

JUMP FEET FIRST INTO ADVENTURE... as a Malmberger--what other zines call a standby. When you become a Malmberger, you get 2 EEs added to your sub at once and you will only be called for one position at one time, no overkill or overload! And if you play your position out to either elimination or to the game's end, you get 4 more EEs. Join these 25 adventurous Malmbergers: Bob Addison, Steve Arnawoodian, Derwood Bowen, Don Del Grande, Teijo Doornkamp, Michael Ditz, Stephen Dycus, James Early, Jerry Falkiner, Nick Felella, Evans Givan, 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, Dennis Walker and Jeff Zarse. Thank you all!

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**YOU CAN HELP MAKE ROSITA AN ORPHAN,
OR YOU CAN TURN THE PAGE.**



WE'RE THE CONTRAS, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. FINANCIAL HELP. YOU SEE, SINCE CONGRESS CUT OFF DIRECT MILITARY FUNDING WE'VE BEEN SEEKING MONEY FROM PRIVATE SOURCES. MONEY FOR GUNS, AND GRENADES, AND MINES. WE'VE ALREADY KILLED MANY PEOPLE. PEOPLE IN VILLAGE MILITIAS, WHO SUPPORT A GOVT WE DON'T LIKE. PEOPLE LIKE ROSITA'S FATHER. WOULDN'T IT BE A SHAME TO STOP NOW?

LET ME HELP! I WANT THE WEAPONS MY DONATION PAYS FOR TO CREATE AS:

BOY ORPHAN

GIRL ORPHAN USE MY DONATION WHERE IT'S NEEDED LEAST



DO YOU WANT BACK ISSUES OF EUROPA EXPRESS?

HOW DID
ALL THIS
HAPPEN?



I've been doing a lot of house-cleaning and straightening up and have organized my backlog of EEs. From time to time, some of you have asked me if back issues were available and I'd always hem and haw because I knew it would take a major effort to find out. Now I have and here is a list of the issues (and the number available) I have on hand. Issues 1-9 were open-page and, beginning with #10 have been digest format. Issues 3-48 will cost North Americans 60 cents US (Europeans \$1.00 US), and 49 to the present will cost North Americans \$1.20 US (Europeans \$2.00 US). I can deduct it from your current sub account if you wish and this will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

To know how much you have in your sub account, look at your address label. Using me as an example, it would be: "Gary Coughlan (60)(5)". Since this is issue #53, it means my sub is good til 60 and 5 of my remaining 7 are at the new rate of \$1.20 per issue so I have 5 X \$1.20 plus 2 X .60 for a total of \$7.20. The issues are:

#3 (11 copies on hand), #4 (8), #5 (9), #10 (2), #11 (2), #13 (5), #14 (2), #19 (21), #20 (19), #22 (12), #23 (6), #24 (4), #25 (2), #26 (5), #27 (14), #28 (15), #29 (9), #30 (7), "A" (My Europe trip, 3 copies on hand), #31 (15), #32 (19), #33 (13), #34 (39), #35 (21), #36 (6), #37 (27), #38 (20), #39 (10), #40 (9), #41 (15), #42 (17), #43 (50), #44 (6), #45 (32), #46 (38 copies on hand, most are damaged copies), #47 (13), #48 (41), #49 (6), #50 (6), #51 (10) and #52 (19).

The 211 Voters in the 1986 Runestone Poll (see pages 48

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If your name is listed here, you can receive the complete results of the poll for \$1.00 if you are not a publisher who published the ballot in ^{which} case you get it free. The voters had the option of casting their ballots to Bruce Linsey or Nelson Heintzman; 15 of the 211 voted through Nelson. Nice to see Europeans joining the voters' list. one vote even came from Gabon in Africa!

Freshman Zine Poll Results 1985
RANKED BY PREFERENCE

RANK	VOTES	AVERAGE	PREF	ZINE TITLE
1	12	8.42	11.67	Masters of Deceit
2	13	8.08	9.00	Praxis
3	7	6.00	8.86	Send Me a Post Card
4	10	7.30	8.20	Excelsior
5	17	8.00	7.53	It's A Trap!
6	13	7.54	7.46	The Canadian Diplomat
7	11	7.18	7.36	Redwood Curtain
8	10	6.00	6.20	Yes Virginia...Santa Claus
9	16	6.94	6.19	Rebel
10	12	6.17	5.67	The Alamo City Times
11	7	4.57	4.71	The Not For Hire
12	12	6.00	4.58	The Razor's Edge
13	10	5.70	4.10	Foundation

Zines receiving fewer than five votes were not ranked.

VOTES	AVERAGE	PREF	ZINE TITLE
1	8.00	21.00	Kathy's Matchall Korner
2	10.00	12.00	Bread and Circuses
1	5.00	11.00	Not Really Not NY
3	6.33	5.67	Trax
2	2.50	0.00	Omnipotent

There were 25 zine ballots cast.

Freshman Subzine Poll Results 1985
RANKED BY PREFERENCE

RANK	VOTES	AVERAGE	PREF	SUBZINE TITLE
1	9	7.78	5.22	High Inertia
2	11	7.00	4.55	Shadowplay
3	13	6.15	2.85	Who Cares?
4	7	5.71	1.43	Megadiplomat
5	14	5.36	1.29	Butter Battles

Subzines receiving fewer than five votes were not ranked.

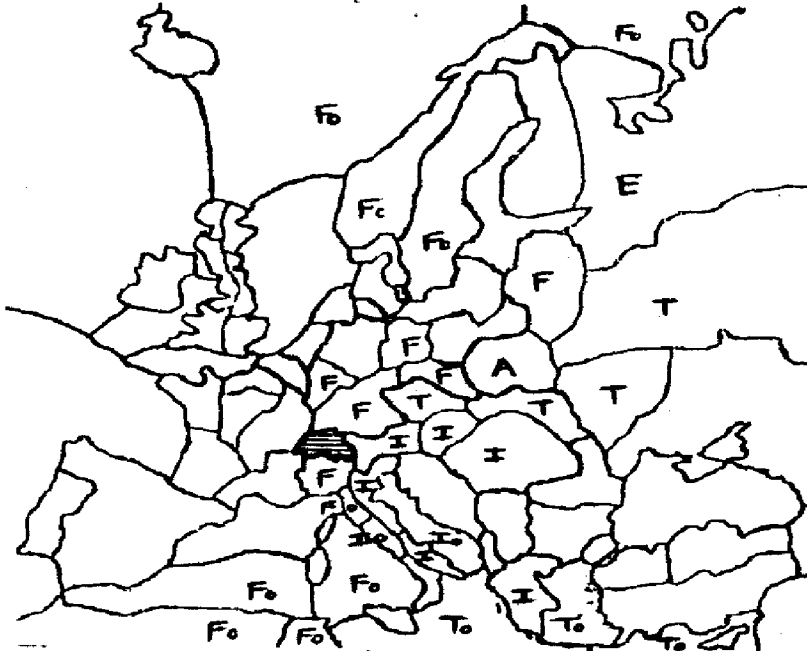
VOTES	AVERAGE	PREF	SUBZINE TITLE
3	6.67	5.67	Screed
3	6.00	4.67	Revolt Against the Masses
2	2.50	0.50	12 Pages of Homosexual Crap
1	4.00	0.00	Cubist's Corner

There were 21 subzine ballots cast.

This poll is run each year and each year the list is completely different. The poll is for only the zines which began during the year. Daf Langley is the pollster and we congratulate her and hope these new publications remain with us a long time!

EXILED ENGLISH TURN TO NEW KING CLAUDE AS FRENCH NOW THREATEN THEM FROM LIVONIA TOO!!!
 FRENCH LEADER PREDICTS THE END OF WAR IN ONE YEAR AS ITALIANS DIE IN TUNIS!!!
 THE TURKS PROVIDE A CONVOY AND SUPPORTS FOR THEIR ALLIES WHILE OCCUPYING BOHEMIA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1908 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG
 § GM: Monsieur Gâreaux L.
 Goughlânniqué
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1909
 § ZAT: Friday, July 25, 1986
 § GAME COLOR: Vert

¶ GAME NOTES: Claude Gautron is now the player of record for England.

§ Annihilation This Time:
 Italy's Fleet Tunis.

A concession to France is proposed. Vote with your next orders. Remember a "no vote received" (NVR) counts as a "yes" vote.

Your cartoon is from Mary Worth. See you in July!



The Quadruple Alliance Learns That France Is Now At 17!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1908 §

ANGLETERRE: A (SPP) S Turkish A Mos:
 (Monsieur Claude Gautron)

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A (WAR) S Turkish A Mos-Lvn
 (Monsieur Mike Mills) (NSO)

FRANCE: F Wes-(TUN), F (NAF) S F Wes-Tun
 (Monsieur Mark Frueh) F Mao-(WES), F Lyo-(TYS)

F (TUS) S F Lyo-Tys, A (PIE)-Tyo, A Pru-(LVN), A Sil-(FER), A Boh-(SIL)
 A (MUN) S A Boh-Sil, A Bar-(RUH), F Nwy-(SWE), F Nih-(NWY), F (PAR) S F Nih-Nwy
 F Nao-(NWG)

ITALIE: F Tys-(ROM), A Alb-(APU), F (TUN)@@@-Wes, A (GRE) Holds
 (Monsieur Marvin Baker) F Ven-(ADR), A Tri-(VEN), A (TYO) S A Vie,
 A (VIE) S A Tyo, A (BUD) S Turkish A Rum-Gal

TURQUIE: F (ION) C Italian A Alb-Apu, A (MOS) S English A Stp
 (Monsieur Jerry Lucas) A (UKR) S Austrian A War, F (AEG) Holds
 F (EAS) Holds, A Gal-(BOH), A Rum-(GAL)

Memphis to Iliad: Your 1908 Supply Center Chart is on page 6.
 [FRENCH HEADQUARTERS]- Captain Marcus du Frue is given the secret battle plans which will give France the 17th and 18th economic and political centers of Europe. Thus forever giving France its glory and strength. Marcus speaks briefly with captured German general James Von Burgesse: "Well, General, Fall 1909 will be the end of the war. This fall attack shall give France the strategic positioning to take St. Petersburg and Tunis."

"Ach, und I never thought you were going to survive after your Winter 1901 debacle", the humbled Burgesse explained.

"Just goes to show you what a few good stabs can do for a country," the cheerful Captain said, departing out to the Eastern Front. Marcus did wonder to himself what would be the fate of the Austrian 6th Army after France achieved her objectives?
 ((More press on page 6))

§ 1908 Supply Center Chart §

	Gains	Loses	Retains	Has	Builds/Removes
ANGLETERRE:			Stp	1	No Change
AUTRICHE-HONGRIE:			War	1	No Change
FRANCE:	TUN		Home, Spa, Por, Bel Hol, Kie, Ber, Mun, Edi Lpl, Lon, Den, Swe, Nwy	17	+2
ITALIE:		XXX	Home, Tri, Gre, Ser Vie, Bud	8	No Change
TURQUIE:			Home, Bul, Rum, Sev Mos	$\frac{7}{34}$	No Change

Memphis to Iliad: Now for some more of the Virgin's Tale.....

[THE VIRGIN'S TALE]- The Virgin dressed to the sounds of John's heavy breathing. The thought crossed her mind to take off and abandon him as he had her. But she had no way to abandon anyone. His explanation that he had gone off to get breakfast didn't satisfy her. After all, he could have woken her up and let her know he was leaving. Besides where would she go? The most frightening thing was she still couldn't remember where home was. She had hoped that after her sleep things would fall back into place and she would remember where to go, but John's arrival destroyed whatever peace of mind she might have recovered.

Except for John, the house was empty. She decided to sit and try to gather her thoughts. She stared at the phone on the wall but no direction, no plan, no numbers came to mind. She was beginning to doubt whether she had ever used a phone before. She picked up the phone off the cradle and held it to her ear. The hum of the dial tone was familiar, almost a comfortable sound. She raised her finger to the dial hoping she would dial a familiar number without thinking. Maybe she had more brains in her finger than her head. She waited with her finger over the dial.

"Judy."

She turned as she heard her name called from the bedroom.

"I can tell you like me," he said as he started down the hall.

"What do you mean?"

"Well, you didn't chew your arm off to keep from waking me up--you know--
--coyote ugly."

He was hardly coyote ugly, yet neither was she. Judy!!! Her name! That was it! Maybe she had a last name too?

"You called me Judy," she said.

"Of course, that's your name. That's what you said it was."

"What's my whole name?"

He smiled and said, "Gunt."

Memphis to Iliad: See y'all next month!

For Europeans



"Every time the TV sweeps roll around, I wish I had TWO or THREE VCRs."

Win
3 EEs!
Details
on page
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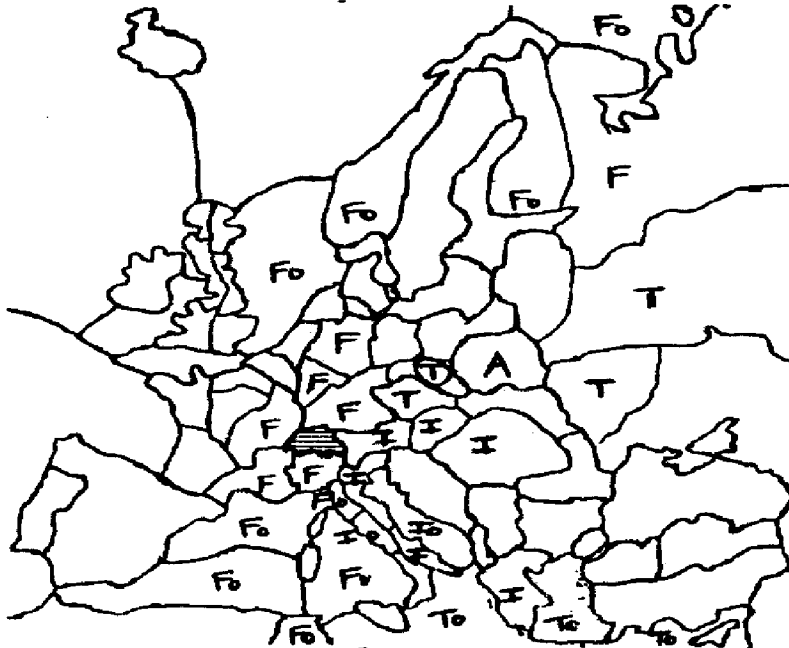
For North Americans



"The blue tits have been at the milkman again, Roger"

BLOODBATH IN ST. PETERSBURG AS FRENCH EXTERMINATE REMNANTS OF THE ENGLISH EMPIRE!!!
 FRANCE SALUTES HER ENEMIES' EFFORTS AND ANNOUNCES A FALL 1909 CEASEFIRE!!!
 THE VIRGIN WRAPS UP HER TALE AS TURKS OUST THE FRENCH FROM SILESIA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1909 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG
 § GM: Monsieur Gâreaux L. Coughlanniqué
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1909
 § ZAT: Friday, August 29, 1986
 § GAME COLOR: Vert

¶ GAME NOTES: A hearty round of thanks to Claude Gautron who played England to the end. This guy this season sent his order special delivery so it would arrive. That's what I call a classy competitor!

The concession to France failed.
 § Annihilation This Time: England's Army St. Petersburg.
 § Dislodgment This Time: France's Army Silesia. A dislodged unit is not shown on the EE maps but where a dislodgment took place is circled.

Your cartoon was done by EE subber Dan Wilson especially for countries eliminated in EE games.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1908 §

France: Build Army Paris, Army Marseille

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1909 §

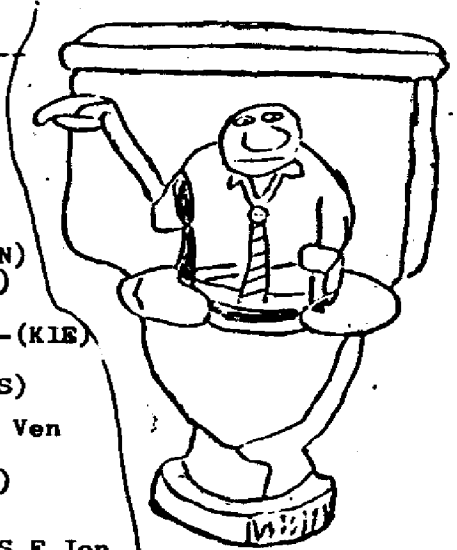
ANGLETERRE: A (STP) ~~was~~ S Turkish A Mos-Lvn(NSO)
 (Monsieur Claude Gautron)

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A (WAR) S Turkish A Mos-Lvn(NSO)
 (Monsieur Mike Mills)

FRANCE: A Lvn-(STP), F (BAR) S A Lvn-Stp, F Swe-(FIN)
 (Monsieur Mark Frueh) F (NWY) S A Lvn-Stp, F Nwg-(NTH)
 F (TUN) S F Tys, F (TYS) S F Tus, F (TUS) S F Tys
 A (PIE) S F Tus, A (MAR) S A Pie, A Par-(BUR), A Ber-(KIE)
 A (MUN) S Austrian A War-Mos(IMP), A (RUH) S A Mun
 A (SIL) ~~was~~ War(r-Ber-Pru-OTB), F Wes-(LYO), F Naf-(WES)

ITALIE: A (TYO)-Pie, A (VEN) S A Tyo-Pie, F (ADR) S A Ven
 (Monsieur Marvin Baker) F (ROM) Holds, A (APU) S F Rom
 A (VIE) S Turkish A Boh, A (BUD) S Turkish A Gal(OTM)
 A (GRE) Holds

TURQUIE: A Gal-(SIL), A (BOH) S A Gal-Sil, F (EAS) S F Ion
 (Monsieur Jerry Lucas) F (ION) C Italian A Gre-Nap(NSO)
 A (MOS) S English A Stp-Lvn(NSO), F (AEG) S F Ion
 A (UKR) S Austrian A War



BYE, BYE ENGLAND!!

France to I/A/T/E: Fall 1909 is coming up--it has been very enjoyable. I played far too conservative--you guys almost stopped me--thanks for the lesson.
 France to All: Napoleon has been avenged. Go ahead and burn Moscow again--we don't want it. Wrap up your stories and prepare your end game statements because next fall is the last move season. My units will be supporting each other.

Memphis to Iliad: Your press continues on page 8

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Turkey to Memphis: I've changed assignments and am temporarily without my word processor. Sorry about the handwriting. I'm now working in the San Jose Division and liking it much better.

Memphis to Turkey: San Jose is a beautiful city. Read the SJ Mercury and think of me! Now for the Virgin.....

[THE VIRGIN'S TALE END]- (Via Turkey): Judy's shock at the crude joke left her speechless. Up to that she had been amused by his ability to shock her with his quick wit. But this was too raw. He was smiling, but as she glared at him, his composure began to fade.

"I'd like to go home," she declared.

"Yeah, I guess it's time."

"Do you know where I live?"

"Don't you?"

"No, no I guess I don't. I've been so...." she began to cry.

