contracts." If you can slam an entire nation, as you did, then don't be surprised when the same tactic is done to you.

I am willing to "maintain this fundamental link between us which is called 'Liberty'" as long as it means NATO doesn't have to be maintained. I want the US out of NATO. I want you Europeans, with a larger population, to completely defend your own selves. As I have pointed out in EE #49 based on figures supplied by a West German official, Western Europe is already providing 90% of the forces, 80% of the airplanes, 80% of the tanks and 70% of the ships for NATO. There is absolutely no reason on earth Western Europe can't provide 100% of its defense. After over 40 years it is time don't you think?

Now Greg Ellis of Texas reprinted large sections of Michel's letter from EE #49 in his Feuilletonist's Forum and concluded: "The saddest thing about this letter is that it spurred several of EE's readers to agree with Gary that the US should pull out of NATO and tell Europe to go to hell. Mr. Liesnard is not representative of the European community. To prove this we need only qualify his words with a few facts about the man, as provided by EE #49. He works as a translator for two embassies in Belgium. The two are Nicaragua and Iran. I think a man should be judged by the company he keeps, and it is clear why Mr. Liesnard dislikes the US."

I have many problems with what Greg has said and done regarding this. He did not provide a copy of his remarks to Michel, he attributes false motives to me, he assumes erroneously that Michel shares the opinions of his employers and he falsely assumes that Michel dislikes the United States. I am proud to say that EE subscribers Steve Langley, Pat Conlon and Simon Billenness all wrote in criticizing Greg's "guilt by association" attack on Michel.

I don't care who reprints whatever from EE...as long as you send a copy of it to someone you criticize. Greg, it is not my responsibility to use my money to send my copy of EE to Michel. Furthermore I never told Europe "to go to hell"

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IT TAKES ALL KINDS
TO MAKE A WORLD!



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and Michel's letter didn't cause all, if any, of the EE subbers to agree about getting out of NATO---certainly not Rob Winslow who has held that view at least since 1983.

Michel does not share the views of the Iranians. He supported the British recovery of the Falklands from Argentina and pointedly questioned his Nicaraguan employers' support of Argentina. Michel is one of the most independent people I know. I like him very much and respect him and his opinions.

And lastly, I think that Michel is very representative of the European community. I should have some letters from other Europeans in this issue which illustrate this point.

I only wish that Americans would open their eyes and see exactly what kind of allies we have in Western Europe. I think the European non-response to the terrorist actions jolted a few Americans. Why are we defending people who won't even bother defending themselves? After all, the attacks happened in Italy and Austria, not in the United States. I don't want young Americans to die for such European allies.

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Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "You misinterpreted my words. I never said that the U.S. of A. were hated by the western Europeans. I noticed that, in some countries, like Iran, they are hated. And that many people, in many countries, do hate them. I, Michel Liesnard, do not share that hate, but I want to know why it exists."

No, I said that America is hated by some western Europeans and it is true. They may say, all they want, that they are not anti-American but their actions and their words tell otherwise. I personally like many western Europeans--this zine shows that--but I think your governments are often cowardly, I think you western Europeans tend to blame America for your problems often unfairly and I do not want any military alliances with western Europe. Cheer up, I am a minority.

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Paul Michel (The Netherlands): "I would like to say that I agree with you about a lot of things that you say in EE. I can understand how you feel when some people from Europe always have negative remarks about the U.S.A. Although I have never been in the USA, I'll agree with a lot of things and think a lot of times the same way as an American does.

I was also shocked when Jaap Jacobs said that the government of the USA were doing a stupid thing to "hijack" the airplane which was "carrying" the murderers of that American man who was shot on that boat. Of course, he is right when he says that we are a civilized world and must act that way, but in my opinion there are limits how far you can go.

In my opinion we are dealing with a bunch of lunatics who certainly don't think normal. Why should we act within our standards and do nothing against these terrorists? They just have one law and that is the law of their God which means, in real terms, the law of the jungle. They don't respect anything or anyone except their God. Why should we respect them and why should we keep "civilized" with these animals?

I really wonder. Should we just say, we treat these idiots in a "civilized" way and act in the way our own law states? Well, I certainly don't think so. The law in Western countries has been put up in case some people of our society have "other" ideas. Some people yes, but certainly not a whole nation (Iran, Libya). As long as they kill innocent people, these people should be treated as outlaws. And the moment that we can catch them, we should do it no matter how. Today it is an American or an Israeli man or woman who is butchered. Tomorrow it is a Dutchman or German.

Terror alert reduced

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Authorities have cut back their nationwide terrorist alert after weeks of trying to cover hundreds of potential American and Israeli targets, an official said yesterday.

I think it is a pity that you would like to get out of NATO. The reason, in my opinion, that you think that way is because you've got the idea that all Europeans are against the USA. Well, if you really think that, you're wrong.

The Dutch people, and this I'm sure of, all agreed with the action that the USA took when

they captured those murderers, at least deep in their hearts. But here in Europe we always have to keep civilized and therefore we must criticize those "uncivilized" Americans. But I really think that you don't get an objective view of (see Page 24)



BY MIKE PETERS FOR THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

"how the Europeans and more specifically the Dutch people think about these things.

Maybe you've heard about the Moluccans who were "hijacking" a train about ten years ago. They were killed by Marines of the Dutch Army and everybody here in Holland was applauding. Do you really think that we disagree here in Holland with an anti-terrorist action of the USA? Don't fool yourself.

By the way, maybe an interesting thing to tell you, the Dutch government has decided to place the missiles here

in Holland. At the moment the majority of the Dutch people (about 54%) would vote in favor of the current government which means that they do not have objections against the placement of the missiles. In Belgium, the majority of the population have elected the same government that decided to place the cruise missiles. In Germany there is a government who have placed cruise missiles. The British government which is the most reliable ally for the USA also has a seat in NATO.