"Hey, wait. When we met in El Dorado you said you were from Redwood City."

She took her hands from her face and it started to brighten. She began to laugh.

"Can you take me home? I'm tired of this."

"Sure, it's just up the peninsula. Will you be able to guide me when we get there?"

"Yeah. I'm better now. I feel like a cloud has been lifted. It's all so clear now. You've sure had your mark on me, but now I'm free." She gathered up her purse and shoes and joined him in the car. The drive took about 30 minutes and they said nothing until she directed him to take the turnoff to her home.

The Virgin stood beside the car, trying to discover how she felt about this guy with the little blue hat.

"Maybe I'll see you again at Poor Reds?"

"Maybe," she turned as she heard her sister Leslie running to greet her. They hugged and started talking at the same time. John watched for a time, slipped the car in reverse and left.

Memphis to Iliad: And so shall we until August 29th. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

NEW SUBBERS AND COAS (And Their Zine/Subzine)

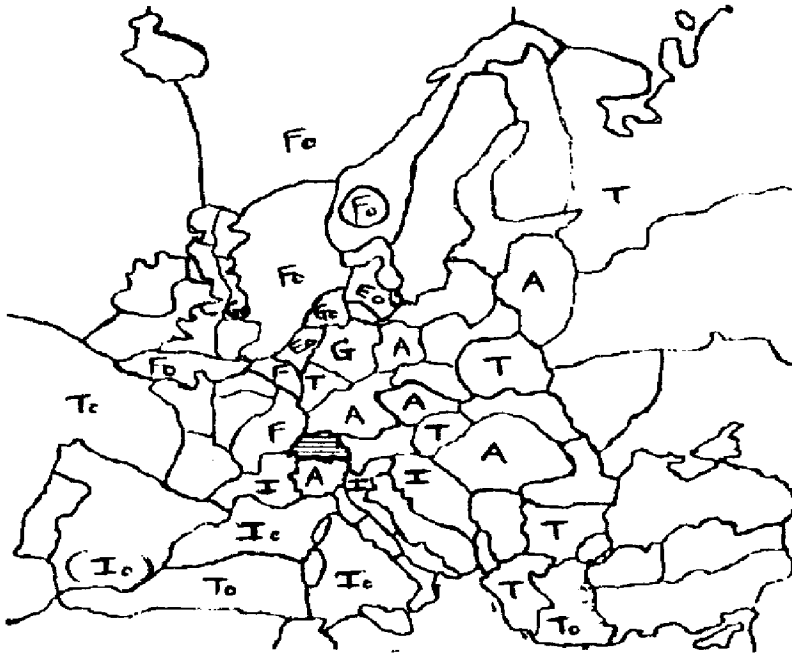
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WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY....NOVEMBER 1916...Continued from page 19.

"How I wish I could pour my will into your veins...Be Peter the Great, Ivan the Terrible, Emperor Paul--crush them all under you--now don't you laugh, naughty one." Nicholas wrote the Tsarina about their hemophiliac son: "The Little One is suffering from a strained vein in the upper part of his leg..During the night, he kept waking and groaned in his sleep. Fedorov has ordered him to lie quietly in bed."; England introduces "war bread"; John "Reds" Reed has kidney operation. During this time his wife Louise Byrant has an affair with Eugene O'Neill(see 11-3,11-9); The Western Front now has 3.9 Allied soldiers to 2.5 Germans; The Grand Sheriff proclaims himself King of the Hejaz further increasing the Arab revolt against their Turkish masters.

FRENCH FLEETS EXPEL THE ENGLISH FROM NORWAY AS SULTAN LENDS A HELPING HAND!!!
 GERMANS RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND WHILE AUSTRIANS ARE LEFT LEADERLESS!!!
 TURKEY ALSO SUPPORTS ITALIAN EXPANSIONISM INTO SPAIN AND TRIESTE!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1909 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH

§ GN: Effendi Garabul aL.
 Kofhlanmed

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1909

§ ZAT: Friday, July 25, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Blue

§ GAME NOTES: Now your game is in Turkish. I hope Ken will be back but am asking Ray Scott to Malmberg for Austria. He has your addresses and his is:

Sgt. Raymond S. Scott
 428-11-1926

B Company 3/63 Armor
 APO New York 09031 USA

The A-F-G-A-I-E draw failed. A I-E-A-T draw has been proposed. Vote with your next orders; a "No Vote Received" counts as a "Yes".

§ Annihilation This Time:
 Austria's Army Kiel.

§ Dislodgement this Time:
 England's Army Norway.

Your cartoon is from For Better Or Worse. See y'all in July!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1909 §

ALMANYA: A Hol-(KIE), F Lon-(YOR)
 (Effendi Nelson Heintzman) F (HEL)-Den

AVUSTURYA-FACARLIJAN: NER!! Gc Gc Has A (BUD) ⊗ A (PIE) ⊗
 (Effendi Ken Corbin???) ⊗ A (SOH) ⊗ A (LVE) ⊗ A (KIE) ⊗ ⊗
 ⊗ A (MUN) ⊗ A (BER)

FRANSA: F Bar-(NWY), F (NWG) S F Bar-Nwy, F Bel-(NTH)
 (Effendi Dave Carter) F (ENG) S F Bel-Nth, A Pic-(BEL),
 A (BUR)-Man

İNGİLTERE: A (NWY) Gc Gc-Stp (r-f-in-Sw) ⊗ TB
 (Effendi Pat Hart) F Nth-(HOL), F (DEN)-Hel

İTALYA: F Lyo-(SPA-sc), A (MAR) S F Lyo-Spa(sc)
 (Effendi ken Gestiehr) A Ven-(TRI), A Rom-(VEN), F Tys-(LYO), F Tun-(TYS)

TÜRKIYE: F (MAU) S Italian F Lyo-Spa(sc), A (TRI) S Italian A Ven-Tri (ISU)
 (Effendi John Pack) A (VIE) Unordered, A (STP) S French F Bar-Nwy
 A (RUH) S German A Hol-Kie, A Smy-(GRE), F (AEG) C A Smy-Gre, A Con-(BUL)
 A (WAR)-Lvn, F Naf-(WES)

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S
 AROUND THE CORNER!



1984 AH Continues:
 To be Full of
 Surprises!

[SWITZERLAND]- ly, my, it's beginning to look like Armageddon out there. Maybe the Jehovah Witnesses were right about 1914 after all?

Dike Scandinavia to GN: Doesn't Turkey remind you of France in 1981 IU?
 Remember what happened to him? History shall repeat itself! (Won't it?)

GN to England: 1981 IU doesn't ring a bell. How about some more details?!

Italy to Ght: Of course woodpeckers make good diplomats. They know how to get their "point" across!

GN to Italy: Well, you'll have to make the rest of yours on page 10 along with the rest of the press!

Dike Scandinavia to Rome: The yellow meanie still has designs on you. Play hard to get. Once you're gotten, you're thrown away.

Italy to France: Did Gary's article say woodpeckers reach 19 ~~19~~ centers? Thanks for your conservation contribution.

Italy to England: We'd still like to see a sanctuary in the British Isles!

Dike Scandinavia to Exiled Kaiser: You see! If you hadn't gotten cold feet, we'd be ready to take advantage of the Turkish stab. But would you listen?

Memphis to England: Well, if he didn't, maybe someone else did....

Dike Scandinavia to Paris: It's nice to know that you (finally) admit that you made a mistake by attacking me. Better late than never I hear.

Memphis to England: And now you've heard of the events in Norway...

Dike Scandinavia to Budapest: I hope it doesn't prove fatal to you.

[NORTH AFRICA]- (Via Turkey): The Sultan, whose naval forces have occupied this area for several years and who visited earlier this month in search of woodpeckers, pronounced during his visit that "if the war goes favorably, I'll make sure this area is never ruled by a quadafy!" The cheering Barbary crowds pledged their undying loyalty (that is, as long as there's no prospect of dying, they're loyal).

Dike Scandinavia to Constantinople: You must have been guzzling French wine. (What's in that stuff?). Someone who voluntarily gives tactical moves and sacrifices his homeland for a survival is obviously not an ally. How silly of me!

[CONSTANTINOPLE]- Unfortunately, as much as the harem loves woodpeckers (their chirps are the most favored of all), all of the woodpecker species in Turkey proper have died out much as in the southern United States. In fact, we joined this war originally because of the famous Russian woodpecker with the intent of capturing a few for the harem's enjoyment. Unfortunately (especially for those woodpeckers), the Russian scorched earth policy thwarted our goal. However, last year it came to the Sultan's attention that several of the Russian woodpeckers were being held in Austria (which, Turkish Intelligence reports, were being used by Emperor Ken to seduce members of the Sultan's harem, who so love woodpeckers). We followed the only possible course of action with all haste, of course. Earlier this month, upon learning of our plight, the Italian King offered magnanimously to repopulate Turkey with the even more famous and exotic Italian Woodpecker. May Russian woodpeckers cease to exist for all the trouble they've caused! Now that the reason for this war is gone, why don't we all just go home in peace? I'll just take Europe and you can split England....

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Proof, once again, that woodpeckers bring out the giving aspects of one's personality! See y'all next month!

NEW PICTURE CONTEST!



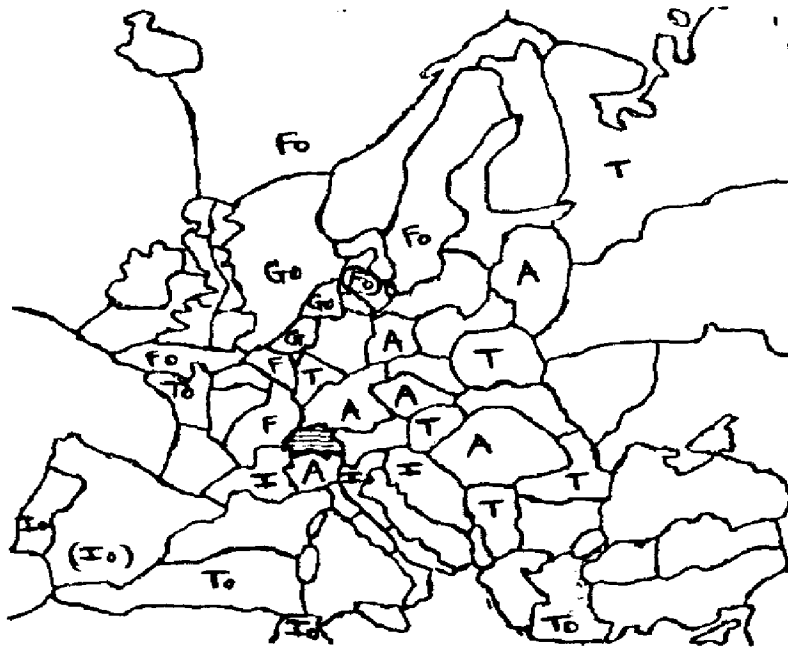
The results of the last picture contest are on page 20. I hope this picture turns out; if it does, it means y'all can send in color pics too as well as black and white.

The object is to guess the identity of the EE subber to win a free EE. But, if you are like most EE subbers you have no real idea of who the picture person is. But every picture tells you something about this person. Let's see how close your hunches come to the truth when his or her identity

is revealed in the next issue. The deadline for this contest is September 26, 1986. What is this guy doing? Is he a publisher, an ally in one of your Dip games, a Canadian (or an American or German, etc.)? What type of music does he like? What are his politics? Have you talked with him on the phone recently or written a letter to him this week? Is he a student or what is his job? Would you trust this face (1) in a face-to-face Dip game? Is he a poor Russia but a superb Germany? Why? And send in your picture and see what folks think of you based on it alone!

THE SULTAN REPLACES P.E.P.P.E.R. TREATY WITH S.W.E.A.T. PACT AS TURKS TAKE BREST!!!
 THE "PAPAL-INFIDEL ALLIANCE" WILL GIVE THE PARTNERS 3 BUILDS EACH THIS WINTER!!!
 STILL NO RULER IN AUSTRIA AS ENGLAND FACES BATTLEFIELD LOSSES WITH NO LEADER!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1909 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH

§ GM: Effendi Garabdul a.l.
 Kofhlammed

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1910

§ ZAT: Friday, August 29, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Sari

¶ GAME NOTES: As you players know (but subbers don't!), Ken Corbin resigned as Austria being replaced by Ray Scott.

Both Ray Scott and Pat Hart NMRed this time so I'm asking Jim Finley to Malmborg for Austria and Paul Gardner to Malmborg for England. All addresses will be on a separate page.

The I-E-A-T draw failed. Your 1909 SC chart is on page 12 but see notes in press right under it for an explanation of how it's done.

§ Annihilation This Time:
 England's Fleet Holland.

§ Dislodgment This Time: England's Fleet Denmark. Your cartoon is from Punch.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1909 §

Ingiltere: NRR!! ☹☹☹ GM retreats
 Army Norway off-the-board ☹

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1909 §

ALMANYA: F (HEL) S French F Nth-Den
 (Effendi Nelson Helntzman) A Kie-(HOL)
 F Yor-(NTH)

AVUSTURYA-MACARISTAN: NMR!! ☹☹☹
 (Effendi Ray Scott???) Has A (BUD) ☹
 ☹ A (PIE) ☹ A (BOH) ☹ A (LVN) ☹
 ☹ A (MUN) ☹ A (HER) ☹

FRANSA: A (BEL) S German A Kie-Hol
 (Effendi Dave Carter) F Nth-(DEN)
 F (NWG) S German F Yor-Nth, F (ENG)-Mao
 A (BUR) S Austrian A Mun-Ruh(NSU), F Nwy-(SWE)

INGILTERE: NMR!! ☹☹☹ Has F (DEN) ☹☹☹ (r-Bal-Kie-Ska-OTB) ☹
 (Effendi Pat Hart???) ☹ F (HOL) ☹☹☹ ☹

ITALYA: F (TRI) S Turkish A Vie-Bud(NSU), A (TRI) Unordered, A (VEN)-Pie,
 (Effendi Ken Gestlehr) F Spa(sc)-(POR), F Lyo-(SPA-sc), F Tys-(TUN), A (MAR)-Bur

TÜRKIYE: F Mao-(BRE), F (WES)-Mao, A (WAR)-Mos, A (STP)-Mos, A (VIE)-Bud
 (Effendi John Pack) A (RUH) S French A Bur-Mun(NSU), A Gre-(SER), A Bul-(RUM)
 F (AEG) Holds



Germany And France Take The Lead In
 Attacking England!!

Exiled Kaiser to Dike Scandinavia: It wasn't cold feet I was suffering from, but a warm backside caused by your constant little thrusts....

Memphis to Iliad: Your press continues on page 12 along with the SC chart.

§ 1909 SUPPLY CENTER CHART §

	Gains	Losses	Retains	Has	Builds/Removes
ALMANYA:			Hol, Edi, Lon	3	No Change
AVUSTURYA-MACARISTAN:		Tri, Spa, Por, Xxx	Bud, Ber, Mun	3	-3
FRANSA:	SWE, DEN	Xxx, Xxx, Xxx	Par, Lpl, Bel	5	-1
İNGİLTERE:	KIE	Xxx, Xxx	Nwy	2	Plays 1 short
İTALYA:	TRI, SPA, POR		Home, Gre Tun, Mar	9	+3
TÜRKIYE:	SER, RUM, BRE		Home, Bul, Sev Mos, Vie, War, Stp	12	+3
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Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: (Sorry, I put "Iliad" on the previous page! It won't happen again!). The Supply Center Chart needs some explanation. England has to retreat Fleet Denmark and Kiel is a possible retreat for that unit. Kiel, since the Germans left this season, remains an Austrian SC unless England retreats there. Your SC Chart is done as if England retreats to Kiel. However, if England does not retreat to Kiel, the only changes are (1) England owns one supply center and undergoes "No Change" and (2) Austria will have to remove 2 units, not 3 as listed above. Nine centers changed hands this time and last year in 1908, 8 SCs switched ownership. This game is very fluid!

[CONSTANTINOPLE]- Today's summit of world powers here brought varied reaction as the SWEAT Pact (Strategic Woodpecker Exchange Alliance Treaty) was signed by the leaders of Italy and Turkey. This treaty allows for re-population of many areas of the world, including Turkey, that may have suffered in the protracted war. This pact replaces the PEPPER Treaty (Pact Ending Pecker Population Elimination and Reduction) signed in early 1903.

Memphis to Constantinople: Mercy!

Italy to France: You expect mercy from me! Now that is a ho-ho-ho-hooo-ho!

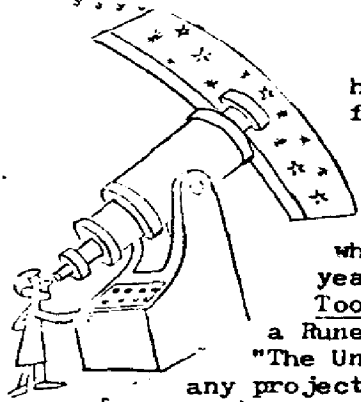
Germans-In-Exile to the Pope: There are many Catholic Bavarians aboard our ships at sea who follow the fortunes of the Papal-Infidel Alliance with interest. If they are expected to eventually acknowledge the joint primacy of both, a special Papal message to the faithful few would certainly help ease the transition, wouldn't you think? After all, not all Germans are die-hard reformationists.

Memphis to Germany: But are they "Spechteliebhaber"? (Woodpecker-lovers)

[MOSCOW]- (Via Turkey): Though the fall of the red tyranny has stunned the world, Russia would like to recognize the new red leader, Emperor Ray. The great and mighty Russian army (which may be recognized by all the white pieces on the board) also recognizes similar might in the Red Army. Unfortunately, the yellow mold also recognizes the Austrian army (that's how they know who to shoot at, after all).

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: The Austrians are trying to disguise their leader from you it seems, as well as the English exiles. Tune in next month to see who rules (choose two): Emperor Ray or Emperor Jim or King Pat or King Paul.....

FOCUS ON FAKES!



This EE Department appears whenever a fake appears in our hobby to give publicity to fakers who liven up things with their free fun and to give them feedback on their fake or spoof of existing zines or sometimes imaginary ones.

Only one this time which was a 4-page fake of what was purported to be the long-rumored last issue of Terry Tallman's North Sealth West George. It was postmarked Seattle, Washington where Terry lives. In it, "Terry" gave his views of the past year of hobby happenings, including one page of Doggie Poo Rises Too, a parody of Tallman's real-life Bad Doggie. One page was a Runestone ballot in which "Runestone" has been scratched out and "The Undarkside Poll" typed in. (Terry considered Bruce Linsey and any project associated with Linsey to belong to the "dark side" of the hobby). The fake was a good imitation of Tallman's style but it is fairly clear that it is a fake, and who did it. (12)

I won't name the faker because he is afraid that John Boardman, who authors fakers-(I was expelled from his zine) will cut his Graustark sub. Nice job, faker.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1912 §

ENGLAND: Gains: PAR
 (Mister Fred Winter) Loses:
 Retains: Home, Bre, Nwy, Spa, Por, 'In, Rom, Nap, Ven, Hol, Bel, Mar
 Status: +1 --Build Army London

GERMANY: Gains:
 (Mister Paul Goudreau) Loses: *Yax*
 Retains: Home, Den, Vie, War, Tri, Bid, Stp
 Status: -1 --NRR!! ~~(S)~~ ~~(W)~~ GM removes Army Bohemia

RUSSIA: Gains:
 (Mister Dave Carter) Loses: *Mps*
 Retains: Swe
 Status: No Change

TURKEY: Gains: MOS
 (Mister Helmut Schmidt) Loses:
 Retains: Home, Sev, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser
 Status: +2 --NBR!! ~~(S)~~ ~~(W)~~ Plays 2 short

§ TOTAL NUMBER OF SUPPLY CENTERS HELD IN WINTER 1912 §

England: 15
 Germany: 9
 Russia: 1
 Turkey: 9
 34

WORLD WAR CHRONOLOGY

Our Diplomacy game is based on World War I and that war was happening exactly 70 years ago so EE has been doing a day-by-day chronology of the war years, but not just of war events. After all Walter Cronkite, François Mitterrand, Judy Canova, Babe Ruth and Margaret Sanger all appear here too. Ditto for the Red Baron, Rommel, Hitler, Mata Hari, Lawrence of Arabia, Sarah Bernhardt, Jack London, Trotsky and even Sherlock Holmes' creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This issue we will do October and November 1916.

In brief, the Central Powers(Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey) were completing their conquest of Rumania while the Allies(England and France) were coercing Greece into joining them. Germany and Austria-Hungary, in hopes of winning Polish legions to aid them, promised to make Poland a free nation after the war. The Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph died after reigning since 1848! His grand-nephew Charles succeeded him and his Empress, Zita, still lives today(see page 19).

Food was becoming a problem, especially in Germany, and the Germans were pressing for a return to unrestricted warfare. Their subs, as illustrated by U-53(see Oct. 7), had by now an operating radius of 10,000 miles, a surface speed of 25 miles an hour and carried 6-inch guns with a range of about 3½ miles. If they could starve England out(whose supplies had to come by sea), they felt Germany would win.

Some of these individuals like Vera Brittain, John "Reds" Reed, Erwin Rommel and Adolf Hitler would achieve later fame. Countries, even allies, still quabbled ill-naturedly(see quotes from Oct. 2 and 10 and Nov. 15). Please read it. The codes: W: the Western Front(Belgium and France); I: the Italian Front(Italy against Austria); S: the Southern Front(Serbia and the Balkans); E: the Eastern Front(Russia); T: the Turkish Front(which ranged from Egypt to Iraq to Armenia); C: the German colonies in Africa, Asia and the Pacific); and N: Naval Actions. Sundays are put into parentheses. ((Continued on page 15))

PEANUTS

HERE'S THE LONELY
 WORLD WARI FLYING
 ACE SITTING IN A
 SMALL FRENCH CAFE..



YOUR ROOT
 BEER, MONSIEUR



I'M IN LOVE! IT'S
 THE BEGINNING (SIGH)
 OF ANOTHER
 TRAGIC ROMANCE...



I'VE ONLY BEEN IN
 FRANCE FOUR HOURS AND
 ALREADY I'VE HAD SEVEN
 TRAGIC ROMANCES!



OCTOBER 1916

(1)- 30,000 Frankfurt, Germany workers hold mass peace meeting--demanding peace on the basis of the status quo; John "Reds" Reed and Louise Bryant arrive in New York City from Providencetown(see 11-9)

2- Lloyd George(soon to be England's Prime Minister) says: "Any cessation of hostilities now would be a disaster, and although we could always refuse or put up impossible terms, it is much better that we should not be placed in that predicament... ..I know the American politician. He has no international conscience. He thinks of nothing but the ticket, and he has not given the least thought to the effect of his action upon European affairs." (The US, under President Wilson, was putting the pressure on for a negotiated peace(see 10-10)

3- German Ambassador to US Bernstorff informs Berlin that Colonel House, Pres. Wilson's aide, said Wilson could do nothing about peace before the election on Nov 7(see 10-4, 10-9); English nurse Vera Brittain's hospital ship docks at Lemnos Island, Greece, says: "A mist came over my eyes as I looked over this lonely place where Rupert Brooke died"(see 10-7)*.

4- German Chancellor acting on Bernstorff(see 10-3) succeeds in getting unrestricted submarine decision postponed(see 10-6, 10-9)

5- Pres Wilson says: "It is our duty to lend the full force of this nation, moral and physical, to a league of nations, which shall see to it that nobody disturbs the peace of the world without submitting his case first to the opinion of mankind."

6- German Admiral von Holtzendorff persuades the Kaiser to allow U-boat offensive in the North Sea in accordance with prize rules(no sink on sight)(see 10-4, 10-9); Vern Sneider born, the author of The Teahouse of the August Moon.

7- U-53 reaches Newport, Rhode Island, stays for 3 hours(see 10-8); Walt Rostow born, New York City; Corporal Adolf Hitler wounded(W) and sent to military hospital southwest of Berlin; Vera Brittain's ship now at Malta(see 10-3)

(8)- U-53 torpedoes 9 vessels outside of Nantucket without violating the "Sussex Pledge"(no sink on sight)--causes marine insurance rates in US to go up 500 %; Belgium offers to trade her conquests in German East Africa(Tanzania) to England in return for Portuguese territory in Angola(see 9-19, 11-10); English put Baden(N) commander Karl von Müller on ship in Malta bound for Plymouth(see 10-16)

9- Germans drive Rumanians back from Kronstadt(Braşov); Kaiser sends memo to Wilson: "Your Excellency hinted to His Majesty in your last communication at Charleville in April that President Wilson possibly would try towards the end of the summer to offer his good services to the belligerents for the promotion of peace...Meanwhile the constellation of war has taken such a form that the German Government foresees the time at which it will be forced to regain the freedom of action that it has reserved to itself in the note of May 4th last and thus the President's steps may be jeopardized. The German Government thinks it its duty to communicate this fact to Your Excellency in case you should find that the date of the intended actions of the President should be far advanced towards the end of this year." (see 10-3,10-20). This referred to the "Sussex Pledge"(see 10-8)

10- Italians launch 8th Battle of Isonzo(see 10-12); Rumanians are pushed back to their own country; Pres. Wilson says: "These are indeed deep waters...I can only say that if our friendly relations with England should be imperilled, it would only be another demonstration of how difficult it is to be friends with Great Britain without doing whatever she wants us to do.";

11- Central Powers invade Rumania proper; Allies seize Greek fleet(see 6-8,10-14); Germany's Reichstag passes resolution backing High Command in whatever it chooses in submarine warfare; England bans the Hearst press from use of its cables and mail(see 10-29, 11-23)

12- Italians end 8th Isonzo(see 10-10, 11-1); Ex-King of Bavaria, Otto, is reported dead in London papers.

13- Norway excludes submarines from its territorial waters(had recently at England's pressure, limited fish and copper supplies sold to Germany) which angers Germany causing U-boat attacks on Norwegian shipping(see Oct, Nov, Dec); Italian socialist leader Bissolati says: "The germ of war can only be killed by destroying Austria as a state, and by depriving Germany of every illusion of predominance."; English (15)

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government told, that without new American loan, the Allies can only afford to pay their bills to March 31, 1917(see 11-27); Captain Lawrence leaves Cairo(see 10-16).

14- French take over Greek mails and telegraphs(see 10-11,10-16,10-17)

(15)- Germany resumes U-boat activity in the North Sea according to "prize rules", i.e. search and destroy, not unrestricted(see 10-6, October)

16- Allies recognize Venizelos, Greek Prime Minister, as legal government and ignore King Constantine's government(see 10-17,11-17); Richthofen, the "Red Baron", makes his 5th and 6th kills over Somme(see 11-2, October); Lawrence arrives in Jidda (see 10-13, 10-19); Müller, from Malta, arrives in Plymouth, placed in military prison(see 10-8,10-19); Margaret Sanger opens first birth control clinic in America in New York City(1st anywhere outside of Sweden)(see 2-18, 10-25)

17- Athens riot against Allies--New York Times: "Later a great assemblage with a huge American flag demonstrated outside the US Legation, calling on that country's representative to interfere to save Greece."(see 10-14,10-22); All over Germany, citizens donate gold to the war effort; Beginning October 30, all shops in England are to close at 7 PM, except Saturday when it's 8 PM.

18- French take Sailly-Saillisel(W); Austria proposes that the 4 Central Powers address a joint peace proposal to all countries(see 12-12)

19- Russians are defeated in Galicia; Lawrence leaves Jidda for Rabegh(see 10-16, 10-21); Müller taken by train from Plymouth, England to a POW camp near Kegworth, Derbyshire; Russian pianist Emil Gilels born, Odessa, Ukraine.

20- Russian battleship Imperatriza Maria sunk by internal explosion at mouth of Danube(E), 200 die; Col. House writes concerning 10-9: "The German memorandum is clearly a threat to resume submarine warfare in the event that the President does not immediately intervene."(see October); Anglo-French conference in Boulogne agrees to send 4 divisions to Salonika, Greece where Venizelos government is(see 10-16, 11-15);

21- Austrian Minister-President Count Karl Stürgkh killed by Friedrich Adler, son of the leader of the Social Democrats. He shouted "Down with absolutism, we want peace!"(see 5-19-17,7-14-17); Lawrence leaves Rabegh by camel for Faisal's camp at Bir Abbas, then Yenbo(see 10-19,11-1); In a psychic magazine, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, announces his belief in communication with the dead.

(22)- Allies demand censorship of Greek press and the removal of Greek troops to southern Greece(Most Greeks had remained loyal to King Constantine)(see 10-17, 11-24,11-27); German Zeppelin drops a bomb near Gorkum, Holland, 22 miles southeast of Rotterdam(see 11-3); Madame Freida Hempel, German soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York says: "There is a shortage of food in Germany and, as a result, the German woman is becoming thin and elegant."(see 10-24,11-30)

23- Rumanians lose Constanza, Rumania's chief Black Sea port; English minesweeper Genissa is torpedoed and sunk; Actress Sarah Bernhardt, New York Times says, had celebrated her 71st birthday at Niagara Falls and said: "I think the rapids simply wonderful."

24- French launch assault at Verdun, retake Ft. Douaumont and Thiaumont(see 6-23); The Burgomeister of Eckernförde "publishes an urgent order against the peeling of potatoes. The order says the prospects of obtaining potatoes in the future are exceedingly small, and that despite official control, it is probable that only a couple of pounds weekly for each person will be obtainable. 'Any one discovered peeling potatoes before boiling or throwing away peelings will be punished by 3 months imprisonment or a fine of 1,500 marks.'" (see 10-23,11-30); Ford factories now paying women workers minimum wage of \$5 a day--they already had the 8-hour day.

25-Margaret Sanger arrested in New York for dissemination of contraceptive information and "maintaining a public nuisance."(see 10-16,11-20)

26- German destroyer attack in Channel sinks English destroyer Flirt and transport Queen, disable Nubian; Germans began deporting Belgian workers to German factories citing 500,000 Belgian unemployed and that it wasn't a violation of international law. It would involve 120,000 Belgian workers(30,000 had previously volunteered to go)(see 11-10); German air ace Oswald Boelcke makes 40th kill(see 10-28); François Mitterrand born, Jarnac(Charente), France.

28- Rumanians check Teutons in Transylvania; English vessel Marina sunk with 6 Americans among crew(see 11-2); German air ace Oswald Boelcke(see 10-26) shot down on(W), had 40 kills--the German record. Richthofen now placed in command of Jagdstaffel 2(see 5-21,10-29,11-9).

(29)- Australia refuses to pass conscription bill; France bans Hearst press

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use of cables and mail(see 10-11,11-8); English plane drops wreath over German lines with message: "To the memory of Captain Boelcke, our brave and chivalrous opponent." (see 11-23); Admiral Jellicoe of England predicts that England would have to sue for peace by summer of 1917 if U-boat sinkings continue(see Oct, Nov, Dec, 11-25)

30- French expel Russian Bolshevik Leon Trotsky by placing him across the Spanish border(see 11-7)

31- Charles T. Russel dies, the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses

--in October 1916: U-boats sink 102,000 tons of neutral shipping(Norway lost 48 ships(see Nov) and 75,000 tons of allied shipping; English planes attack Mauser factory at Oberndorf in Württemberg, Thyssen works at Hagendingen in Lorraine, steelworks at Völklingen in Saarland and blast furnaces at Sankt Ingbert in Saarland; Germans now have 300 planes on Western Front; German ambassador to Mexico says that Mexico was "disposed if it became necessary to give aid to our subs in Mexican waters." and was "openly friendly" to Germany(see 11-8); Mexican guerilla leader Villa captures Santa Rosalia and Camarjo; Tsar appoints Alexandr Protopopov, the vice president of the Duma, as new Minister of Interior; King of Greece replaces Kalogeropoulos with Lambros as Greek Premier(see 10-16, May 1917); Rommel's men arrive in Siebenburger district of Rumania(see 12-29-15)(11-10); Sweden introduces sugar rationing(see 11-30); France asks Belgium to press England for a E-N-B economic alliance after the war(see 10-10).

NOVEMBER 1916

1- Italians launch 9th Isonzo attack(see 10-12,11-4); Italian torpedo boats raid Austrian naval base at Pola; English scout craft rescue Dutch vessel Aldambt at Zeebrugge, Belgium--was German prize; Lawrence leaves Yenbo for Jidda(see 10-21,11-25); Manager Joseph Lannin sells the Boston Red Sox(including Babe Ruth) for \$675,000.

2- French retake Ft. Vaux(W)(see 6-7, 12-15); Richthofen makes 7th kill(see 10-16); Pres Wilson to House over Marina(see 10-28) did not believe "that the American people would wish to go to war, no matter how many Americans were lost at sea."

3- Rumanians have some successes; Germans create Kriegsamt("War Office") for total civilian conscription; Germany apologizes to Holland for Zeppelin incident of 10-22 saying that due to defect in motor and steering gear they thought they were throwing the bomb out over Belgium; Japan's newspapers print Hirohito's picture and announces him as Crown Prince and heir to his father, Emperor Yoshihito. He was 15½ years old(see Oct 1915, 2-4-18); New York debut of "Bound East For Cardiff" a 1-act play by 28 year old Eugene O'Neill(see 7-28,Nov).

4- Italians end 9th Isonzo battle(see 11-1, 5-12-17); Russian fleet bombards Constanza(see 10-23); Walter Cronkite born, St. Joseph, Missouri.

(5) German and Austrian Emperors issue "Two Emperors' Manifesto" to Polish people promising to create a new Poland after the war(they wanted the Poles to fight on their side); Pres Wilson plans to make his opponent(see 11-7) Charles Evans Hughes Secretary of State and resign the Presidency to him should Wilson lose the election. Otherwise Wilson would be president until March 4, 1917, and the world situation required an immediate leader; Mata Hari leaves Paris for Madrid, Spain, supposedly on a spy mission for France(see 11-6).

6- English ship Arabia sunk in Mediterranean by U-boat, 57 die; Mata Hari arrives in Madrid from Paris(see 11-5, 11-7); Ray Conniff(band leader) born in Attleboro, Massachusetts

7- Pres Wilson re-elected President by defeating Charles Evan Hughes(see 11-5) although results won't be known until 11-9(Incidentally this is the election year that "Citizen Kane" lost, rather Orson Welles); Trotsky spends the day at the Prado art museum in Madrid(see 10-30, 11-9); Mata Hari leaves Madrid for Vigo (see 11-8)--it would have been interesting if these two had met, yes?!

8- Mexico "virtually offers" U-boat bases in Mexico to Germany(see Oct); Canada bans Hearst press from use of cables and mail(see 10-11, 10-29,11-23). "Thereafter, a Canadian caught reading Brisbane or the Katzenjammer Kids was subject to a \$5,000 fine or up to five years in prison." The Hearst press was anti-Allied; Mata Hari leaves Vigo, Spain headed for Holland(see 11-12); Peter Weiss born(German writer, painter, filmmaker, did "Marat/Sade").

9- Russo-Rumanian offensive in Transylvania; English PM Asquith denounces "patched-up, precarious, dishonouring compromise, masquerading under the name of peace."; Richthofen's 8th kill near Laigncourt. 80 planes with 100 men fought in the skies this day(see 11-11, 11-20); John "Reds" Reed marries Louise Byrant (see 10-11, November); Spanish arrest Trotsky in Madrid(see 11-7,11-12)(To p.18)

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10- German ships shell area west of Tallinn in Baltic Sea; The Pope protests to Germany about the Belgian deportations(see 10-26,11-17, 11-18); England rejects Belgium's Africa swap proposal(see 10-10,12-14); Rommel's men moved to Gruba Mare, Rumania(see Oct, 1-7-17); Karen "Out Of Africa" Blixen and her husband leave Gothenburg, Sweden for London, writing her mother: "I felt a really deep grief over not getting to Paris. But one cannot expect to travel during a great war in the same way as in peacetime."(see 11-20)

11- Germans begin breakthrough in the Rumanian mountain passes(see 11-16); Richthofen(see 11-9) is cited for "The Order of the House of Hohenzollern With Swords" (12)- Spanish send Trotsky from Madrid to Cadiz(see 11-9, 12-28); Mata Hari in Falmouth, England accused of being spy "Clara Benedix" and arrested(see 11-8,11-13)

13- In a private note to the English government, Lord Lansdowne, citing England's 1,100,000 casualties, says: "We are slowly but surely killing off the best of the male population of these islands....Let our naval, military and economic advisers tell us frankly whether they are satisfied that the 'knock-out blow' can and will be delivered."(see 11-18,11-22, 11-28)--the 'knock-out blow' was Lloyd George's phrase; Mata Hari is sent on a train to London and questioned by Scotland Yard which surprised the French(see 11-5, 11-28)

14- English author W. Somerset Maugham's ship arrives in Honolulu from San Francisco(see 12-4); English capture Tanga, German East Africa(Tanzania); The German, Austrian and Turkish ambassadors leave Tehran, Iran(see November); The leader of the Duma liberals, Miliukov, calls Russian Prime Minister a German agent, and lists government ineptitude in war effort, item by item, following each with the phrase: "Is this stupidity of is it treason?"(see 11-2)(November).

15- English victory on the Ancre(W); Lord Crewe in the House of Lords states: "A German submarine is an enemy which it was permissible and proper to destroy, if you could, at sight."; Anglo-French conference at Paris and Chantilly agrees to press Germany on all the fronts beginning in February 1917(see 10-20); Colonel House writes of Pres. Wilson: "...he went so far as to say that if the Allies wanted war with us we would not shrink from it..He thought they would not dare resort to this and if they did, they could do this country no serious hurt. I disagreed with him again. I thought Great Britain might conceivably destroy our fleet and land troops from Japan in sufficient numbers to hold certain parts of the United States. He replied they might get a good distance but would have to stop somewhere."(see 11-25)

16- Germans fighting Rumanians at Tirgu Jiu(see 11-11, 11-17); English and French hold conference with Arab rebels at Rabejh; Pancho Villa takes Jiménez(see 11-23)

17- Germans defeat Rumanians at Tirju Jiu(see 11-16); Spain protests to Germany over the Belgian deportations(see 11-10, 11-18, 11-23).