Why should the Americans quit from NATO? I really wonder. The best way to be as strong as possible is to join together. Never forget that. If the Western countries and the USA split we will all be weaker. Not just the Europeans but also the Americans. And why should we split? Because maybe 25% or 30% of the Europeans criticize the Americans? What about the other 70%? In Holland there is still a majority of the people who will never forget that the Americans have liberated them from the Nazis. Ask an older person here in Holland what he thinks about an American. I'm sure that you will get a positive response.

The Vietnam war has had of course bad influences about the way we think about the Americans but everybody here in Europe knows that you in the USA select the government you want and that your country is a free country and therefore don't think that we disagree with the actions the USA sometimes take. Because if you really think that, I must say again, you are really wrong. Don't get upset about the negative remarks from a group of people who disagree with everything that the American government does. Think about the "silent" group that doesn't respond but agrees with some statements or actions that the American government says or does.

Of course sometimes we disagree with each other but is this a reason to quit NATO? The reason of the disagreement is that we all are living in a free country and we all like to keep it that way. And if we split we all will be weaker and that is just the way the minority of the people here in Europe wants it. I think that we would make a big mistake to give them what they want. But we are not that stupid, are we?"

□ I'm sorry but I just don't believe that you are in a majority in Europe. In any case, I don't want out of NATO because Europeans don't agree with the USA 100% of the time. I don't care whether Western Europe stations those cruise missiles or not. Europeans seem to forget that it was your own governments who requested these missiles in the first place. Blame them, put the blame where it belongs---don't blame America.

America is strung out all over the world. I don't think it is too much to ask that Western Europe be responsible for 100% of its own defense. After all, Sweden and Switzerland are and they are non-NATO European countries.

And I quite frankly don't believe that if the US were attacked that the Western European countries would go to war for us or that they would be capable of assisting us elsewhere. Article 5 of the NATO states: "The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all, and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them...will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area."

Iceland, a NATO member, has no armed forces. I'm quite sure that other European countries would come up with reasons for not using their armed forces unless it is they who are directly attacked. That's why I want it understood that they should be responsible for their own defense. ((continued on page 25)) (24)

The December massacres in Vienna and Rome have brought home for the first time to many of the American people just how little support we receive from our European "allies". It's fairly clear that Khadaffi's Libya is a breeding ground for these terrorists but the US could, no support for economic sanctions against him from Europe. We did hear that Western Europe decided to ban military sales to Libya-- I suppose it is easier for the terrorists to pick their weapons up in Western Europe itself, although it is refreshing to note that Luxembourg and Denmark will be giving up their lucrative arms sales to Libya.

For the record, I don't want American ships and young men putting pressure on Libya when the attacks happened in Italy and Austria. If anyone should get upset it should be Italy and Austria but it increasingly seems that they, along with the rest of Western Europe who refused to go along with an economic boycott, don't mind if their citizens are slaughtered in their own streets as long as Western Europe can make money. I hope no one from Europe ever again accusing the US of putting money ahead of morality--we'll laugh in your faces and know you for the hypocrites you are.

I found it very significant that my representative (in the House of Representatives) who is Harold Ford, a black Democrat and heavy critic of President Reagan sided completely with the white Republican president and issued the following statement:

"It is ironic that while the countries frequently victimized by violence, such as Italy and Austria, condemn and denounce these attacks, they do little or nothing of substantive value to address the problem. In continuing to do business with the Khadafy regime in Libya, European leaders have essentially approved a continuation of the status quo.

Unless Europe joins with the Administration in supporting efforts to isolate this lawless nation, acts against men and women of all nationalities will continue. I commend the Administration for their positive actions of late on this matter; especially for the strength displayed through restraint. However, once the guilty parties are firmly identified, the restraint shown today may not be so evident.

The international community needs to draw the line against nations that exist above the law. However, fighting international terror is a battle the U.S. cannot win alone. We need the support of our allies, particularly the British, Germans and Italians, in bringing power to bear on Libya. The present world oil situation should be the moment for those nations to examine alternative sources, such as Mexico and Venezuela, to meet their future energy needs. Let's not let Khadafy become another Khomeini. The Libyan leader must be made aware that there is nothing to be gained through support of terrorist organizations."

Paul, you say: "The best way to be as strong as possible is to join together." Please tell me when, during the last 15 years or so, that the US and Western Europe have "joined together" in any significant way? I can give you example upon example where we have been on opposite sides of a question. I say it is time to recognize reality, don't you?

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Dave Carter (Ontario, Canada): "I think that the reason that the US gets dumped on is because other countries resent having to rely on U.S. troops for their security or for U.S. money to rebuild following WW2. One of the byproducts of bringing the boys home and pulling up the ladder would be getting some respect from Western Europe. You sure don't get it now.

In all of Michel Liesnard's letters I don't remember reading how he would solve the problem of terrorism. It's always easy to be negative than to give solutions. Not retaliating didn't work for the US. Retaliation seems to work for Israel."

Ray Scott (West Germany): "Your call for the US to withdraw from NATO is interesting... ..and although I don't agree that we should pull out, I feel that troop reductions especially if in concert with similar Soviet reductions in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, are in order. Those who would like to read an interesting account of why the Europeans don't really need us to help them militarily should read The Threat: Inside The Soviet Military Machine, written by an Australian named Andrew Cockburn and published by Random House. Briefly, the writer asserts that the hue and cry from the American Military/Industrial complex for a huge military to counter the Russians is based on many false claims, ranging from an inflated account of the size of the Red Army to gross overestimation of the potential

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"lethality of Russian weapons....I feel that the Germans alone could stop a Russian invasion of West Germany. Having visited Czechoslovakia, I also get the idea that certain Warsaw Pact countries would be rather dubious about supporting such an attack. And don't overestimate the desire of the East Germans to kill their friends and relatives to the west.