18- Battle of the Somme begins to peter out(see 7-1), casualties were 420,000 English(see 11-13), 114,000 French and 440,000 Germans during 4 months(see 11-19). New York Times headline: "Germany To Deport 300,000 Belgians; Nation Is Wild With Grief And Terror" and "Belgian Victims Defiant--Sing Patriotic Songs As Packed In Cattle Trucks They Go Into Exile"(see 10-26, 11-10, 11-29)(11-23)

(19)- Allied and Serbian troops enter Monastir(S); German 2nd Lt. Herbert Sulzbach describes village in Somme aftermath: "The dismembered houses lie higgledy-piggledy all over the road, all equally dead, and what ought to be a village street is nothing but a boggy field, full of shell-holes; you can hardly walk along it, you keep stumbling. Then it starts humming and quaking. The heaviest calibre stuff is coming over;you do more lying than walking."

20- Richthofen's 9th and 10th kills on Somme(see 11-9, 11-23); Margaret Sanger pleads 'not guilty' in New York(see 10-25, 1-29-17); Karen Blixen sails from London for Africa(see 11-10, 11-27); Judy Canova born, Jacksonville, Florida

21- Central Powers take Craiova, Rumania; English hospital ship Britannic sunk by mine or torpedo in Aegean Sea; Austrian Emperor Franz Josef dies after reigning since 1848, new Emperor Charles and his wife Zita installed(see 12-30); Tsar dismisses Prime Minister Stürmer, appoints Trepov(see 11-14, Nov)

22- English cabinet discusses Lansdowne memo(see 11-13). Lord Cecil Roberts sums up view of majority as "a peace now could only be disastrous. At best we could not but hope for more than the status quo, with a great increase in the German power in Central Europe."; Author Jack London dies at his ranch in California

23- German armies cross the Danube near Bucharest, Rumania(see 12-6); Richthofen's 11th kill between Bapaume and Albert(see 11-20, 12-11). He was 24, and the kill was of 25-year-old Major Hawker, England's first ace. He was the first to get 3 kills in one day. The Germans did for him as the English did for Boelcke(see 10-29)

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WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY...NOVEMBER 1916..From page 18.

ACTIVE AT 93: Empress Zita, widow of the last emperor of the Austro-Hungarian empire, celebrated her 93rd birthday yesterday and was reported in good health. Zita traveled from Zizers, Switzerland, where she lives in a home for the elderly run by Franciscan nuns, to Belgium for a private celebration with relatives.

She is the widow of Emperor Charles I, who ruled more than 50 million subjects until, after the Allied victory in World War I, he agreed to "temporarily relinquish" his imperial rights. But he never officially abdicated before dying in 1922.

25- Pres Wilson says: "Our relations with England are more strained than with Germany." (see 11-15, 11-28); Lawrence leaves Cairo for Arabia (see 11-1, 11-26) (Dec); Beatty replaces Jellicoe as England's Fleet Chief (see 10-29); Zimmerman replaces Jagow as Germany's Foreign Minister--was first commoner to hold this position.

(26)- German naval raid on Lowestoft, England, English trawler Narval sunk; Lawrence estimates Arab rebels at 15,000-20,000 and their Turk opponents at 14,300.

27- Venizelos government in Salonika, Greece declares war on Germany and Bulgaria (see 10-16, 11-24); US Federal Board of Reserves advises American member banks not to buy English and French short-term treasury bills (see 10-13, 11-28); German pilot Werner Voss gets 1st kill (see 11-28), he was 20 years old; Belgian poet Emile Verhaeren dies in train accident at Rouen, France; Lt. Erwin Rommel marries Lucie Mollin in Danzig, Germany; Karen Blixen, at sea on English ship headed for Africa (see 11-20) writes: "There are a number of officers here, and most of them have been at the front, but the English are so strange, they are always absolutely the same whatever may have happened to them, yes, in fact from the time they are ten until they are ninety. They think of nothing at all except their deck games and if one did not know there was a war on, one could be with them for the entire voyage and never discover it..." (see 12-7)

28- English government considers US Federal Board action of 11-27 as meaning "the possibility of a very serious situation arising owing to the intention of the US withholding their financial support from the Allies." (see 11-25, 12-1), although the English figured they would have to cut their orders in the US by 40 % some of the sentiments expressed were: "Victory or bankruptcy" and "There cannot be any slackening of the pace; we must go on as long as we can." (see 10-13); German ace Werner Voss gets 2nd kill (see 11-27); English release Mata Hari in London and she goes to the Savoy Hotel (The French asked that she be sent back to Spain and not let to return to Holland) (see 11-13, 12-1)

29- US proclaims an American military government in the Dominican Republic and defeats Dominican revolutionaries at Macous; US protests to Germany about the Belgian deportations (see 10-26, 11-10, 11-18, 12-2)

30- Germany announces a rise in the price of sugar and revises the potato rations (see 10-22, 10-24, Nov); Villa evacuates Chihuahua (see 11-23, 12-22)

--in November 1916: Colonel House writes: "I will confess that the Allies are irritating almost beyond endurance."; Norway loses 28 ships to U-boats; Mr. Runciman, English President of Board of Trade, predicts complete breakdown of shipping by July, 1917 (see 10-29); A wave of pacifist tracts, leaflets and propaganda in France found in war factories, industrial plants and among the troops (see May 1917); Italian government votes down immediate peace by 293-47; Russians enter Tehran, Persia (Iran) (see 11-14); Rumanian government moves its records from Bucharest to Moldavia; Prices in England are now 75 % above July 1914 (see 11-30); Tsar Nicholas II writes: "The eternal question of supplies troubles me most of all...prices are soaring. It is obvious where this situation may lead the country."; His wife Tsarina Alexandra writes him: "Remember..the Tsar rules and not the Duma. Forgive my again writing but I am fighting for your reign and Baby's [their hemophilic son] future...Be firm..one wants to feel your hand--how long, years, people have told me the same 'Russia loves to feel the whip'- it's their nature--tender love and then the iron hand to punish and guide."

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THE LETTER COLUMN

Well, let's get right to it, shall we?! There is a lot of ground to cover. First up will be Ron Brown, the picture person from EE #51, followed by your guesses for the picture person from EE #52 and then we'll wing it from there. Forward!

Ron Brown(Ontario, Canada): "I don't know how Claude Gautron managed to identify me, as he's one of the few old-timers in the Canadian hobby I haven't met personally, and any pictures of me published in the hobby have been the usual poor quality. Anyhow, good for Claude. Now for the rest of you turkeys..."

Amazing that Bruce McIntyre picked my countries so accurately. I love playing Russia...and I have managed to get a fleet to Italy. And I do find Turkey boring. It's too easy to win as the Turk. Teijo Doornkamp is way off: I HATE playing England. Give me Austria or Italy any day rather than that isolated little cluster in the middle of the ocean. As for Jim Finley's "eery ally and takes his enemies' kids hostage"...not a bad idea. I'll have to give that a try sometime. (Yes, I'm of the "all's fair in war and Diplomacy" school.)

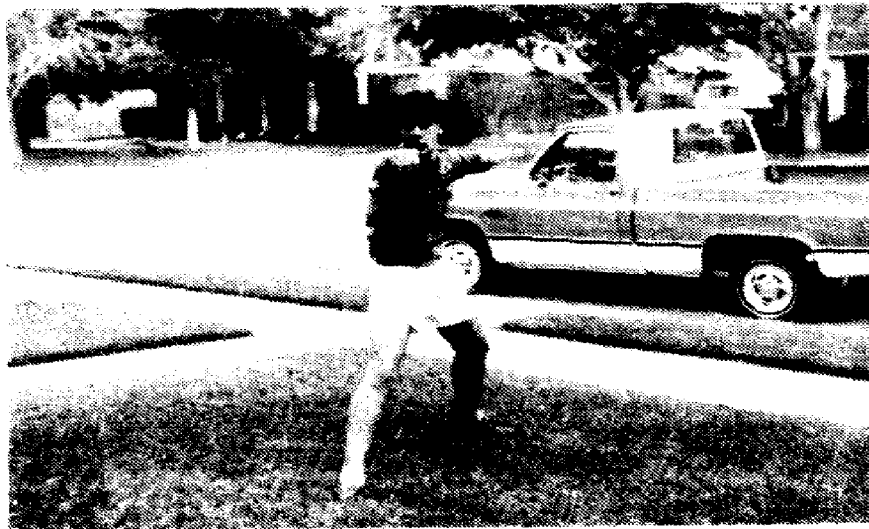
As for the guys who described me as paranoid, Charles Manson, a criminal, etc., heck, I've been called worse names than that, usually by foaming-at-the-mouth-ranting-crazed-paranoid-rightwing-war-mongering-fanatical-fascist-Reaganite-bornagain-Christian-American Taxpayers. So, that doesn't bother me. But, calling me an American is looking for trouble. That's like calling a Swede an Italian, or a German French, because "you're all the same over there anyways." Except it's ten times worse than that, because Canadians and Americans cannot possibly be mistaken for each other. I better not continue with that thought, as I don't feel like getting the American hobby mad at me again. (At least not this month...)

Otherwise, Gary, you goofed in describing my career. I am not a computer operator, I'm a systems analyst. That might not mean anything to you, but, as a systems analyst makes about four times what an operator makes, works regular hours, and has lots of fun at work, it means a lot to me. I was an operator for about six months--and that was quite enough of being an exploited underling. To compare with the business world: computer operators are the equivalent of mail clerks, purchasing agents, etc., while programmers would be middle management, and systems analysts would be vice presidents in charge of sales, branch managers, etc.

Ta, ta!

□ I was about to ask you what makes Canadians so different from Americans but that last paragraph spoke volumes and let me know, ha ha! Now for the guesses about this man's picture.....

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Darlene Baker(Alabama, USA): "This guy likes to watch all those Bruce Lee movies and pretend he's one of the good guys."

John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "This picture is definitely of an American; Europeans don't have American cars or big lawns in front of their homes. I would guess that this individual is also a Californian into that gnarly look. He's the type of player who does well in his f-t-f games in his home town, but always seems to forget to take pen and paper to the beach at critical moments in his postal career. He does well in f-t-f games at the various cons too, but only if there are no females in the

game that attract his attention. The truck in the background is just large enough to hold the beach party until it gets to the beach. He makes an excellent ally, since win or lose there's always the beach...Being somewhat laid back, he plays both France and Russia well, but has never managed to win with either." (30)

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Bill Becker(Michigan, USA): "Even though I don't know whose picture would be currently displayed in the picture guess, having not seen it, why should that matter hey? How about Ron Spitzer, no doubt a ghostly apparition, bleached out from the sun, ghastly personality, sore back, stiff..."

□ And that was all the guesses except for Linda Yale, one of my co-workers at the post office. Linda says that this picture is definitely of an American because only Americans drive pick-up trucks and that, further, this is a law-breaker because the truck is obviously parked on the wrong side of the street!

I hope it is the summer that is causing the lack of guesses in the picture contests. Each of you 3 guessers get 3 EEs for your trouble. The picture person is an American who would probably be horrified to be called a California beach boy as he is from the proud state of Texas and the city of Austin. This is James Early who publishes the zine The Razor's Edge and he's planning on studying physics in college(in Texas, natch) I believe. This is what he is driving after the wreck he had that was described in TRE. And like all picture people, James gets a right of response in the next EE. The newest picture contest can be found on page 10 .

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Jerry Falkiner(Ontario, Canada): "When I was talking to you I didn't fill you in on what has been happening in the land of lumberjacks and Eskimos. The best place to begin is about 6 weeks ago. My wife(Jenny) suggested I clean out the eavestrough, so out I went with the ladder and scraper. Our house is built on a hill so the driveway side could be reached easily, but the other side was too high. Have no fear, I decided to throw a rope over the roof and sling myself over the edge. Since it was my wife's idea I gave her the job of holding the rope. The tree at the edge of the driveway was perfect to wrap the rope around and then Jenny could hold it.

Things were progressing better than I thought when it happened. The telephone rang! Whoever said that a man could never understand a woman was completely right. Off she went to answer the phone and I hit the ground like a ton of bricks.

A day in the hospital and a broken ankle later I was finally home relaxing. Jenny felt really bad and was trying to make up for it by pampering me. But you know a guy can only take so much pampering and then you want to do something on your own. It was closing in on lunch time so I decided to throw the barbeque on. After a lot of persuasion it was decided I wasn't too crippled to light the barbeque.

I must admit it was a little tougher than I thought. First, the propane had to be turned on which meant discarding the crutches. Propane on, good. Move around(hop more like it) to the front, lift the lid, so far so good, strike the match(now I know what a stork feels like) and reach for the pilot.

"Jerry!" Too late, poof! goes the barbeque as well as my eyebrows and top of my hair, none the less to tell you, I ended up flat on my ass. The astonished look on Jenny's face wasn't enough to save her. The verbal tirade was unleashed ending in "when I get a hold of you, I'm going to kill you!" At those words I was getting up. Jenny took off into the house with a surprisingly adept cripple hot on her heels.

She was saved because of the kitchen table and chairs. I tripped over the last stair and came crashing into, under and around the table and chairs. Jenny used this valuable time to lock the bathroom door, all the time yelling "I'm sorry, I'm sorry!" Think that would save her did she? Up I was, running(sort of a fast hop) and smash, I attacked the door like the Incredible Hulk (only one problem, I was still Bill Bixby). Off I bounced into the hamper and finally the wall.

A headache, sore shoulder, sore foot, no eyebrows and no hair later, I found myself back in the hospital. It was decided that I would be safer in there for a few days and so I stayed. Believe me, my whole body ached with the worst being my ankle. Jenny didn't come to see me, but she phoned every day saying she was sorry and asking if I was still mad. You can't remain angry at your spouse forever but it took some time.

And, if you believed all that bullshit, I really had you suckered in...Can you believe how incredible that story was? Does this fit me in as the best liar of the year?

You mentioned a con in Wisconsin next year, Gary? When is it? I'd like to see the Tennessee Yoga again."

□ I am one of the more gullible people so I believed this to the end. I was feeling so sorry for you . The con is DipCon, June 19-21, 1987. Details on page 51 . (21)

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Greg Ellis(Texas, USA): "Do you get The General? I noticed an ad in the opponents' wanted section that you may be interested in: 'Spanish novice wargamer seeks PEM TRC, DD, PAA, AOC, and Dip. Carlos Cortes, Rocafort 39-43, 08015, Barcelona, Spain.' Thought you might like to send him a sample."

□ I'll send him this one and hopefully the GMS who run international Dip games will seek him out as well. I used to get The General but don't any longer. Thanks for the tip!

Next we'll get into the NATO-Libya-US versus Europe melee but start with 3 guys' letters who have been previously printed in EE #52 and #51 and who want to add or otherwise clarify their comments: Jim Finley, John Wilman and Glover Rogerson.

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Jim Finley(Virginia, USA): "What do you think about our bombing Libya? Do you feel it was justified and what results do you expect?"

I have strongly mixed feelings. I wish some other tactic than the use of violence, especially military force, could have been found. However, the situation had been intolerable for a long time and has continued to worsen, and I can't think of any other reasonable approaches we hadn't tried.

I believe, pragmatically, that in the long run it will be moderately effective if we follow through and treat the doctrine of "retaliation against states proven responsible for terrorist acts" as standard policy hereafter.

However, the real instigators haven't been touched. Khaddafi is a stooge. He reminds me of the deliberately obnoxious villains of the TV wrestling business; he's so flakey and irritating that he's impossible to take at face value. He either knowingly accepts his role as a distractor(a role whose cost just went much higher than I think he bargained for) or has been unwittingly manipulated into that position and I don't envy him.

I do not have a shred of respect for him or any of his kind, and I despise both his aims and the means by which he pursues them. He is evil, whether or not he is a pawn, whether or not he is sane, and if I had the chance I would kill him, not in anger but in the spirit of killing a venomous insect. Even knowing that another would replace him; if I see a black widow spider in my house I crush it, even though I may know there are others around.

However, it really hurts to hear about the deaths and injuries of the innocent, especially the children, even his children. Some people say that since Libya has caused the deaths of innocents in terrorist attacks, they had it coming. That's crap. No Libyan toddler ever killed any American toddler, and when I think of Khaddafi's daughter killed--if the story is true--I picture my three-year-old Jessica dead or maimed and the thought keeps me awake at night. I can't imagine anything worse than something horrible happening to my kids, and by empathic extension anyone's kids.

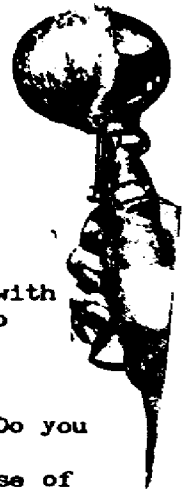
And yet, if we refrain from acting for the sake of preventing such tragedies, we're letting Khaddafi or those like him use their own innocents as hostages, while they continue to attack ours. Well, it is a truly terrible choice, to know that children will die and the only way to keep them from being yours is to do things that, though not aimed at them, will kill other children. It is a nightmare choice. But sometimes you are faced with nightmare choices, and all you can do is face the situation as it is, and make the best choice as you see it.

Now all the foregoing hinges on the effectiveness of our attacks in discouraging terrorism. If they don't work that way in the long run, nothing can justify them.

Based on historical precedents and human psychology, I believe that retaliation will work. I know of two ways to discourage behaviour in others that is unpleasant and aimed at me, and not defensive or reasonable but aggressive. One is to ignore it. In this case that's unacceptable. The other is to retaliate strongly enough that whatever reward the aggressor was getting--entertainment, a feeling of power, attention, whatever---is outweighed by the unpleasantness. At the extreme is retaliation so forceful as to leave the aggressor unable to continue, but that isn't practical. It would require genocide and that is not something I would be willing to consider. (22)

So our choice, Hobson's Choice really, is to react in such a way that it just isn't worth it to continue attacking us. No moral considerations in this argument

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"except in the unacceptability of either passivity or genocide. Within the middle ground of morally acceptable action, the only practical choice is the one Mr. Reagan made; and where lives are at stake, to be other than practical is immoral.

Oh, well. I wish we hadn't had to do it and I hope we don't have to do it any more--but I'd have made the same choice, with bitter reluctance. I think he acted as a statesman.

I love peace and value it very highly, but if confronted with the fact that I can't have what I want, I have to face that fact and act realistically. Wishful thinking seems to be more popular, but its price is too high for me."