There are two other letters in EE 49 to which I would like to reply. The first actually concerns your reply to Steve Langley, wherein you quote Jaap Jacobs as saying that he is reluctant to "trust an ally who doesn't hesitate to hijack planes of allied nations". I assume he is referring to the forcing down in Italy of the Egyptian plane carrying criminals from the Achille Lauro affair. This angers me a bit, as I wouldn't refer to the action of government agencies in capturing crooks, especially murderers, as a hijacking. The important thing to me was that these people were captured, so they can be tried under law and given just punishment, if found guilty. Let's say you are kidnapped along with your family, and one of the members of your family is killed. The action took place in Belgium, and the kidnapers try to escape to France. Somehow, the car in which they flee is overtaken by German police and they are caught. Did the Germans hijack this car? Is the bottom line different because we are talking about an airplane and an air force rather than a car and a police force? Action to take custody of alleged criminals is wrong only if it violates rights...and the pilots of the Saratoga did not see the hijackers as having a right to escape.

But I really didn't start to see red until I read Michel Liesnard's comments about the Americans: "Where were you when we were bled white at Verdun...stopped the German imperialists over the Marne". Well, my friend, with my dress uniform I wear a decoration called a French Fourrage, awarded to my unit, the Third Infantry Division, for action on the Marne River. Indeed, we are called the Marne Division to this day, and our motto is "Nous Resterons La" ("We are staying there"). When the French and British began to fall back under pressure, a French general asked Major General Dickman what he would do and that was his reply. So don't ask me about the Marne.

Of course, we wanted to avoid war as does anyone who is sane. Even before the World Wars, we helped the allies to fight by providing aid, and during the second war, we alone provided most of the arms for all the "good guys". And in closing, allow me to ask Mr. Liesnard a question concerning his lovable, brave, courageous noble French. What small democratic country was sold down the river to Nazi barbarism by its allies in Munich in 1938? Czechoslovakia. And what nation had promised in a treaty to protect this small country? France. So don't talk about nobility and gallantry and democratic principles...had the French and British fought with the Czechs in 1938, the Czechs (who at the time had a larger army than Hitler) might even today be a great democracy. Talk about the bad old Americans...and let he who is without sin toss the first stone."

□ Public opinion both in Europe and America supported the sell-out of Czechoslovakia as being for the greater good. Michel meant the First Battle of the Marne, there were two, and the first was in 1914 when the French stopped the German war machine in its tracks and saved France. I intend to read the Cockburn book!

Dave, the US might get some "respect" from Western Europe if we withdrew our forces but I wouldn't want them withdrawn unless I knew that the "allies" were fully capable of defending themselves. And they are.

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John Wilman (United Kingdom): "Perhaps I can spell out in simple language the message which your correspondent Rob Winslow is apparently too obtuse to understand: the reason why certain Arabs think and act as they do.

Zionist Israel, with encouragement and massive funding from America, is carrying out a policy of systematic genocide against the Arab people of Palestine. Thousands of innocent women and children are massacred, yet no one takes any notice. If one American is harmed, however, the whole world is made to take notice.

I cannot understand an act of terrorism, let alone condone it, but if I were a man who had seen his land stolen and his family killed, I might feel differently. These people have nothing left to lose, and unlike your own Red Indians, they are not prepared to go quietly.

On a less depressing subject, I cannot see why the USA should want to leave NATO, since it allows them to park nuclear missiles in the European countries of

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WE'LL KILL AMERICANS FIRST'

100 death squad
groups strike ship
with 430 aboard

their choice, against the wishes of the majority of the population. As a US general candidly admitted: "We fought World Wars I and II in Europe, and if you are dumb enough to let us, we'll fight the next war there as well."

As you readily acknowledge, the 1st World War made America rich, and was only entered when the Germans sank an American ship. In World War II, it took Pearl Harbour before military as opposed to economic aid was belatedly supplied. Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that more American lives were lost in Vietnam, defending a corrupt regime, than in liberating Europe from the tyranny of Fascism.

This slanted view of history is not meant as moral condemnation. The USA, like every nation, acts in what it considers to be its own best interests. As a great superpower, it usually gets its own way. On the few occasions when it doesn't we Europeans find the gut reaction of your red-necked brigade rather worrying. Especially when "the most powerful man in the world" is a senile clown who would disgrace any public office.

Of course if we didn't have to pay so much for your expensive and useless nuclear hardware, we could afford to maintain a level of conventional defence spending which would enable your boys in Europe to return home, to be sent elsewhere to kill in the name of Democracy. This would not necessarily weaken NATO.

Until such a sensible policy prevails, airport terrorists notwithstanding, you are still safer as an American in Europe than you would be in Chicago or California." Glover Rogerson (United Kingdom): "Politics: The recent spate of pro-American sentiment doesn't interest me. I find it hard to sympathize with what I see as an economic and military bully getting upset because its opponents are using one of the few weapons left to them. Terrorism isn't pretty, and it isn't fun and it isn't nice. But terrorists are still freedom fighters to a lot of people and until the USA understands why, then hi-jacking Egyptian planes won't solve anything.

I've rambled on far too much, and also not enough, because my arguments aren't fully developed, for which I apologize."

[7] God, why don't the American networks show opinions like these---we'd be out of NATO in no time! This was one of Glover's reasons for cutting trades with EE, and I agree your arguments aren't fully developed because you seem to be saying that the USA should try to understand the terrorists by paying attention to them yet you, because EE doesn't act in the manner you like, cease contact altogether. I'll tell you one thing: I will try to understand the "whys" about terrorists if you explain to me, as was mentioned in EE #50, page 10, why these "freedom fighters" did not release a 16-month-old Canadian infant during that Malta hi-jacking who died with its mother during the subsequent rescue attempt. Tell me who regards this action as fighting for freedom and what Canada, in your opinion, should understand from it? You'll get the EE your "developed" comments appear in.

John, if England did not wish to have the missiles in your country, why are they there? Is England such an economic, military and political pygmy compared to Norway and Denmark that it, unlike they, cannot have its will carried out? Both Norway and Denmark are NATO members and both stated that no missiles would be permitted on their soil. Their governments represented their people. Why didn't England's or is that America's fault too?

Americans fought in Europe during both World Wars because that's where the war was, John. You Europeans have plunged the world into wars for centuries; pity you still can't get along and see that, at long last, you need to work together both in NATO and the Common Market.

The US did not enter World War I because the Germans sank a US ship. Read your history, then we'll discuss this some more. Lend-lease was the "economic as opposed to military aid" you characterize as being all we gave the allies before Pearl Harbor. Again, you need to reread your history. We gave England, on the first day of Lend-lease naval equipment and supplies including 28 motor torpedo boats. We sent Greece guns and shells. We seized 65 Axis or Axis-controlled ships in US ports and interned their seamen. We relieved British soldiers in Iceland by taking your place. ((continued on page 26))

What's in

Places that most tourists perceive as being free of terrorism—
Australia
Soviet Union
Scandinavia
Fahiti
China
Switzerland
Canada

What's out

Places that some tourists are shunning because of fear of terrorism—
Middle East
Italy
Greece
Tunisia
Paris
London
Vienna

EXECUTED

— for being American



12 U.S. passengers
marked for death
ATLANTA, N.Y.

Terrorists veil Paris with fear

The US agreed to patrol the ocean almost to Iceland and protect Allied ships within those waters, releasing British ships for use elsewhere. We gave the British information on where German subs were located. And

we dropped death charges against the German submarines. All this without declaring war and it doesn't sound only "economic" to me.

57,000 Americans died in Vietnam. Using the same chart, 405,000 Americans died in World War II but 292,000 are listed as battle deaths which stopped fascism in both Europe and Asia and the majority of the deaths were in Europe. American casualties in the Battle of the Bulge were 106,502. In the Pacific War, from Australia in 1942 to Tokyo in 1945, Americans sustained 90,437 casualties, much less than the Bulge Battle in Europe alone. In World War I, Americans suffered 53,000 battle deaths, all in Europe. Isn't that enough?

I don't think the US "usually gets its own way." As for Reagan being a "senile clown", I'd prefer him to European leaders who cooperate with the PLO and do business with Khadafy. I also think England could afford to do more conventionally regardless of "nuclear warfare". After all Maggie sighed she couldn't give nurses any pay raises but then turned around and lurched into the Falklands War and is even now building up a prohibitively expensive "Fortress Falklands". If you English can traipse off to the South Atlantic to fight a colonial war, you don't need American troops defending Europe.

As for Israel, your contention that they, with the "encouragement and massive funding from America" are carrying out a "policy of systematic genocide" is stupid, ridiculous and on a par with Jan Feringa's comparison of the present-day US with Nazi Germany. Too bad your compassion doesn't extend to the 6 million murdered Jews of World War II; you might understand why they are so tenacious. The Palestinians have never suffered anything remotely like the Holocaust.

For the record (again), I am pro-Israel but I do not back everything the Israeli state does. I was against their war in Lebanon, the air raid on Tunisia and the hijacking of the Libyan airliner as well as the attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor. I, especially during the Lebanon war, found the Israeli leaders to be arrogant and pig-headed and I can't stand Begin. I was ashamed of my country for vetoing the censure of Israel over the Libyan hijacking but what about your country? Your country, as with so many Western European countries so many times, abstained on that resolution. Why didn't England condemn it? No, don't tell me, it's the fault of America too, right? My, what a convenient scape-goat we are for you Europeans. That's another reason I want out of NATO. Perhaps if you people have to assume ultimate responsibility for your own defense, you'll start putting blame where it belongs.

As for being safer in Europe than in Chicago or California, I doubt it and don't intend to chance it. I've been to all three areas and I know enough not to be in certain spots in Chicago or California at certain hours--but even if I were, I wouldn't be killed or tortured merely because I was an American, unlike Europe.

By contrast, I visited Europe in 1983. Since then the hotel I stayed at in London (The Rubens) had a bomb planted in it, probably by the IRA. In Liege, which I visited, ~~had~~ a terrorist bomb blow up in the palace of its prince-archbishops. Many Americans are reconsidering travel to nations which seem cozy with the terrorists and that is your financial loss, not ours. I'll opt for Chicago or California any time.

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Brian Creese (United Kingdom): "For the most part I am content to enjoy spectating, but I felt I had to comment on your line: "What kind of religion condones the murder of helpless victims?"

I know what you mean, of course, but you must be aware of the history of the Christian religion, which has more massacres on its conscience than I've had pints of beer. When religions are strong, or in the ascendancy, they attempt to represent the "one true way" which means their followers tend to get over-enthusiastic and slaughter all non-followers of the "one true way". Indeed, in Christianity, such non-followers were (are?) perceived as agents of the devil and deserve to be liquidated. For hundreds of years Christians formed bands--organised and otherwise--and set off to slaughter the Infidel in followers of Islam. And the Jews of course. Jewish

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"communities have been regularly massacred in Europe for a thousand years.

The sort of religion which countenances the slaughter of the innocent is one like Christianity--or Islam. Seen with any sort of historical perspective, there is astonishingly little to choose between them.

Ho-hum. From this you may gather that I have recently been studying the history of the church. Expect learned(?) articles in NMR! soon! [NMR! is Brian's zine]

Ron Brown's comments on the lack of international news in the USA confirmed the impression of all those I know who have been to America. Presumably this is simply because other countries do not impinge on the US in the same way. In Europe we have got used to rubbing shoulders with each other, and international news is of central importance. I'm sure this attitude to news is pretty responsible for the differences in perspective between Europe and the US which I referred to earlier."