□ Jim is a U.S. Marine and his first 2 paragraphs were printed in EE #52 where I gave a brief summary of my views. Of course we couldn't have known it at the time but it does seem Khaddafi has been rather quiet lately and our European "allies" have finally gotten off their duffs and began expelling the Libyan "diplomats". I was 100 % in favor of this raid and want the terrorist states to have their deeds brought home to them. If their children die, at least it will be unintentional and quick---no baby will fall from an airplane thousands of feet to its death.

The reason I was in favor was because proof linking the Libyans to the Berlin disco bombing was confirmed by German intelligence. I don't trust the CIA but when weak-kneed West Europeans are reluctantly forced to acknowledge that firm proof exists, then I must believe it. I'm like a lot of Americans--we are simply fed up with the terrorist states and their sympathizers.

At this point we'll go on to John Wilman's letter(his other one was printed in EE #51) and I will add to my views as the letter column goes along. We have quite an international mix on this subject this issue.

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John Wilman(United Kingdom): "Thank you for publishing my letter, but you might have spared yourself some anguish if you had not removed my quotation marks; for the record, I do not believe that Israel is "Zionist" or guilty of genocide(although the massacre of innocent women and children in refugee camps was as bad as anything that happened in the Holocaust). My second paragraph was supposed to be the justification a Palestine terrorist might give for his actions.

Certainly they are accountable, but the things they do have already been done to their sisters and daughters. You don't lecture a starving man about table manners. How can we in our cozy existence understand the morality of the dispossessed?

Cruise missiles here are not the "fault" of America--you could have pointed out that it was a British Labour government which asked for them--but because they are American and very unpopular, they are a focus for anti-US sentiment. Opinion polls have shown that the majority of the British people do not want these weapons. The government does, so we are stuck with them. As they give the Pentagon the option of fighting a limited nuclear war in Europe, I imagine that the US government is very happy with the present situation. I wholly endorse the 2nd paragraph of Pete Fuch's letter in your February issue. [Pete, a Canadian living in America, said that the US seems to feel it is doing Western Europe a favor by being in NATO when it is actually doing so since it is in its own best interests]

I offered you a "slanted view" of history, and I didn't expect you to sympathize with it. I wouldn't like to have to defend Britain's record in this century, or any other century for that matter. I am not a total ignoramus in historical affairs, and it seems to me that the Balfour Declaration was the cause of much of the trouble today in the Middle East--which is more or less where we started.

One final thought--the IRA [the terrorist Irish Republican Army] could not function effectively in Britain if it was not for the funding it receives from NORaid and other American organisations. France, which you profess to admire is a major supplier of arms to aggressor nations. No country has clean hands, and we are, all of us, in some small ways, involved. I voted for the EEC[European Economic Community better known as the Common Market] and I would vote to stay in a nuclear-free NATO. I admire your independence of thought, and I wish that more of your correspondents were capable of it."

□ Nice to know those quotes change some of your views! I do disagree with many of EE's European subbers but I enjoy the debate because it makes me think. I doubt I would have decided I want my country out of NATO unless I had been exposed to this type of contact. If you are in favor of a "nuclear-free" NATO, does this mean that you are in favor of increasing the conventional forces of the European armies? (23)

Q) What would happen if terrorists got hold of a royal embryo and escaped with it to Libya where fundamentalist extremists cut it in two?

A) With our present state of knowledge it is hard to be precise, but most experts agree that the twins would be fourth and fifth in succession. It is extremely unlikely that the EEC would act.

I don't know of any American official who realistically believes in a limited nuclear war confined to Europe. The Congress has passed the bill that Britain wanted concerning the IRA and I am glad. Terrorism is terrorism.

It is refreshing to hear a European say that "no country has clean hands". It seems many of your fellows ignore that fact. You are correct in that there is more than enough criticism to go around. Thanks for writing John!

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Glover Rogerson (United Kingdom): "Thank you for the EE 51 although I was a bit surprised that I caused such a stir. I suppose I'd better make an attempt at explaining what I meant--though I suspect I will fail to get across what strikes me as the great divide.

I'd prefer it if you printed all of this, but leave the final choice to you--if it's too turgid then edit away!

I'd like to start with a few general points: (1) I think I was taken out of context. My main reason for cutting trades was "The Feud" and the effect it has had on EE.

"The Feud" has spoilt my enjoyment of a number of zines and seems to have turned EE from a place of information and debate into a zine that is harder and more vicious.

Now, I can understand how "The Feud" has caused this: in your place I might have done the same (luckily I've never been in that position). However, it gives me no enjoyment.

(2) I think the general standard of debate in the Europe/USA question has been poor in EE. It appears to be two groups who stand and hurl "facts" at each other. The whole tenor seems to run counter to what I thought was one of EE's aims: to promote understanding and communication between the continents. I don't consider the current style of debate is achieving this aim.

(3) I like the USA. It strikes me as one of the few countries in the world I could enjoy living in. Overall, I prefer it to the U.K. I see a few zines--No Fixed Address, Excelsior, Cathy's Ramblings, It's A Trap, Pommes Mit Mayo and have seen others, Perelandra, EE, North Sealth West George, Voice of Doom, 30 Miles of Bad Road... so I'm hardly unsympathetic to the USA. [the ... are Glover's. This letter is being printed in full--Gary]

Very well: now that I have tried to define better the position from which I speak, I shall try to answer both the specific questions and general comments you made.

(A) "You seem to be saying that 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."

a.(1) Premise: Terrorism is a problem for the USA.

(ii) Premise/Suggestion: In order to defeat/halt terrorism, the USA needs to understand the motives of terrorists.

b.(1) Premise: The actions of EE are a problem for me.

(ii) Action: Cancel trades. End of problem.

I don't see that comparing these events serves any real purpose in a reasoned debate. They are not comparable in any meaningful way. I will state that premise "b.(1) is false: I may not enjoy EE as much as I did, but that's all. Further, I do not consider that the effect of EE on my life to be relatable to the effect of terrorism on the USA.

(B) "why these "freedom fighters" did not release a 16-month-old Canadian infant..."

a. Because 16 month old infants make the best hostages. The whole point of hostages is not what they have done to you, but what they can buy you. Babies tend to buy you the most. Callous? Yes. Cynical? Yes. True?

(C) "who regards this action as fighting for freedom..?"

a. I cannot speak with any certainty, but I guess: the "freedom fighters", the organisation they belong to, and some of the population of their native countries, for a start.

(D) "what Canada, in your opinion, should understand from it?"

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I don't think the Palestinians have suffered as we have at their hands. Their relatives are not held hostage in front of TV cameras with a gun to their heads and I have yet to hear a mass outcry, from the Arabs when this terrorism happens. But I am disgusted with the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza where they destroy the home of many for the actions of one relative.

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a. Again I cannot speak with certainty, but I guess: that so long as the USA is viewed as a reactionary force in the world, it is dangerous to be closely associated with it.

That covers the explicit questions: but I guess that it hasn't advanced understanding a lot, if at all.

My point was this: you can view terrorists as minority groups taking out their frustration, or you can see them as representatives of oppressed peoples. My guess (again) is that the truth is somewhere in the middle. Now, terrorism works. It gets results--and it seems to me that it can't be defeated always by force, but only by understanding the economic and social conditions that breed it.

Now, understanding doesn't imply action. If the action to curtail terrorism is too expensive, then don't do it. But without the understanding your only option is force--and anyone who thinks that always works is wrong. *(Footnote 1--see below)

In my opinion, terrorism arises naturally from the international order. The dominant nations tended to get dominant by economic and military exploitation. Terrorism is one reaction of an aggrieved people against this and lest you think I'm casting stones at the USA, let me give you the classic example of Eire[Ireland]. Military domination, economic domination, resentment, terrorism, free country..now that's obviously simplified. But terrorism helped Eire become free, by making the U.K. aware of how the people felt. ***(Footnote 2--see below)

The USA is an economic and military bully. So is the USSR. So is the U.K. So is Vietnam...so are most of the countries of the world, given someone who is smaller and weaker than them. At the moment--and for the foreseeable future--the USA/USSR are by far the biggest, so they tend to be the targets. Hence, it seems silly to complain about the unfairness of it--how fair was Chile? Afghanistan? Nicaragua? Hungary? Algeria?

America is singled out because it's top. It got to be top, in part, by exploiting other countries. The exploited are fighting any way they can. It isn't pretty. It isn't fun. It isn't nice. It certainly isn't fair. But to quote the man: "So it goes." *** (Footnote 3--see below)

[Footnote 1: Force has worked on occasions but usually only where the powers that be have kept the good will of a majority of the population.]

[Footnote 2: I think it is legitimate to argue that the scale and type of terrorism has changed since the Irish "freedom fighters". Nowadays, terrorism is more brutal and attacks a higher percentage of "innocents". However, I would also contend that this worsening has been matched by the increased sophistication and nastiness of the means by which the dominant nations exercise their will.]

[Footnote 3: This was longer than I intended! My apologies, but I think you deserved some explanations.]

[] I do not think I took you out of context in your previous letter in EE. In that letter, which I shall also print in full at this time, I do not see where you stressed in any way that your "main reason for cutting trades" was "The Feud", which you listed as part of "a number of reasons". That letter in full:

Glover Rogerson(United Kingdom): "I'm afraid this is the last Denver that I shall be sending your way: I'm cutting trades. There are a number of reasons--partly an attempt to pull in my horns in general and partly from the content of EE.

(1) The Feud: The whole tenor of the zine seems to have soured. I am generally convinced of Bruce Linsey's case, but am finding EE to be dragging the gore out too much for my taste: though I do understand that you feel very strongly about it.

(2) Politics: The recent spate of pro-American sentiment doesn't interest me. I find it hard to sympathise 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. Thanks for the EEs: I have enjoyed them in the past, and your dedication to your players amazes me."

[] Your first letter arrived in February 1986 and was printed in EE #51. I had stated, and had abided by, in October 1985 in EE #48 that I would cease commenting on "The Feud". I fail to see what you were still objecting to 3 months later. I also wonder

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what you now (since you have had both for half a year) find to be so objectionable in EEs 49 and 50. Since there was no feud material in them, it must be the politics to which you object.

"The Feud", your professed "main reason for cutting trades" no longer existed in EE, and I not unnaturally stated that your "spate of pro-American sentiment" paragraph, which I printed in EE 51, was "one of Glover's reasons for cutting trades with EE." I fail to see how you were "taken out of context."

This leaves us with the politics to which you object, specifically, I believe, what I choose to print and how I comment upon it in EE. I say this because I know you don't object to politics, per se, since your zine Denver Glont has always been political. (I particularly recall the Falkland War letters which I reprinted here).

In your first letter I did think you were "casting stones at the US", and at the US alone. I still feel this way despite your second letter's attempt to mitigate that sentiment somewhat by adding the USSR, the UK and Vietnam to your list of "economic and military" bullies. In your first letter you found it "hard to sympathise" with the US. But in your second letter you were "hardly unsympathetic to the US." I find it hard to understand exactly where you are coming from.

You state "the general standard of debate in the Europe/USA question has been poor in EE." and you also excoriated its "recent spate of pro-American sentiment." How does this tally with your own recent Denver Glont 46 in which your British subbers, after the US's Libya raid, referred to President Reagan in the following terms:

Simon Green: "a half-senile retired actor.."

Iain Bowen: "good old 'mad dog' Reagan's done it again. If in doubt blow it up seems to be the motto of the US at the moment."

Jonathon Miles: "Ronnie has had one of his more insane moments(the attack on Libya and all that)...The mad dog of the middle west(of the USA of course) has much to answer for."

Rob Malos: "some fucking lunatic half-wit has tried to start WWII before breakfast on a Tuesday morning."

Glover Rogerson: "I like it, I like it, the classic terrorist argument coming from the United States government...What with that arm Chernobyl we have seen the venal underbellies of the two 'systems' exposed for our inspection."

Glover, you sound almost delighted. I 'd like you to do 2 things for me if you would. (1) Teach me how to achieve this "standard" of debate in EE and how to indulge in the preferred "anti-American sentiment" and (2) Send me the addresses of these 4 guys so they can get this copy of EE wherein their names appear.

I see no point in discussing terrorism with you. I don't see any outrage coming from you, no gut-level feeling that it is, what boils down to, murder and torture. Terrorism, to me, cannot be justified by any cause I know of and I am against any people or organization that sympathises for it. My sympathy is with the victims. [[[

Pat Conlon(Louisiana, USA): "For the most part, the "us" versus "them" name-calling and blame-laying that is hurled between your American and European readers has become quite boring. But there are a few exceptions. Kudos to you, Gary, for points scored(rather easily) on John Wilman. I won't hold my breath waiting for his documentation of the "thousands of innocent women and children" who are victims of an alleged Israeli policy of "systematic genocide."

Calling Reagan or any major world leader a senile clown is stupid. Wilman would have made a more intelligent move had he expended such hot air into the bowels of a balloon. What really seems ludicrous is his comment about US soldiers in Europe who "kills" in the name of Democracy". It was only a few sentences earlier that this same child was boo-hooing the US for not sending its soldiers to war soon enough to suit his image of the right way to fight World War II.

On the other hand, Glover Rogerson has a fresh idea that merits some discussion. The image of terrorists as freedom fighters is one not considered often enough. True, many terrorists do not fit this image; but others do. The distinction has nothing to do with the methods that they use. Cause distinguishes. 26

Americans have no collective experience by which they can gauge and compare

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the actions of Palestinians, Basques, of Jews. Americans tend to get very high and mighty, sitting in judgment of one who is fighting for a cause he or she believes in. We mete out our harshest judgment on those who have offended our sense of fair play, on those who might have killed one woman, one child or one American.

These judges overlook or have never heard of the fire-bombing of Dresden, in which not one woman or one child was killed, but in which tens of thousands of women and children were killed. These judges overlook the tens of thousands of innocent women and children who were killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These judges probably never took the time to learn that Americans knew what was happening in Auschwitz and had been asked to bomb the place into oblivion, but chose not to. Why Dresden and not Auschwitz?

Even you, Gary, miss the mark here. Mankind has not come to some "commonly understood standards of behavior within the last 100 years or so." American man has touted his own set of standards and tried to measure the rest of the world by them. No doubt other nations do the same. The Holocaust was not an exception. It was a glimpse at the future. The true lesson of Auschwitz is that bureaucratic efficiency and impersonalization can murder far more people than can random, passionate slaughter. For you and Wilman both I suggest Richard Rubenstein's The Cunning of History. It can easily be read in an evening, but never be forgotten."

[] Not all of John Wilman's statements were his opinions(see page 23). Dresden, in my view, should not have been a target but several conditions separate it from the terrorists abroad in the world today. The people of this German city were in a country at war. They knew they were possible targets. They were not going on a holiday excursion or on vacation. Their countrymen in other cities were being killed. The Germans themselves had launched terror raids on Warsaw, Rotterdam and London.

I don't know anyone who knows anything about it who could dispute the fact that, yes, tens of thousands innocents perished at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but this action saved hundreds of thousands of American lives not to mention millions of Japanese lives had Americans been forced to land in Japan. One needs only look at the battles of Okinawa and Saipan to see how bloody a Japanese invasion would be.

In contrast, I don't see how pushing an old, helpless crippled man in a wheel chair into the sea after shooting him helped anyone, much less save other lives. And you are right--I mete out the harshest judgment on those who kill women, children and any helpless victim and I don't care if they are American or not. I grieve over the blacks in South Africa, the Palestinians who died in the camps and all the people, not just Americans, who died in the airport massacres in Vienna and Rome(or who were wounded).

I believe we have come to some "commonly understood standards of behavior". Wasn't that what the Nuremberg Trials were about? And I think the true essence of most, if not all, religions is similar in how humans should behave to other humans.

I don't know why Dresden and not Auschwitz. My guess is that it was somewhat dangerous for airmen in the skies over Germany during World War II and that their efforts were concentrated on knocking out Germany's war-making capacities. Did the Allied bombers reach into Poland where Auschwitz was? Was this not out of their range? When the Warsaw civilians rose against the Nazis, Allied supplies could not be dropped to them because the Russians refused to allow the planes to land in their territory to refuel.

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Chris Farrar(Missouri, USA): "After reading the letters in EE #51 from John Wilman and Glover Rogerson I was impressed with what they both had to say. I must say that I agree with most if not all of the comments they made. It's true that Zionist Israel is systema-tically killing off the Arabs of Palestine. It may also be true that it is nothing like the Holocaust, so far. But what about in the long run? How many years has this been going on and when will it stop? After so many years it really adds up.

My basic belief is that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. I don't condone terrorists either, but who has given us the absolute right to say we are right and they are wrong? I think that most of the time, if not all of the time, right and wrong(as far as politics) is totally a matter of personal opinion.

I agree with you that we should pull out of NATO. Let the Western Europeans fend for themselves, but we should also let the Israelis, and Filipinos fight their own wars too, just as we should have let the Koreans and Vietnamese fight

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A ZED AND TWO NOUGHTS

A one-legged woman has an affair with siamese twins. Directed by Peter Greenaway, with Andrea Ferreol.

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entire year, than are killed by what I mean?

I may sound anti-American, even though I am an American, but I'm not. I just see these as the facts and I welcome any opposing view.....When I talked about right and wrong I definitely did not mean that killing a 16-month-old child is right.

□ I know you didn't and I'm 100% that no one who is subbing to EE would approve of such an act either. It is true that "only" 23 of the 925 or so people killed by terrorists in 1985 were Americans but it was the way they were killed and often simply for being American. Maybe it's even safer in Europe than in America but in America I know, without being told, where it is safe or not to go. As one guy put it in a recent U.S. News & Report: "Why should I go to Europe to get blown up in a hotel or take a cruise ship and risk getting hijacked, killed and dumped in the sea?"

The heavy loss of American tourist dollars has led to the Europeans increasing the security around their airports, etc. Why didn't they do this before? It's because they are losing money, not because they love Americans. And that is another reason I would avoid Europe: the senseless anti-Americanism. (Please no letters telling me this doesn't exist or is a small segment of the population).

Finally, I just don't believe, and consider it absolutely ludicrous, that Israel is guilty of "systematically killing off the Arabs of Palestine."

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Jim Briggs(West Germany): "All of this terrorist business has had us working our fingers to the bone. For awhile we were working upwards of 100 hours a week, sometimes 120, what with all the guard duty, plus going to the field every 3-4 weeks. Gosh am I tired..."

On to NATO, we are told that a great majority of the German people wish us to remain here, along with our Dutch, Belgian, French, British and Canadian allies(how many EE subbers knew there were that many foreign armies in Germany)? I can well believe it by the conduct shown to us by the Germans during a recent parade in Trier for the Fasching holiday. We were heading out to a field location, and got lost in Trier. Inadvertantly we ended up as a part of the parade. Along the entire route, the local people came up to every truck with candy and greetings. Not once did I observe a negative reaction while we were there. I really felt good about being here.