□ Yes, I grant that the Christian church has been in the forefront of persecution of innocents. The Christian church backed slavery here in the South for instance. But I tended to think that mankind had come to some commonly understood standards of behavior within the last 100 years or so. Obviously the Holocaust was an exception. Japanese soldiers during World War II treated Allied soldiers according to their own standards of behavior, i.e. you are disgraced if you do not fight to the death and no treatment is too severe for a living defeated enemy.

As a modern-day civilized people, we are more enlightened than these terrorists, who act like it is the 14th Century or that they are a law unto themselves. There can be no acceptable excuse for their behavior. The things they do they wouldn't want done to their brothers, sisters, mothers, children. These terrorists and their supporters are just what the Canadian man who lost his wife and 16-month-old baby on Malta called them: "butchering animals." And they must be held accountable.

Ron Brown's American subscribers deluged him with letters and newspaper clippings showing that there is no lack of international news for those Americans who want to be informed. I consider myself very well-informed on world events both current and past and I just can't understand some of the cock-eyed views that some Europeans have about Americans and who profess to be realistically aware of the world about them. If I've discovered one thing, it is that Europeans are not any smarter than Americans even if some of them can speak 2 or 3 languages.

Next up is a letter from Pete Fuchs which ties in with part of Brian's letter. Pete is a Canadian who has lived in the United States for several years.

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Pete Fuchs(Colorado): "I find my views of the relationship between Europe and the US to be considerably at odds with most of the opinions expressed by North Americans so far in EE. So much so that it is hard to know where to start. The assumption that what a country did or did not do over forty years ago is an indication of what that country would do today is a dubious one. A whole generation has passed, the people influential at the time no longer are involved in decision-making, and the entire attitude of the common folk is substantially changed in most countries. The constant reference to events of World War II in debating current situations such as the value of NATO is unwarranted.

The Americans who have written seem to take the opinion that they are doing Europe a favor by participating in NATO. Each country is free to do what they think is in their best interests. The US is in NATO because it wants to be, not because someone forced them to be. When all the pros and cons have been debated and all the negotiations concluded, each country's participation is their own decision and should not be viewed as doing someone else a favor. Similarly, the US involvement in World War II may have saved Europe but the reason the US fought was because it was in their best interests to do so. For the present-day Americans to think that present-day Europeans are in debt to them because of the war is ridiculous.

Those Americans who are upset that Americans are generally ^{not} liked in Europe should look more closely at themselves. There is a tendency for the US to think that because they are more powerful that they are more correct in their opinions and that their views should carry more weight. When evaluating a situation all ideas should be considered equally in my opinion without regard to the amount of clout of the person/country expressing the idea. Each country is free to take whatever action they decide upon and those with the most power will usually be able to take more effective action, but that does not make them any more or less right.

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THAT DOES IT! I'M AN AMERICAN! I DON'T HAVE TO SIT STILL AND TAKE THIS!

GET YOUR COAT. WE'RE GOING TO SEE RAMBO AGAIN.



LETTER COLUMN...Continued from page 21

The US is a very ethnocentric country. As one Canadian commented, it is difficult to get meaningful international news in the newspapers of most American cities. The very best universities in the US offer perhaps the best education available in the world, but the education received by most Americans is woefully lacking regarding the rest of the world. The countries of Europe on the other hand are much more dependent on other countries and hence knowledge of things outside their own country is given far higher priority. When Europeans talk to Americans travelling in Europe they are frequently dismayed at the typical American ignorance coupled with the American view that Europe owes them something coupled with the American view that because the US is bigger, it is right. No wonder

American tourists are not well-liked. Besides, any tourist who has much more money to spend than the locals and tries to find his own cuisine rather than eat the local food tends to be looked down upon.

Americans have many desirable qualities and I don't wish to imply that I dislike them, but the area of foreign relations is one of their blind spots. The lack of tolerance and understanding shown by most of the Americans who have written EE on this subject is unfortunately indicative of much of the population but fortunately not true of them all!

Gary, this is certainly more harsh than I intended when I sat down to write. Feel free to edit as you see fit....I am not a student of history or political science and hence cannot claim any particular expertise. But I have lived in the US for 6 years during which I've travelled extensively within the country, have lived in Canada for thirty-odd years and have spent 2 years travelling throughout the Far East, the Middle East and Europe.

□ I agree with much of what you say and concede it without question. Americans are often boors when overseas. Like you, I wish more Americans would get deeply involved in international events--it would certainly change who we regard as our friends. But on the other hand, I don't care how boorish an American (or any other nationality for that matter) is, they should not be considered "fair game" for any terrorist who wants to take a shot at them, nor should that be viewed as being understandable. This primarily is what has me so upset with Western Europe presently. And I am so sick of the snide European superiority that they are somehow smarter than Americans. I would be interested in your views on the Europeans "who have written EE on this subject."

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Evans Givan (California, USA): "I'm with you on the travel to foreign lands. It just plain ain't worth the risk. Some day all this terrorism is going to come to a head. Only a fool couldn't see the trend. The Rambo fad and all the other revenge themes are screaming that the American people have had enough. Sooner or later, an administration is going to respond. Maybe Libya. History is being re-written while we watch. All the Vietnam vets are good guys, now. Remember when they were scum. Pretty soon we're going to be heading for the shores of Tripoli. Hope the bleedin' hearts are ready."

Bob Acheson (Northwest Territories, Canada): "Another hijacking has been forcibly ended, this time however it was with a large loss of life as 59 people were killed. The one hijacker who survived should be taken out and shot. I think that in cases like this where the guilt is clear, (not forgetting that these people shot some passengers before the rescue attempt) the system should forfeit the person's right to a trial. After all, why should any country's citizens pay for the upkeep of these people? Just give them the price of a bullet."