Let us move on to another misconception. Once I met an American couple, while I was in Amberg. We had quite a conversation, and the subject of NATO came up. It seems that many Americans think we contribute the majority of the defence to the European countries when that is not in fact true. This couple was surprised to learn that Germans make up 90 % of all troops stationed in Germany. The notion that the US contributes to most of the defence of Europe is a farce. In fact, the only European countries to receive military aid from the US are Greece(\$500 million), Portugal(\$55 million), Spain(\$400 million) and Turkey(\$485 million)(in 1984, 1985) (Jane's Defence Weekly, 11 JAN 86, p. ?). Egypt and Israel each received more than the combined European total during the same period."

□ I disagree with one of your figures: in NATO, overall, the Europeans provide 90 % of the armed forces but that figure does not hold in Germany. There the US alone has 250,000 troops. The West German military is approximately 495,000, a far cry from 90 %, even excluding all the other foreign armies stationed there.

I believe the vast majority of the Europeans want the US troops to stay. If they leave, the Europeans would have to provide 100 % of their own defence. We may give direct military aid to the 4 nations you mentioned but the other NATO nations' economies benefit by 320,000 American troops and their dependents being in Europe. That's another reason they want the US to stay. It's not a good enough reason for us to continue to let Europe avoid defending itself.

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Ray Scott(West Germany): "I do want to reply to your question about NATO. As a soldier stationed with United States Army, Europe, it might be inappropriate for me to speak in a published forum any further on this subject. However I have one observation that might be interesting.

As a soldier, the thing that strikes me over and over as a bad thing is the constant referral in our training to the Russian army as "The Threat". Our leaders speak of the Red Army almost as if a war already rages. Not only do I not view a land war between us and the Russians as much of a "threat", but I believe something more revolutionary is beginning to happen.

I feel that the US and Soviet Union need to work together to get away from the "us versus them" idea. The bipolar world of global politics needs to be de-emphasized. As China and Africa, not to mention Europe and Japan grow in economic strength, the superpower conflict will decline in importance.

The United States now has a big problem: money. We are spending far more than is being earned, and this cannot continue much longer. We must find ways to cut spending and the military will have to be cut as well. A draft of soldiers will cut personnel costs, but we must also try to realize that we cannot afford to police the entire world.

We cannot afford to protect democracy alone. Our military should exist to protect American lives and property, our government and way of life and our friends (allies, when they get in trouble--we shouldn't be garrisoning a continent that has the money and expertise to do the job itself. NATO should be reassessed in this light.)"

□ 40 years ago NATO made sense for the US; it doesn't today. Our country has world-wide commitments and Europe has recovered economically. They are fully capable of defending themselves. I, too, doubt that Russia will ever invade them. I think this feeling is a growing trend in the US. It was like a thunderbolt to me to read these words by the right-wing editor of U.S. News & World Report in its June 30, 1986 issue:

"The US is assuming too much of the military and financial burden for NATO. All the \$600 toilet seats and \$400 wrenches of recent notoriety would not pay for one week of the excess costs we incur to defend Europe. America's nuclear umbrella and the U.S. overdeployment of troops to NATO seem to have encouraged Europeans to economize on conventional forces and use the funds to augment their welfare states. It is time to end the free ride.....The US spends more per person to defend Europeans than Europeans do themselves....The disproportionality of the American effort in Europe is aggravated by the failure of Europeans to help elsewhere. The US has had unilaterally to assume the burden of global defense against world-wide Soviet aggressiveness. Europeans even seek to veto the use of US forces based in Europe for actions outside the NATO-treaty area--witness the European opposition to American retaliation against Libya."

The editor's name is Mortimer B. Zuckerman and he asks that the troops be cut by 150,000 to 200,000. That's not far enough to suit me but it is in the right direction.

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Steve Howe(United Kingdom): "Let us start with recognition of the fact that NATO stinks. I could write about its faults for several paragraphs, but I'm sure you've covered this ground already. However, before we think about ditching it, or even merely restructuring it, let us be sure that we will not be worse off afterwards. For all its legion faults, NATO can claim that there has been no war in Europe since its inception, which suggests that for forty-odd years it has served the principal function for which it was created.

As I understand it, the basic premise of NATO is this: 'There is a military threat in the form of the Warsaw Pact which is potentially too strong for any nation in Western Europe to resist individually. It is only by pooling our military resources that this threat can be met.' Now, one can argue for a long time as to the extent to which this threat is real, or whether it is entirely hypothetical, but when considering national defence it is advisable to take a 'better safe than sorry' approach, as well as recognizing that the more we show ourselves capable of resisting this threat, the less likely it is to manifest itself in an actual invasion.

(It might be an idea at this point to recognize that whatever you may think of the Soviet political attitudes they are Russian first and Communist second. (31)

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(That is, their determination 'never to allow any nation to hold military superiority' over them stems in the main from their national attitude of paranoia about invasion, which in turn can be traced to their recent history: they suffered catastrophic invasions in both World Wars).

No Western European nation is in a position to be able to guarantee its own defence by itself; some sort of alliance is essential. NATO must show that the resources of all the member countries are ready, willing and able to deal with a threat to any individual member state.

So far so good. We now move to the cause of the debate: should this alliance (I'll continue to call it NATO for convenience) include America or not? You, as I understand it, say 'no'. The threat is to Europe: it's a European problem, let them deal with it. A lot of Europeans share your opinion (though not necessarily for the same reasons), but as it happens I do not. As you point out, Western Europe already provides 90% of the manpower of NATO forces, so if America were to withdraw, it should be perfectly possible for Europe to make up the numbers to the current level. However, there's more to the American contribution than mere head-counting.

The US is the leader of NATO, its heart and soul. Why is this? Well, for all your pointing out that Western Europe has a larger population than the US (true), you make a fundamental mistake in thinking of Europe as a single entity. This it most palpably is not (please don't even mention the EEC [the Common Market]--fine idea but diabolical execution). It is a sad but inescapable fact that Europe, entrusted with its own defence, could end up creating a plethora of committees plagued with squabbles over precedence, and the final result would be even worse than at present. NATO needs America, if only to fill the figurehead role: to co-ordinate things.

Ah, but does America need NATO? This is a difficult question for me to discuss from this side of the Atlantic--a problem of perspective and all that. I would make a couple of observations, though. Firstly, if America wishes to continue in its self-proclaimed arsenal of democracy role, then I'm afraid it does need NATO (perhaps, though, you want to re-examine the arsenal policy?) Secondly, hideous though the idea is, it is the balance of power which has kept the peace in Europe the last forty years. I deplore the build-up of military might (conventional and nuclear) in Europe, but rather than a decisive tilting of the balance one way or the other. I'll leave you to ponder over the consequences for America of another war in Europe."

□ Western Europe only thinks it needs the US--it's time to get out of this unhealthy dependency. I must admit the concept of the US as a sort of transatlantic umpire for states, who so frequently proclaim themselves much more mature and practical than we are, is interesting to say the least.

Let's face it: NATO is a dead alliance, both sides are drifting increasingly apart and you are underrating the European ability to cooperate. I think enough of your continent has seen the futility in going it alone. If not, it's high time you joined the real world.

When I think of Sweden and Switzerland, both tiny European states in comparison to most of NATO member states, who provide completely for their own defence, I ask myself why can't you? After all, you're doing 90% now, and I've no doubt that the US would come to your aid should you truly need it.

In the meantime, it would help if more of the Western European states would take a hand in their own behalf as does France. Otherwise this irritating neutralism that is growing in Europe, and the anti-Americanism that equates the US with the Soviets will continue. Time quoted French Defense Minister Charles Hernu in its November 9, 1981 issue as saying: "If France were fully inside NATO, Frenchmen might go to sleep, saying to themselves, 'Oh, well, the Americans are here with their nuclear umbrella. There is no point in our making a strong effort.' It is this sense of independence that gives the French the feeling that they are not neutral." Irritating yes, but the French fend for themselves and the US needs allies like France, not lukewarm, resentful states which continually bite the hand that feeds them.

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Mark Fassio (Virginia, USA): "I agree that, despite their generally 'galling' attitude and desire to differ from us at every turn, the French are indeed 'good allies'."

John Pack (New Mexico, USA): "After reading the article about the French by their ambassador [in EE 52], I'm inclined to take back what criticism I've given them and (continued on page 31))"



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"re-direct it at the British and Germans."

Georges Lebigot(France): "What about the war-planes that crossed the French Pyrenean mountains during the bombing of Khadafi? Did you know that? On T.V. Mitterand and Chirac [the French President and Premier, respectively] say 'No'. But in the quiet of their offices, each takes his red phone to speak thus to Reagan: "Hullo, dear friend, you can bomb Libya but 'motus'(mum's the word)." This was in Le Canard Enchaîné, a French humor and political weekly."

□ That title translates to "The Chained Duck"! I had heard that the French secretly permitted the planes that were to refuel the attack planes to fly the short route over the Pyrenees. I also heard that the French told the US that, if the US would hit Libya harder, enough to topple Khaddafi, that then France would openly join us.

I must tell you that there is intense dislike of France in this country over this incident. The refusal to allow the planes to cross French territory overshadows all else. At work, when I told the above items to co-workers plus the fact that 61 % of the French people backed us, and that France used her veto in the United Nations to kill a censure of the US, they felt that France was only doing this to keep American tourists coming to France this year.

No one, including me, believed that France would have joined the US in a stronger attack on Libya. But France takes care of her own defense, unlike the rest of Western Europe, and I respect, though I think it was very short-sighted, France's refusal.

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Claude Gautron(Manitoba, Canada): "I've been reading some of the letters in the ES Letter Column about the US and NATO. Pulling out of the alliance commitment to defend Western Europe would be extremely foolish for the US. It looks like a near-sighted solution to what is essentially a political problem: how can NATO accommodate the divergent political interests of its 15 member states on such lesser issues as fighting Libyan-backed terrorists or building gas-pipelines for the Soviet Union? Because these are less important issues compared to NATO's primary goal: the defence of Western Europe from Soviet military attack and the use of American nuclear forces as a deterrent against Soviet conventional superiority(I wouldn't underestimate the fighting capabilities of the Red Army, not even of the East German army, as Ray Scott does).

The Soviet Union has invested billions, upon billions of rubles into its armed forces in the last 40 years. It is the opinion of several military experts that it could quickly destroy a large portion of NATO's conventional forces(including American units) if it were not for the fear of an American nuclear retaliatory strike. By the way it is the reason why the Western Alliance has not renounced the first use of nuclear forces as the Soviets have so slyly done.

So all this talk about Americans withdrawing from Western Europe because the Italians(Austria is not part of NATO, it's a neutral country, Gary) insist on buying Libyan crude oil is just a lot of nonsense. It wouldn't do Western Europe any good, it wouldn't do the United States any good; the leaders in the Kremlin, however, would have a field day. They would finally see happen what the Soviet Union has never succeeded in doing in almost 40 years: the withdrawal of American military(and political and diplomatic) influence from Europe.

I'm a North American just like Gary is, Canada is as far removed from these problems as the US is, but I've learned to see what's essential from what is trivial."

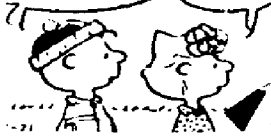
□ (First, I do know that Austria is not part of NATO--I didn't make it clear in #51) My reasons for wanting the US out of NATO are much more than Italian buying of crude oil. There are fundamental differences between the US and the European countries. Sometimes, incredible as it seems, the US appears much more concerned than the Europeans do over the Soviet threat. Those roles should be reversed. And if the US is so truly needed, the Europeans should start acting like it. For my part, they are allies in name only.

And why shouldn't the US have the same right as Canada? In 1969, Canada withdrew half of its armed forces in Europe back home leaving 5,000 troops there. (I've talked to several of ES's Canadian subbers and only Claude knew this!). The then Canadian finance minister, Mitchell Sharp stated: "The Prime Minister insisted that we examine all the options--non-alignment, neutrality, membership

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WE PROBABLY SHOULD WAIT A LITTLE WHILE LONGER..

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without contributing forces, membership with forces committed but not in Europe, membership with forces in Europe, and all the options on how many troops in Europe. We^{can} through that whole exercise, step by step, it drove us up the wall and took days and days. But no one could say we hadn't studied all the options."

And Canada cut its commitment to Europe by 50%. The US apparently has not examined its NATO policy in 40 years and the world has definitely changed. I know the outcome I want, but

I do think the US should consider all its "options" just like Canada did.

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Jan Feringa(The Netherlands): "You state that European countries should've embargoed Libya because Libya is a breeding ground for terrorists.

Chile has been a breeding ground for torturers and killers since the CIA overthrew Allende. The same for Guatemala, Nicaragua in the 'good old days', South Africa, Turkey, and so forth. The US hasn't responded to requests for full embargoes against these and many other cruel governments. Lots of countries support and even train terrorists and torturers. Libya is no special case, except for the fact that America is victim instead of supporter.

By the way, Paul Michel is right. The majority of the Dutch people are pro-NATO. The only real problem is that people start to recognise the correlation between financial and political interests in the foreign policy. Nothing to worry about in fact, if it weren't for this bragging of Mr. Reagan about 'freedom for all people' in Afghanistan and 'the communist threat' in the Philippines.

An example of Holland and the USA joining together? The oil embargo in 1973. The European leaders cooperate with Khaddafi? What's the problem as long as Reagan deals with Pinochet[Chile], Somoza, Videla[Argentina], Marcos, the Shah of Persia, etc. You're losing your feeling for reality, Gary.

Why don't you answer John Marsden's remark about hopeless Palestinians? Who gives Israel the right to kick those people out?

Have you ever read what Dutch resistance people did in 1940-1945? These people were terrorists; they didn't hesitate about killing 'innocent' Germans or Dutch collaborators. Your freedom fighters can be my terrorists.

About information: Buy a normal Dutch paper and a normal American paper. Compare the number of pages about news abroad. That's how I got the same impression as Ron Brown. And you, Gary, are certainly not representative.

Of course Europeans are not smarter. The domains of knowledge and experience tend to differ, that's all. M.I.T., Stanford, Harvard are the highest reachable in my profession. Europeans praise the US alot, but somehow it doesn't get noticed.

Jaap didn't say the US should kill Khaddafi. You're paranoid, Gary. I don't know if we deserve the phrase "allies". At least we pay the bills to the American weapon industry. Have you ever thought of what's going to be of the American weapon industry when the US leaves NATO?

Sorry, Gary, but the last few USs have really made me angry. You're so changed. You seem to forget your country has half the world under economic control. That makes Americans an easy victim for revengeful Palestinians and other losers.

By the way, it's "ban de bom", not "Bann der bom". Cheer up, come over to Holland."

□ But I'm not sad, Jan, and I wouldn't ^{want} ~~won't~~ to corrupt your wonderful country with filthy American dollars although I'm sure I would be as well treated as your countrymen treated the Pope. I disagree with about all of your letter.

You won't embargo Libya because Europeans put trade above morality. Never mind that there is an oil glut and your countries could switch to other suppliers and bring that madman down.

Did the CIA overthrow Allende? Was that before or after he ruined Chile's economy? The part of your letter I do agree with is the shoddy US treatment and interference with Central America--you're right on target.

South Africa? Did a Dutchman mention South Africa as a reproach to an American? Shell Oil is jointly owned by the Dutch and the English. It plays a key role in the South African economy. It supplies fuel to the South African military and police. It operates the largest oil refinery, owns 800 gas stations there and co-owns oil pipelines with the South African government. It exports 6 million tons of South African coal to the world. It refuses to allow union meetings of its workers and won't let the stewards talk to the miners. It suspended 4 of the stewards who went (32)

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to funerals for workers killed on the job and then fired 86 miners who protested this action. No American company is guilty of this kind of crap in South Africa.

Turkey? I understand that, as a member of NATO, the Dutch have an alliance with Turkey just as does the United States? What makes your connection holier? Yes, when one is looked upon as a victim, it does tend to clarify friends and ene-mies.

So the majority of the Dutch people are "pro-NATO". What exactly does that mean? That US troops have to remain in Europe another 40 years to be kicked around and abused by those we are protecting? Protect yourselves.

I asked for an example of when the US and Europe joined together. You give me only one incident that happened 13 years ago. That was when the US wanted to resupply Israel during the Yom Kippur War. Only Holland and Fascist Portugal supported the US. The rest of Europe closed its territory to the US action. In response the Arabs embargoed Holland and Portugal, and the other European states scrambled to make deals with the Arabs. Hmm, maybe Steve Howe does have a point.

Does your country or did your country maintain relations with Pinochet, Somoza, Videla, Marcos and the Shah? I'll bet you even maintain relations with the Ayatollah.

It was John Wilman, not John Marsden. I've often disagreed with the Israeli state. It seems to be an almost peculiar Dutch trait to lump the American people, all of us, in complete agreement with everything the US government does and whoever it is allied with.

The Dutch actions in World War II were in a declared war situation. I doubt very seriously they pushed any crippled 69-year-old Germans off a cruise ship or slaughtered bystanders in an airport lounge. If you consider the actions of 1940-1945 as being equivalent to the terrorists of today, you're the one who is losing your feeling for reality, Jan.

I can't read Dutch. If you recall, I tried to get an English summary of the weekly news in Holland, such as is provided by the United Kingdom, France, West Germany, Belgium and even Iceland, but such a thing doesn't exist in Holland. In EE 49, you stated on this matter that you had checked with several Dutch publications about such a newsletter and: "The answer was the same everywhere. The expected circulation is far too low to cover for the translation costs." What good is all this Dutch insight if it is not available to the people most in need of it, the Americans according to you? In this matter the Dutch like to complain but they don't do anything to improve the situation by making an investment in the future of this planet by paying for some translation costs. If all these other countries, including Iceland with a population of 220,000, can do it why can't Holland?

You're right, I don't notice much European praise of the US and I'm not asking you to provide any.

I quoted a statement of Jaap's from his zine. What are you quoting?

I doubt the US military would reduce once we pulled out of NATO. After all, it is our country which maintains world-wide links and we just might have adequate manpower if you Europeans defend yourselves. Your concern for the American weapons industry is touching but think of the stimulus it will give the Dutch weapons industry. After all, it only employs 18,000 Dutch now, think how many more when you realise it is up to you to defend yourself. That high Dutch unemployment rate can come down and you can build those submarines for Holland instead of Taiwan or the other countries you Dutch sell weapons too.

Your Brutus made me angry before EE made you angry I'm sure. Example in Brutus 19 in late 1984, you lumped all Americans together when you said: "Why are we condemned into an alliance with a country where homosexuality and terrorism are mentioned in the same breath?" Example in Brutus 28, after I had sent you many clippings illustrating that the US does present a wide-range of foreign news, you selected an editorial cartoon which criticized the US policy in South Africa making it the cover of that issue. How about a little balance? How about a cartoon of Holland's involvement in South Africa? Maybe one about how the Dutch ban the importation of Kruggerrands but permit the import of gold bullion from South Africa?