Ron Brown (California, USA): "What do you guys think about Col. Khadafy? It's too bad the world (i.e. NATO) hasn't had enough at this point in time. How many more massacres must take place before some action is taken? I'd like to see our European allies get together with us and try to deal with the source of these

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American officials struggled to keep their lips buttoned about Europe's refusal to back U.S. sanctions against Qadhafi. Fumed one diplomat in private: "We can't get the Europeans to do much more than sweep up the blood" left by Libyan-supported terrorist attacks.

"international murdering terrorists. I'll bet if each NATO allied nation (whose native soil has been the setting for most of these acts of barbarity) would contribute its best battle-ready division of infantry, Ronnie Reagan could be persuaded to foot the bill for the whole thing. Khadafy and his band of pirates are descendants of previous pirates. The Barbary Coast

pirates were dealt with in the most effective manner over a hundred years ago by military forces from the U.S. I think Khadafy has about come to the point where he should be dealt with similarly."

Jaap Jacobs (The Netherlands): "It's past midnight and I'm running out of inspiration. Nothing more to say, except that it is time that an assassination attempt on Khadafy was successful. Is it hypocritical to say that you would like to see someone murdered, but wouldn't want to perform the act yourself? Oh, I shouldn't think such things. Now I'll be kept awake all night by the problem of what I would do if I were in the position to finish off Khadafy."

□ Yes, Jaap, I think it is "hypocritical" for you Europeans to want the US to do your dirty work for you. Continue to enjoy your oil and trade with Khadafy. Jaap's, Bob's and Ron's comments were reprinted from their zines respectively Oxymoron, The Canadian Diplomat and Murd'ring Ministers.

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John Pack (Utah, USA): "When the ad says Rambo "grossed" a lot, I agree; "grossed" out a lot of people.

The political views of the Europeans never ceases to amaze me. It's pretty easy to believe in freedom and fight for it when Nazi Germany occupies your nation; it's entirely different when it's someone else's freedom. In fact, it's entirely left up to the United States.

It's true that we sat around during Verdun, while the French and British imperialists fought their German counterparts. No one's really going to claim that their side was "the right one" during that war, are they? Of course, the allied treaty was the main cause of the Second World War. What would that treaty have given us (except a worthless position as a member of the League of Nations)? Nada. Of course, the whole point is that we didn't want anything. Our allies have never paid us for "their war" though. We don't even ask for that though.

Of course, we wouldn't want to forget the Second World War. Where were the French/British/Belgian/Dutch/etc-liberating forces when Germany took the Rhineland? Austria? Czechoslovakia? Poland? Denmark? Norway? They were sitting on their duffs behind the Maginot Line.

Anyone who's studied the war knows that the French army was a big and virtually as well-armed as the German one at the beginning of the war. While the Germans were invading any of those little nations the French could probably have easily marched to Berlin. Did they? In fact, did they even fight for their own freedom? I expect that they'll do exactly the same thing when Russian tanks roll across Europe. But they'll scream loud and clear when the first few cross their borders. Of course, the French effort to retain Indochina was motivated by the same benevolent motives which have always determined the actions of that government. Why should we support the imperialism of any nation?

What I can't understand is why we still call Europeans "allies". I don't mind criticism when we do something wrong (like Vietnam), but it'd sure be nice to get a little support for what we do correctly (like taking the terrorists away from Egypt). Heck, let's nuke Lebanon and Tunisia and be done with all those terrorists! (I don't think that'd be a good solution however).

What we really need, of course, is just to get out of international affairs. Let the Soviets do as they please for a while. Course, the Europeans would hate us as much for that as they do right now. Hard to please everyone all the time, eh?

□ I understand much of your frustration with our European "allies" and think most of your points are right on target (You were joking about Lebanon and Tunisia, weren't you?) but you are much too hard on France and some of your historical points don't pan out. It would have been best had World War I been a negotiated peace with no victors. The vengefulness of the Allies did indeed cause a harsh treaty which was the seeds for the next war. Allied troops fought in Norway in 1940 when Hitler invaded. I doubt the French could have marched on Berlin in 1939-40.

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It doesn't get any better than this.

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HUMBOLDT HIGHLIGHTS



"Not another subzine?" I hear you say. Yes, another subzine! With this issue, EE will be known as THE subzine warehouse. And why not, Gary will let anyone print anything no matter how dumb, weird, or obscure it is. That's why I'm here.

I am Kevin Tighe living at 2026 Agate, Eugene, Oregon 97403. And this is a special edition of Humboldt. It has been housed in Jim Meinel's The Prince for the past three years and it's transferring over because Jim is winding down (unrolling?) TP. This issue contains material from these past Humboldts so as to give everyone a chance to see what I'm capable of in my more inspired moments. Don't expect anything fancy. Hmmm... I've never had an international audience before, hope my fingers don't cramp up.

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HUMBOLDT?

Yes, Humboldt. I attended Humboldt State University in Humboldt county, Calif. I rowed and coached with the Humboldt crew on Humboldt bay. During the summers, I worked in the Humboldt National Forest near the mouth of the Humboldt river in Nevada. So the name kind of grew on me. Humboldt, Humboldt, Humboldt, I love it.

The man responsible for all these "Humboldts" is Alexander von Humboldt (see above drawing) a German geographer who lived from 1769-1859. At the age of 30, he led a five year expedition through South America collecting plants and artifacts, charting stars, and rewriting maps. He then lived in Paris for the next 20 years filling 33 volumes with his observations in geology, anthropology, sociology, and biology. He was the originator of the term "plant geography", and proved vertical zonation of plants on mountains is similar to latitude vegetation changes.

In 1829, at the invitation of Czar Nicholas, he led a scientific expedition into The Urals and Siberia.

The last 20 years of his life was spent in Berlin writing "Kosmos", an account of Man's knowledge of the physical and organic universe. In his time, Humboldt was the most popular generalist in Europe. His fondness for the U.S. was well known and Americans found him to be accessible whenever they visited Germany. In South America, peasants were taught that he was "the man who named the plants."

Alexander only spent a few weeks in the United States, mostly in Washington D.C. But he was so well known that explorers, geographers, and just plain folks fell over themselves naming things after him. Even though most of his accomplishments are outdated now his name lives on in towns, counties, forests, rivers, and subzines. If there is something near you named after Alex von, please let me know. I care.

"It was reading Humboldt's earlier work that fired young Darwin to embark on a career combining geographical exploration and natural history. Shortly thereafter he accepted a position aboard the Beagle, the event that led to the Origin of the Species."

From "Cosmos" by Carl Sagan

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Speaking of Darwin, Kurt Vonnegut recently came out with a new book "Galapagos". A few years ago, Vonnegut said he couldn't write any more novels. He was right. His style is regressing, and when you're already a minimalist writer that doesn't leave very much. Recently, I was hibernating in a used bookstore mulling the decayed paperbacks when I discovered that the introduction to Vonnegut's first book, "Player Piano" was different than the one found in later printings. I think you'll find it interesting:

...It occurred when the wife and I stayed for a few days in Ithaca, New York. My wife insisted on visiting some friends of her's at their house. I had to go along because I had no friends in Ithaca. Still don't. When we arrived we found that my wife's friends had also invited some of their friends over especially to meet us. I regreted the rest of the evening.

After the meal, everyone was bored but only I would admit it. I'd yawn a lot and make frequent trips to the John. This is the only house I've been to that had a real John. John Douglas Co. was stamped right on the seat of the seat.



It was beautiful.

During one of my return trips to the living room I got a surprise. My wife, my wife's boring friends, and their boring friends were on the floor sitting

Humboldt continues...

around a colorful game board. It was explained to me that this was Diplomacy and I was going to have fun playing it. III Ho.

I hate board games, so I pulled out the Pall Mallis and smoked up a storm. Secretly I hoped cancer would claim me then and there, but to please the wife I agreed to play. The game lasted longer than I care to say. I moved Germany's black boxes around. They reminded me of coffins. I don't know why. I never saw a coffin in Germany, only piles of black burning bodies in Dresden. So it goes.

The game didn't livon the party any. All they ever did was talk their boring talk and move. I just sat there, nodded, smoked, and moved. They'd talk some more, move, and so on. Luckily, my coffins got eliminated early in the game. So I went into the kitchen and watched some healthy decadent TV. My wife's boring friends were right, I did have fun.

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Expressions Made Famous by the Donner Party

1. Eat your heart out.
2. Don't bite my head off.
3. Hey, give me a hand.
4. Here's something off the top of my head.
5. You wanna neck?
6. God, he really chewed my ass.
7. Keep your eyes peeled.
8. Don't tell me you're getting cold feet.
9. Well, you sure have me stumped.
10. Who wants gum?
11. Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah...
12. You make me sick.
13. Don't roll your eyes at me.
14. Cold hands, warm heart.
15. Where were you when they passed out brains?

Crew, Keaton, Loy, and the Universe

This is where I reveal myself to you; just have to undo these coat buttons. . . . ah. . . there! I'm 29, and recently moved to Oregon after living all my life in California. My chosen occupation is cartographer, but I've been known to dally as a dishwasher, delivery driver, baker, or most anything to keep me in food and rent. For recreation I row. Currently, I'm coaching the women's crew at the University of Oregon. Crew is a very fun sport but, alas, very bad for spectators. Races are 2000 meters long and often occur far from shore. Generally, people who row tend to drone on and on about the sport, boring friends to tears, so I'll move on (you're welcome).

As the title reflects I am a film buff, especially older films. In my opinion there isn't a better film comedian than Buster Keaton, nor a more beautiful actress than Myrna Loy (Thin Man, Best Years of Our Lives), and thank you Gary for putting her on November's cover. The only recent actress who comes close to Loy's ability and beauty is Mary Steenburgen (Time After Time, Cross Creek, Ragtime).

My favorite director is Frank Capra; favorite author - John Steinbeck; favorite music - varies on my mood, but I'll never tire of Dvorak, Beethoven, Pretenders, Dan Hicks, Benny Goodman, Ella Fitzgerald, David Bromberg, or Tom Waits.

Okay, those are the basics. I'll be fleshed out more as the issues go by. Oh yes, I also publish a small 'zine called Redwood Curtain where I do have an opening in a two-week game of Dip; \$7.00 gamefee, issues are 25 centavos. For a sample send a stamp. Two-week games are fast, furious, and fun. Give it a try.

Here's a new film coming out this Spring:

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...yet more Humboldt

ATHLETICS AND DIP

In the first issue of Humboldt I asked the question "Do athletics mix with Diplomacy?" My own experience says it does, but you wouldn't know that by reading the zines. Publishers never write about just getting back from an invigorating fencing match or water polo tourney. No one has written a letter proclaiming their fastest marathon time, and you never hear about a group of people at the annual DipCon breaking into a friendly softball game.

However, since I first asked that question I've learned that Scott Hanson plays soccer, Keith Sherwood enjoys badminton(!), Mark Luodi loves canoeing, Kathy Byrne is a great swimmer, and Mark Gruoh is (or was) into motocross. But that's not very many people. Does anyone else participate in sports?(He asks hopefully.) Surely you don't sit there all day typing zines or writing letters. So all you closet athletes, drop me a line and let me know what sport you enjoy. How many miles do you run after a stab? Why was your last goal disallowed? Help me show the world this hobby can sweat!

BASEBALLFOOTBALLSOCCERCREWTENNISSWIMMINGTRACKBASKETBALLBOWLINGSAILINGDIVINGPOOL

Many recent short stories have involved popular board games, such as Monopoly and Risk, in their story lines. Now I think if Diplomacy was popular enough it would also play a part in short stories, but not just any kind of story. A story with Diplomacy would HAVE to be volatile and bloody. Stephen King could do well with the subject. In fact he has; here is an excerpt of a new story of his soon to be published. The tentative title is "Tyro".