I see no logic connecting America's economic "control" with why Americans should be targets of terrorists. To even accept such a link for one minute is to indulge in the same "understanding" that did nothing against the persecution of the Jews. That happened in Europe too. ((continued on page 34))

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• What is left unsaid is even more overwhelming. Our efforts on behalf of European friends are despised and denigrated by too many Europeans. Let them mind their own back yards for a change. We'll still send our finest young men to put out their next fire!

Irene Silfin
Bethpage, N.Y.

Teijo Doornkamp(The Netherlands): "I can understand Paul Michel when he says that dealing with terrorist groups is like dealing with a bunch of lunatics and that our normal standards of justice should not apply to these people. It really is frustrating to see terrorists escape after their terrible acts.

But I think the disadvantages of not applying our standards of justice to these criminals are a far more dangerous path. In our system of justice nobody is guilty before he is convicted by an independent court of justice.

Convicting somebody should thus not be the task of the president of the USA or the government. These standards are well accepted within a country(ordinary criminals). Why then should they not apply to international crime?

The danger of bypassing international courts is risking a war between two countries. Furthermore the only thing that distinguishes us from those terrorist groups is that we stand for our democratic rights and standards of justice. If we don't accept these standards . We degrade ourselves to the same level as that of those criminal groups. Then a real law of the jungle, a law of the strongest will exist. Should you defend your standards by abandoning them when necessary? I think not.

Secondly, endangering the lives of innocent people appalls me and I really got angry when I read that 70 % of the American people agreed with Reagan on killing a few innocent people. How can you possibly defend killing innocent women and children? Disgusting.

Thirdly, terrorism always has a reason. Nobody bombs people just for fun. You must be pretty desperate to do these terrible things. Why then is nobody trying to eliminate the causes of terrorism? It is high time a solution is found for the Palestinian problem. I think the USA should press Israel in negotiating with the Palestinians, even with the PLO. The longer a solution for the Palestinian people takes, the more desperate they will get and the more difficult it will be to find such a solution.

Terrorism is not an absolute wrong. How would you feel if Afghanistani 'terrorists' placed bombs in Moscow and Leningrad? A justified way of achieving their goal of freeing their country? Or killing Russians in Afghanistan? See what I mean? Finding a solution is the only way to stop terrorism, I think.

On NATO: You said in EE 51: 'I 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.'

Don't doubt it. If the USA is invaded by foreign troops(as were our countries in 1940) we would assist you by sending troops. I am pretty sure about that. But I don't think we would assist you in an aggressive act somewhere else in the world(You can see that when you attacked Libya). After all, NATO is a defensive pact. I don't think being in NATO means the countries should help each other whatever the reason for a conflict.

If the USA commits itself to an aggressive act in what it calls its vital interests, why should the other countries in NATO help? No country assisted England in the Falkland crisis and very rightly so, I believe. There should be a difference between threatening a country and 'assisting us elsewhere'. So I don't agree with you mentioning these two situations in one sentence.

I think the European countries don't hold much of joining together if that means that the USA should dictate common strategy. I think European countries should be involved much more in achieving this common strategy and should be allowed to negotiate directly on more issues(e.g. the Vienna negotiations with Russia).

But I agree totally that the European countries should have done something about the Libyan threat much sooner than they did. The slowness of action abashes me too."

[] The "normal standards" Paul was referring to was that the US took the Egyptian airliner and the 4 hijackers of the Achille Lauro. Jaap Jacobs had criticized the US action as being like "rambo in the jungle". It was extraordinary but it brought them to justice although the Italians let one go free and gave the ones they kept light sentences. The verdict was not liked in the US.

I don't think you Europeans are, even yet, fully aware of just how fed up the American people are with terrorists. ((continued on page 35))

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In a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll, taken before the Libya raid and in the aftermath of the Achille Lauro hi-jacking, it was stated: "Americans also said they think, by 68 percent to 25 percent, that it is more important to take action against terrorists, such as those who hijacked the Achille Lauro, than to maintain good relations with countries such as Italy." and "The survey showed that 73 percent disapproved of Egypt's handling of the hijacking and 57 percent disapproved of Italy's action."

You must have also been angry that 61 % of the French people approved of the raid. Just realise that disapproval goes both ways and I do believe the Americans are more fed up with Europe than vice versa. You are right in saying "Nobody bombs people just for fun."

If you Europeans are so concerned about the Palestinians, why haven't all your past efforts in "understanding" them brought you any peace and safety? The French and Greeks have released terrorists, the British let the killer of a policewoman go free, the Italians freed Mohammed Abbas, and all of you have refused throughout the years to apply any economic sanctions. All of you have pleaded the Palestinian cause. Where has it gotten you? Terrorism has only increased and it's gotten bloodier. Vienna and Rome airports are located in the capitals of countries that have recognized the PLO.

You think the US should "press" Israel to negotiate with the PLO? The US is not the solution to all the world's problems. Why don't you pressure your Arab friends like Libya?

I'm against all attacks on civilians in the form of individual terrorists planting bombs. Attacks in Moscow wouldn't help free Afghanistan but the Russian soldiers in Afghanistan are legitimate targets--it is a state of war there.

The reason that NATO did not help Britain in the Falkland war is quite simple. NATO does not cover territory of member states south of the Tropic of Cancer--Hawaii is not even protected by NATO, it is south of the Tropic of Cancer! But let's do distinguish NATO from the European Common Market, because Europe certainly swung to Britain's side in that instance.

Only hours after the Argentines landed in the Falklands, the EEC condemned the "flagrant violation" of international law, ended arms shipments to Argentina and banned many imports from that country. I guess Argentina wasn't as important to your pocketbooks as is Libya, hmm? It is refreshing to see that at least one European, yourself, felt that the European countries should have done something sooner about Libya.

How would Holland aid the US if we were the ones attacked? It has been difficult enough just to get you Dutch to meet the 3 per cent annual growth in your defense budget you promised. Let me quote from a recent article in the Spring 1986 issue of Foreign Affairs in an article "Dateline Holland: NATO's Pyrrhic Victory". It was written by Maarten Huygen, a reporter for NRC Handelsblad and earlier for Haagse Post. Huygen says:

"Holland has not met its pledged 3 per cent annual growth in the defense budget. There has been hardly any progress in protecting equipment against chemical warfare, and improvement of communications has lagged. Moreover, Holland is still stalling on NATO's long-standing request to send a second combat brigade to the FRG [Federal Republic of Germany, West Germany's official name]."

"In a token gesture, Lubbers [the Dutch Prime Minister] did vow to upgrade Holland's air defenses. But on the whole, instead of bolstering Dutch defenses overall, cruise missile deployment has led to stagnation in its conventional capabilities and hollowed out Holland's nuclear contribution to NATO. Reliance on US commitments to the defense of Western Europe has increased; the ability of Holland to share the burden of its own defense is less than it otherwise would have been; and the division of the country rules out an increase any time soon."

"...any change that gives the countries of Western Europe more responsibility in the alliance is a real answer to doubts about NATO unity, for which the deployment has been only a surrogate. The change could be achieved by a Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction agreement reducing American troop levels, by a European Supreme Allied Commander, or by structural changes. Ultimately, Western Europe will have to be able to determine its relationship with the nearby Eastern Bloc independent of the electoral considerations of a faraway US President."

"Such a Western European assertion of independence may well mean the end, and certainly the diminution of cheap American military support. Western European governments will have to start thinking about nuclear strategy themselves, instead

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of using hints to inspire American initiatives."

"France is the prime example of such a relationship. Paris allows no foreign nuclear weapons on its soil and has left NATO's integrated military structure, but it is considered one of America's best allies on the continent. Much can be done, short of France's step, to enhance the European position with respect to the US."

"In Holland, such a structural change in the alliance would also refocus public opinion on the role of the Dutch government. The opposition would have to point to Brussels [the headquarters of NATO] for ill-conceived decisions instead of to Washington, at least lessening the sovereignty argument and muting the Left's anti-Americanism."

If Holland can't send a second division to nearby West Germany, how can you say you can aid us? I'll repeat again and again: the US needs more allies like the French who take their fate into their own hands instead of relying, and blaming the US for defending them.

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IN THE FORM OF A SNOW-WHITE BULL, ZEUS ENTICES EUROPA ONTO HIS BACK.



Chuff Afflerbach (California, USA): "I enjoy the debate over foreign policy, and find for the most part that I agree with the points of view expressed by your European subscribers. Sometimes I feel, living in the San Francisco Bay area, that I actually am in a foreign country, so liberal is the attitude here compared to mainstream America....I'll just sum up my opinion of Reagan's raid on Libya by saying it was done strictly for domestic consumption, to give the frustrated and impotent US citizens the illusion that we had finally kicked somebody's---anybody's---ass. I strongly disapprove of the the raid, and of all the glee it generated in this country. Most Americans seemed to think it was some sort of football game. We're Number One!"

I felt your feelings during the earlier excursion the Navy was sent on to the Gulf of Sidra but can't agree on the second incidence. The "glee" was that, at long last, the baby-killers and old men murderers had had their actions brought home to them. What would be your solution--to do nothing no matter what?

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Chris Carrier (California, USA): "As to John Wilman's comments that the US was willing to exert more efforts to support 'a corrupt regime' in South Vietnam than to liberate Europe from Fascism, (which is not true) as far as I am concerned Vietnam and World War II were equally moral causes. In each case, we were fighting against an evil totalitarianism. Life in Indochina since 1975 proves that the only thing we did wrong in Southeast Asia was give up.

I'll be the first to admit that Nguyen Van Thieu and Lon Nol were a couple of corrupt jerks. But there is a difference between them and Fascists or Communists; neither practiced mass relocation to slave labor camps, for one thing. Also it is a lot easier to overthrow a Thieu, Nol or Marcos than to overthrow a communist regime. (I doubt if Cory Aquino's 'people power' would have gotten very far in modern Vietnam, for example).

I do, however, feel we should stay in NATO, although the Europeans should be prodded to accept a larger share of their own defense. The dissolution of NATO would send a signal to the USSR that we are weak and divided, and easy pickings.

On a related subject, I am happy to see Spain voted to stay in NATO. This gives the right signal to our enemies--we are united. Also, as the Spanish military will be working more with the military of democratic countries, it will increase their acceptance of democracy, which is still fairly fragile there.

[From a later letter] "...to be appended to my earlier NATO letter as a postscript written after 52 and the Libya raid. I am quite upset with the so-called allies, except for England, for refusing to hang together with the US against Libya. Their refusal is even more wierd in light of the fact that American citizens living in the United States are at little terrorist risk; Europeans in their homelands are at higher risk. (36)

I do not, however, approve of the current wave of France-bashing. The French government is way out of line with the thinking of the French people, as evidenced,

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by polls taken after the raid. In fact, the situation in France today reminds me of the United States in 1979 more than anything else: a left-wing government incapable of handling either the economy or foreign policy which has become very unpopular and Middle Eastern terrorists holding some citizens hostage. However, I still do not believe in the formal abandonment of NATO, as it would give the signal to the men in the Kremlin that we, the West, are weak and divided."

□ I too found the European reactions to the raid almost incomprehensible, I mean, what do the terrorists have to do. I took note of the massive anti-American demonstrations after the Libya raid. I'd love to see a comparison on how much smaller the crowds were after the terrorist slaughter in the Vienna and Rome airports or after the Berlin disco bombing.

I cannot agree with the sentiment that we must cling to an increasingly unacceptable, outmoded alliance just because of what the Kremlin might think. I'll discuss the Spanish vote on NATO later but I think I'd like to see the American people get a chance to vote on whether they want to stay in NATO or not...

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John Pack(New Mexico, USA): I have to agree with Brian Creese. The British should bomb Chicago. Either that or get the US to work at stopping American support(at least, in the way of armaments) for the IRA. I'd expect most Americans would be happy to do what they could to reduce terrorism of any kind throughout the world.

I realize that what Bob Acheson said is also very true. I'd recommend, therefore, that the US adopt an age-old British practice. Just as the British refused to allow us(or anybody else) to sell(or sail) anything to Germany during both world wars after their blockade was established, the US should blockade Libya and refuse passage to anyone whether friend(though the allies can hardly be called that) or foe. We'd probably have to sink an Italian, German, British, Syrian and/or French ship or two, but in the end Libya would buckle without as much bloodshed as current methods(bombing and terrorism) may lead to. Our true allies(if indeed we have any) would, of course, support the blockade from the start. Of course, such allies would also have supported the embargo President Reagan suggested.

America is standing tall under Reagan; however, it is self-esteem that Americans have gained, not praise from other nations. Even so, I doubt that other nations feel like they can attack us freely now(as Iran did when Carter was President).

I'm delighted to see that more and more Americans are feeling that NATO's time has ended. I hope the feeling continues to mount until something is done about it. I'm glad to see that there are a few Britons that feel that way too. It's a pity that articles like those by Gwynne Dyer and Hella Pick didn't appear all over the US. A few like that would be all the impetus we'd need to pull out of Europe right away. Then I'm sure we'd have a lot of people trembling in their boots. After all, then we'd have all those soldiers ready to intervene somewhere at a moment's notice. Problems in Nicaragua and El Salvador would be much easier to deal with.

Geoff Challenger is correct in many ways. Terrorists are courageous. It's just unfortunate that no one else seems to be. Unfortunately, the US does try to fight communism at times instead of trying to be fair/just. It would be nice if we could always act in accordance with the principles we hold highly(freedom, charity, etc.). We did make one mistake when we forced the jet carrying the hijackers of the Achille Lauro to land--we didn't force them to an American airbase where the US could bring them to justice."

□ Ain't it the truth! Italy imposed the toughest sentences on those who were not in their custody or that they had let go. The ones they did have got what amounts to a slap on the wrist and a chance, no doubt, for early parole. I still don't see why it is the US who has to lead the blockade or mount the assaults--why didn't Italy and/or Austria do anything about the massacres in their cities? Instead it was we who sent our fleet into Sidra--that I opposed. I approved a Libyan assault when it was tied to the Berlin disco backed up by West German intelligence.

LLI

Mark Fassio(Virginia, USA): "I am not too surprised that only 3 or 4 Americans wrote in to comment on stuff as of late. You know how we tend to lack impetus in things anyway, and besides, the lack of letters is indicative of US approval for the recent course of action in general. To us, there is no need to beat a dead horse that is an "obvious" horse, (i.e., we know what's right) and necessary. Not so those who would chastize us. ((continued on page 38))

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THE COCA-COLA KID

Australian film directed by Dusan Makavejev, starring Eric Roberts and Greta Scacchi. Sent to find out Coca-Cola is not selling well in Australia, a young American discovers a place where they don't drink coke - or pepsi, either. Imagine!

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and youth.

The Europeans are our fathers' ages, if you will: mid 50s and 60s, conservative to the point of reactionary in not wanting to rock the boat (their past 'wild oats sowing' of empires and the like having passed by long ago) and they abuse us for what they did in their "youth". A trifle stretching of an analogy, but that's how I see it.

We should realize that as the biggest kid in the free world, the smaller guys like to see us take our lumps just to show our humanness, and to get some small comfort from the fact of their own smallness. We are the international lightning rod for criticism. No one thanks us every day for sending aid to starving kids everywhere; only for sending guns to anti-Commies around the world.

No one appreciates the activist role we try to do, having learned that we have to get involved to police the world after two world wars; we are instead chastized for being too 'pushy' and 'overbearing'. There is some truth in that claim, but who hasn't thrown their weight around in history?

No, I think it's a sad dilemma: to leave NATO is to give the Soviets the inroad they've tried for years. But to stay in NATO is to endure more of the same, and apparently we grate on the Europeans' nerves (judging from the left-wing English rabble-rousers your zine attracts) as much as they bug us at times. Well, going back to that age analogy, you could say it's a 'generation gap' attitude."

□ Well, with their much longer history and more "mature" way of viewing things, I think the Europeans are "old enough" to know better. I think we are more like a middle-aged country saddled with aging parents (so many parents) who are entering their second childhoods of irresponsibility. I read one analogy which said that the US is the new Rome and the Europeans are our "Greeks" who send us culture in return for military protection.

I think it is more the Europeans who are the decaying Roman Empire who imported the "barbarians" they despised so to maintain the frontier instead of keeping active in their own defense. The US doesn't need the stupid criticism, the grief, the heartache of the Europeans who bite the hand that feeds them.

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Mark Larzelere (Maryland, USA): "I liked the coeage of the Libya bombing in EE, especially the Will Rogers quotes and the British comparison of it with bombing Chicago to get the IRA."

□ And Will Rogers died 4 years before World War II; imagine what he could do today! Here's part of another British comment, this time from Five Year Plan, by Briton Trevor Lillistone (I love the way the British express themselves!): "I protested outside the American Embassy on the Saturday after they bombed Libya. I expected to see you there. Still, it was great fun, blockading Oxford Street for an hour, some guys actually got the American flag down from the roof of Selfridges but they got it back before it could be burnt. Since this Libyan thing I have become actively anti-American and anti-Thatcher, being a total pacifist I was appalled by their action. I am sure Reagan is mad, so WWII here we come!" And another Briton in Prisoners of War: (Chris Lambert)

"Once Reagan had asked to use British bases I think Maggie did not have much choice but to agree or the so-called 'Atlantic Alliance' would have been well and truly knackered. Some people may say 'So what?', but personally I don't feel 'standing alone' with America (apart from Canada and Israel) is so terrible. I mean we could be standing alone, with a bunch of useless self-seeking bastards like the French (Then I would be worried)."

Please Denis, send me Chris's address so I can send him a copy of this issue. I already have Trevor's address.

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"I will be the first to admit that the 'we saved your butt in two world wars' thing gets a little thin after so many years, because France did start the ball rolling in their court when they saved us in 1781 and before, even if it was for self-interested reasons. I think the whole thing is a matter of comparison: we, as a nation, are young, almost in our teens or early 20s, if you will. We are young, willing to gamble and dare, and proud of our energy

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "The Texans and Oklahomans will be happy; I've left the Iranian Embassy [where he was a translator], and am presently attacking the Islamic Republic of Iran before the Courts. Indeed, despite the contract that had been signed between them and I, the Iranians unilaterally decided that my weekly time schedule should go from 37 to 63 hours a week, i.e. 9 hours a day, 7 days a week, with no Saturdays, no Sundays, and no holidays. This, obviously, without any rise in my salary..."

The reason for this 'coup' ? Easy to find: the Iranians detest our European easy way of life, those Belgians who go to the movies, to the restaurant, to the theatre, who drink alcoholic beverages in cafes, who spend their weekends in Paris, etc. Let's force them to work every day that Allah makes, thought they, and those Belgians will be unable to live on their lives of lust and leisure...

The first result of their moral offensive is that their cultural centre in Brussels and their students' house in Antwerp have been closed and sequestered upon my demand, until the Courts find for the amount of damages they should pay to me and my Belgian colleagues.

In fact, the new Iranian ambassador who arrived in Brussels by late December, H.E. Alireza SALARI, is all but a diplomat. 29 years old, he has delegated all his administrative powers to his Minister-Counsellor, Seyed Ali Asghar GHANOONI, and to his accountant, Farhad Najafzadeh KHOIE, only caring for Islamic fundamentalist propaganda among the Muslims of Belgium.