...The voice grew louder, "Now, NOW!" Kim's head rang with it's words. "Must I do this?" she thought. The voice shouted back, "Yes, YES, NOW!" She felt dizzy and sick. This was worse than a Black Sabbath concert. Her mouth tasted like vomit and chocolate ice cream. She made a gurgling sound; everyone around the board looked up.

"C'mon Kim, let's have your orders."

"They want orders," echoed the voice, "Give it TO THEM!" Kim knew the voice had control of her body, and she felt her mind quickly slipping away.

"Orders?!" she yelled out.

Everyone jumped back. "Hey Kim, don't be a sore loser."

She couldn't fight it any longer. "Okay kiddies, you want a war, we'll have a real one, here, now!" Slowly her Russian blocks began to move on their on. Ukraine to Rumania. Black Sea to Ankara. Prussia to goddamn Berlin! As the other units pulled back, the German units burst into flame. Paul Ignited, too.

Wooden blocks flew like bullets, cutting through chests and limbs. Tom gave a lugent yell as he swelled and exploded. Nadine bounced off the wall onto Randall, who conveyed her through the window and down six floors.

"No Kim, please don't!" Jack crouched behind a chair, his frog-like eyes staring at the bloody carnage. "Kim, this is Jack. I never attacked you." Unflinching, Kim floated two feet off the ground. "I was going to ally with you on the next turn, honest." He saw her shake violently. "Jesus, I supported you in Sweden!"

But Kim was gone, only her body remained. Floating. It stared down at him, and in a horribly deep voice that has forever caused men to lose control of their bowels said, "You're in C.D. Jack."

Alright, that's Humboldt. No games, no recipes, no press clippings, no chronology of the search for DIA, and no luscious babes. It's amazing that it's still around. From now on it will be about a page long with a free-floating format. You can write to me if you like, or don't write. I'll publish this sucker anyway.

Any questions? Any answers? Any rage, any bones, any bottles today? *JK*

Play List:

Soccer *****
Baseball *****
Football **
Crew *****
Hacky Sack ³

Kevin



THE LIFERS - 1986 BALLOT....Vote for up to five selections per category. Spaces numbered 1 are for the "best", two for "second best", and so on. (Note "best" can also mean "hardest", "dirtiest", etc., depending on the category.) Don't fill in higher numbers while leaving lower numbers in the same category blank. (For example, if space 4 is filled in for the "Best Letter Column" category, make sure 1, 2, and 3 are filled as well.) DEADLINE is APRIL 18, 1986.

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1985 Freshman Zine/Subzine Poll

Yes, it's that time of the year again, folks - the 1985 Freshman Zine Poll is once again in our midst. This flyer is going out to all the publishers that I have addresses for. If you know of someone else who has a zine or subzine that qualifies, let me know. This is just the preliminary flyer. I would like you to publish this in your zines. I want all the Freshman zine publishers to send me their names and addresses and zine/subzine names so I can type up a master listing and start the Poll. A Freshman Zine is one that started within the previous year and had at least two issues in that year.

On March 1st, I will make a ballot with all the Freshman Zine and Subzine names on it (there will, of course, be room for write in votes) and the Poll will begin. Voting will take place during the months of March and April. I will tabulate the votes and should have the results out the first week of May.

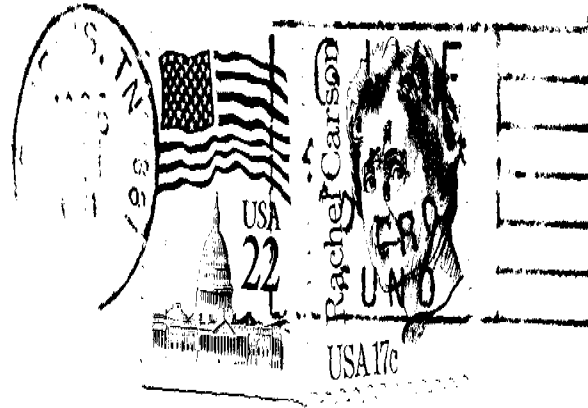
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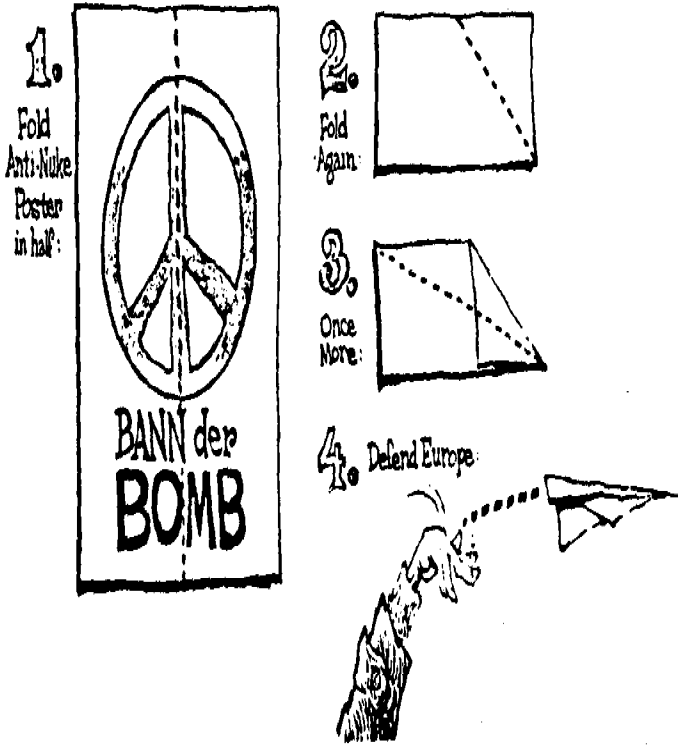


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