This, among other things, led to the confiscation, by Iranian pro-KHOMENEYI students, of the demonstration against the American raid on Tripoli and Benghazi, turning it into a rabid anti-Western demonstration. I can understand the demonstrators who wanted to protest against said raid, but I, like any other Belgian, shall never accept that slogans like "Belgians out of this country!" or "Die, Europe, Die!" be shouted in the streets of my city by women dressed in chadors or kids with their faces distorted by hatred.

Belgium has spent billions to try to integrate the 370,000 Muslims who are now living in this country, but clearly most of these efforts have been misdirected. In 1974, for instance, Islam was recognized by the Belgian State and free Islamic religious courses organised in all public schools, for those who wanted to follow them. Now it appears that these courses are given in Arabic by teachers nominated by the Imam of the Great Mosque of Brussels, and thus totally out of control of the Belgian inspectorship. Teachers with an average 6-month turnover are exhorting their pupils not to obey their female teachers, and pleading in favour of sexual discrimination in classes and swimming pools.

Since the beginning of this year, the Islamic courses have been prohibited by most Brussels mayors, until the Muslim authorities accept a control by the Belgian State, and respect the Belgian laws and customs. To this has been the reply: 'Allah is over the Belgian government, and the latter must bow'...

Wooooooops! The Iranian Embassy called me back, asking me to care for their new bunch of gas-injured soldiers in our Belgian hospitals, and proposing me an extra-salary for it. I refused. Keep your money, Sirs, I'll do it for nothing. And show you what an atheist can do, not for his co-religionists, but for his fellow humans."

□ Next issue, I'll be printing several of Michel's back letters. I'm sure you will agree that he is quite an interesting guy! I loved the way the demonstration was 'ok' until it became anti-European!

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Brian Greese(United Kingdom): "What comes over from you and your fellow American correspondents in the excellent ~~EE~~ debate is your confidence in recognizing terrorism. I--and I suspect most Europeans--have great difficulty making out who exactly a terrorist is. In fact every terrorist I see is someone's freedom fighter. This is, perhaps a European perspective. There is virtually no African leader of a former British colony who hasn't been imprisoned by us for terrorism. This, somehow, doesn't seem to prevent them sitting down with the Queen at Commonwealth conferences.

Again, the leaders of Israel were all out-and-out terrorists of the most vicious kind prior to independence. It is sometimes difficult to take Israeli comments on Palestinian terrorists too seriously given their antecedents.

There are moral dilemmas in South Africa, of course, where the ANC conduct a terrorist campaign against the most hated government on the planet. Terrorists

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If the U.S. is the "Great Satan," as the Ayatollah Khomeini and his gang of assassins think it is, then it is time that they reap the hellfire and damnation of this devil and meet their Allah face to face. It is time that civilized peoples realize that they are dealing with savages who will not compromise to the ideas that form the basis of civilization. If we must stoop down into the gutters with these scum, then let us climb down and exterminate the vermin once and for all.

WILLIAM D. SIDDENS
Amarillo, Tex.

The world is not divided into black and white, but is actually made up of a huge variety of greys. There is no government on Earth which is wholly good, and probably none that is totally bad. Similarly, today's terrorists are tomorrow's world statesmen. My feeling is that the US pronouncements in ~~EE~~ (rather pompous, but you know what I mean) seem to assume terrorism is a clear, concrete concept. I would love to hear a workable definition of terrorism which would allow Reagan to continue trying to crucify Gadaffi and pay for the Contras' campaign.

My own view, as Gary will know, is that the only intellectually consistent approach is to deny the morality of using force for political ends, regardless of motive--an idealistic, pacifist solution which requires far more bravery than most nations are yet ready for.

And then the US bombed Libya. And Thatcher helped.

All I can say is that I hope there are U.S. citizens who are as appalled as I am. Obviously the way to deal with a fanatic is to kill his children!!! No doubt the lust for revenge was satisfied, but in practical terms I can see nothing good which can come out of this action. Libya sponsors people to kill US civilians for political reasons. The US kills Libyan civilians for political ends. Just where is the difference?

Enough! I hope you can read some of this, Gary and keep up the good work!

□ I could read it all except for that one word which obviously meant "fight" but wasn't "fight". I consider the contras terrorists and am ashamed that the US is backing them. Today's terrorist may be tomorrow's statesman but didn't Britain object to a man Israel chose as its ambassador? Similarly, I have a long memory and I think I know a terrorist act when I see one--attacks on airports are not attacks on a hotel full of British soldiers, for example. When babies are blown 15,000 feet out of a plane, the man responsible for it better not come to my country as tomorrow's statesman or even anyone who expressed approval for such an act.

The difference between Libya and the US? We didn't deliberately set out to slaughter children. I don't think any American leader has ever urged his followers to kill children first, make their parents watch and then kill the parents, as Khaddafi did. The raid apparently quieted him down, it jolted you Europeans into expelling these terrorists from your countries and it showed that at least one Western country is not going to be walked over time after time after time. Americans do know that the world is not divided into white and black. But there are some blacks, aren't there? I always enjoy your letters!

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Paul Michel (The Netherlands): "You replied to my letter: 'I'm sorry but I just don't believe that you are in a majority in Europe.' That's strange.

Today the final result of the referendum in Spain with the question to stay or to get out of NATO was clearly in favor to stay in NATO. In my opinion, clear proof that here in Europe we are not so anti-American minded as it seems. Before the referendum you saw perhaps the demonstrations in Spain against NATO. Everybody it seemed in Spain wanted to get out of NATO. And what was the real result, the 'silent' group, the majority said: 'We stay.'

Maybe you still don't believe me but all those demonstrations here in Europe against those missiles were first of all more a demonstration for peace, than a demonstration against the USA or NATO. Second, not everybody here in Europe agrees with those demonstrations, Spain proved that.

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The example that you gave, Libya, is not fair. Libya has no economical importance for the USA, but for a country like Italy this is certainly not the same. They trade a lot with Libya and to stop that in one month or even one year is not that simple. For the USA, it is not difficult to say, no more trade and no more weapons for Libya. Of course I don't agree, I am sure a lot of Italians don't, but the geographic and economic situation doesn't make this case so simple.

Another point is that I've got the idea that the Americans see Europe as one country. Maybe this is the main problem and error that an American can make. While Italy is trading with Libya and delivers weapons to that country, France is fighting against Libya in Chad. This is one of the best examples how stupid we are here in Europe. And it is an example that Europe is not one country with one government.

As I said the example of Libya is not fair, for the same reason I could blame the USA for still supporting the junta of Chile and the white minority in South Africa. South Africa has enormous economical importance for the USA. And just like with Libya, the Americans don't quit there in one day or one year. And again I certainly don't agree with it, but I understand that's not a thing that you do in an hour. Such a thing takes time. The only hope with South Africa is that it doesn't take too much time before Apartheid is finished because otherwise it will be ended in a way the American government doesn't want.

Then the remarks of John Pack. Maybe he never paid much attention when there were history lessons in school but it is certain that he doesn't know a lot about European history. While Germany, during the years before the war, had an economical [uplift?] because they were preparing for war, France, the rest of Europe and the rest of the world were facing an economic depression with record unemployment. The French army just like most of the other armies in Europe, excluding Germany's, were old-fashioned like hell. When German tanks rolled over the Dutch border, we here in the Netherlands had to move our army with bicycles.

The remarks somewhere else in the letter column from you Gary that the USA were supporting the allied countries is true but the USA really fought and joined us when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour in 1941. The war in Europe had started in 1939 with the invasion of Poland, so here in Europe we were already fighting two years before American blood was shed. The question is if there would ever be American blood shed if the Japanese hadn't attacked you?

Therefore I cannot understand why you're asking yourself if Europe would join the USA when there would be a war outside Europe. We would support you with weapons, etc., just like the USA did before they were attacked but if we would support you with European blood shed is the same question like I just asked, would the USA have sent an army to rescue the allied countries in Europe in case they were not attacked.

Well, I finish this letter except for one thing, 'Let the Soviets do as they please for a while', the remark from John Pack has made me angry. The Netherlands have just 14 million inhabitants, if we would not join NATO or something else, we would have a good chance to defend ourselves against more than 200 million Russians, wouldn't we?

□ Countries with smaller populations look after themselves (Sweden with 8.3 million, Switzerland with 6.4 million, Finland with 4.9 million, Israel with 4.3 million), why can't 14 million Dutch? There should be a Western European military alliance but I fail to see why it should include Americans.

The majority of the Spaniards did not vote in favor of NATO. More than half of the voters did not even participate on the referendum. The Prime Minister Felipe González who originally called for such a vote, had to back-pedal very quickly because he found himself out on a limb and urge acceptance for it. Such a wonderful type of ally to have. I wish Greece would vote themselves out.

The whole point on Libya is that Italy and the other European countries would not even begin to stop any trade with Libya. South Africa is a blot on all Western governments who trade there. We don't see Europe as "one country" but it is way past time for you Europeans to put aside your petty differences and work together. You've been the cause of too many wars already.

On World War II, there has always been speculation on how the US would have gone to war in Europe had Hitler not declared war on us 4 days after Pearl Harbor. I feel about Europe the way the Germans felt about Austria-Hungary: "If it comes to a war, we must hope that Austria is attacked so that she needs our help and not that we are attacked so that it would depend on Austria's decision (see page 13)" (41)

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84AZ BAHNHOF ZOO FRUHLJAHR 1908

FRANKREICH(Coughlan) A war UKR; A BUR S F mar; A MUN-tyo; A GAL-vie;
A BOH-vie; F MAR & A GAS \$ eng F mid-spa(NSO); A spa-POR;
F BRE \$ eng F eng-mid(NSO).

GROSSBRITANNIEN(Schunck) NMR, has A LON; A EDI; F NAT; F BOT; A MOS;
A LVN; F ENG; F NTH; F DEN; F MID.

ITALIEN(Bouwman) F PIE-mar(S F LYO); A TYO-boh(\$ A VIE); A VEN-tyo;
A BUL-smy(C F AEG); F tys-WES(S F NAF).

RUSSLAND(Jacobs) F arm-BLA; A bud-RUM; A sev-ARM.

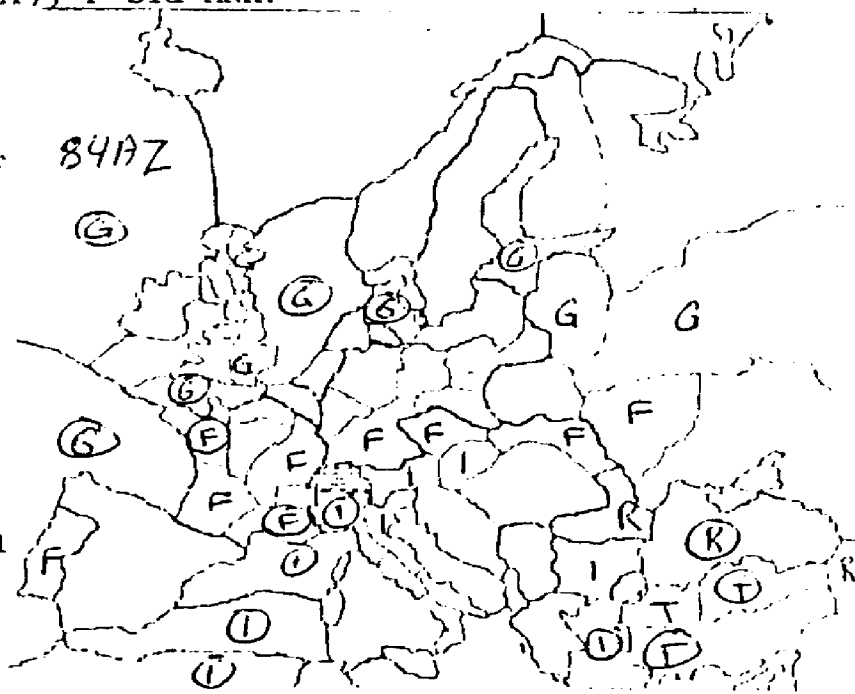
TURKEI(Gautron) A CON H(\$ F SMY); F bla-ANK.

ZAT für HERBST und WINTER 1908
ist 27 AUGUST 1986. Don't for-
get retreats. Note yet another
new address for Christoph; I
suspect it is also to blame for
the NMR. As of this season Ivo
Bouwman resigns as Italy;
drawing from the EE Malmberger
list would TEIJO DOORNKAMP,
Grevingaheerd 58, 9737 SE
Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS.
please take over? Thanks. All
draws failed; EFIR 2y2n, EF
3y1n, EFIRT 3y1n. Proposed
again are EFI, EF, and I; not
voting is no.

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FRANCE-TURKEY: Bravo, Sultan! I
hope I fight as gallantly as
you when my time comes?

FRANCE-ITALY: Thanks for the
Nepal postcard. I hope you
don't send me one from Paris!



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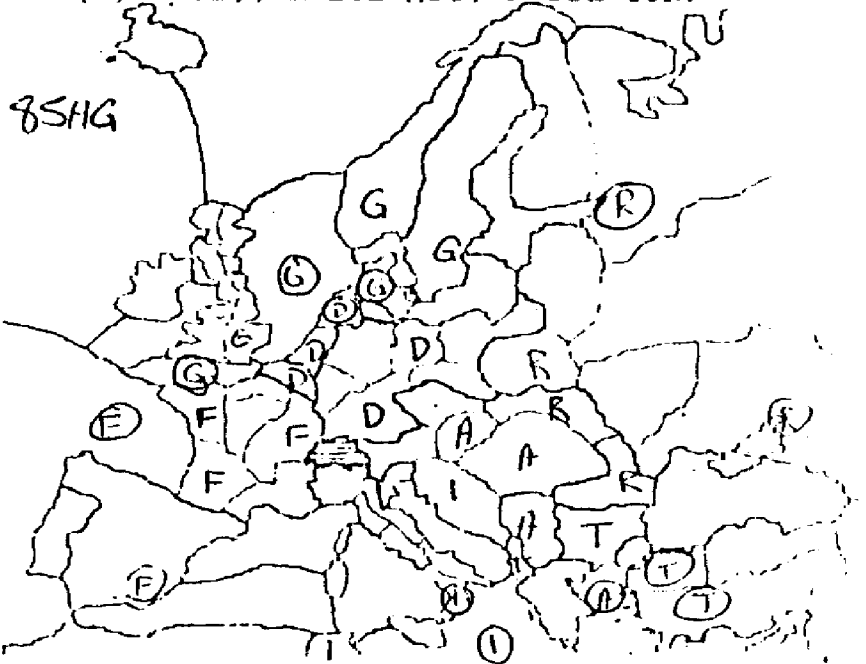
FRANCE-ENGLAND: I hope we have our moves coordinated this season, I feel the tide is turning one way or the other.
 FRANCE-GM: Those maps last season were nice. But whose game did they belong to. ((I'm not so worried about printing the wrong maps, it's that nobody else noticed them that bothers me!))

8SHG BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE HERBST 1902

DEUTSCHLAND(Bouwman) A ruh-MUN(S A BER); A BEL & A HOL MS; F den-HEL.
 FRANKREICH(Strauss) A pic-BRE(S A GAS); A par-BUR;
 F por-MID(S F SPA/SC).
 GROSSBRITANNIEN(McIntyre) F lon-NTH; A NWY-stp; F nth-DEN(S A SWE);
 F bre-mid(d,r ENG* NRR, made by GM).
 ITALIA(Baker) F NAP-ion; A TUN H; F ION-gre; A tyo-TRI.
 ÖSTERREICH(Caws) A VIE S A bud; A GRE-bul(\$ F AEG);
 A tri-SER(S A BUD).
 RUSSLAND(Gardner) A sil-GAL(S A WAR); F STP/SC H; A RUM S tur A ser;
 F SEV S A rum.
 TURKEI(Pater) F SMY-aeg; A ser-bul(d,r ALB); A BUL-gre; F bla-CON.

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

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BEL	5 even
F mar par (bel) por	
spa BRE	5 even
G home (bre) nwy	
DEN SWE	6 bld A LON
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Ö (tri) vie bud	
gre ser	4 rem A gre
R home rum	5 even
T home bul	4 even
n (swe)	



ZAT für FRÜHJAHR 1903 ist 27 AUGUST 1986. Don't forget potential retreats. Ivo Bouwman resigns this season as Germany; would MALC SMITH, Granliveien 11, 1086 Oslo 10, NORWAY please take over.

bahnhof friedrichstr. press
 MOS-LON: We'll deal with you. Just as soon as we've dealt with Vie. Quit laughing!
 CON-VIE: So long, and thanks for all the fish.
 PARIS LONDON: This time I need some answer!
 TUR-ITA: Hm...
 PARIS: The President really cares for his vineyards, not so much for cheese, ale, or other beers.

That's all for now; there's one piece of press left about the World Cup that with the long delay is sadly out of date. I'll save the game list and everything else for next time. We bid a fond farewell to Ivo, who is dropping most of his postal games. Hope to see you in the letter columns in the future! And with that good night!

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***** Only Yesterday... *****
Number Nine ***** N. Heintzman, ed.

HOW GARIBALDI DRESSES - The special correspondent of the London Morning Post gives the following description of Garibaldi's dress:

"He wears light grey pantaloons, with a red cotton shirt, fastened by five small mother-of-pearl buttons, and a silk handkerchief with different colors on a violet ground, lightly tied by two knots on his left shoulder, the other two ends hanging loosely over his right. He wears on his head a hat of the kind called in Italy 'panjuolo,' of the color of camel's hair, but so worn and battered that many a man, without the pretensions to a dandy, would have considerable objections to such an article of costume. It is in plain English, 'a shocking bad hat.' He does not wear any sword, at least at present. He walks with a step so rapid that his youngest aids-de-camp have the greatest difficulty in keeping up with him. This quickness of step images the quickness of all his movements, military or political, as the course of the present expedition proves.

"The Washington of Italy is no exception to the old saying that 'no man is a hero to his valet.' The domestic of Garibaldi, who comes nearest that character, informs me confidentially, that his 'master is not without his weakness.' He is prodigiously particular about the color and the pattern of these same handkerchiefs which he wears thrown over his shoulder. He is also very particular about the red cloak, which he carries on his left shoulder when in company, and which he arranges with great care. Here Garibaldi never changes his picturesque attire, and it seems to become him far better than would any uniform all bedizened with gold lace, and covered with orders and with stars.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, July 26, 1860)

A FIENDISH OUTRAGE.—A wretch, upon whom the infliction of all the tortures of the Inquisition combined with all that savage cruelty could invent would be punishment too light, named William Peckover—mentioned in the police report—was arrested this morning for an outrage perpetrated upon the person of a little girl four years of age, named HANNAH GREEN. The act was committed in a house across the creek, opposite the foot of Commercial street. Several little girls were playing in the house, understood to be empty, and the child in question was enticed from her companions into the upper portion of the building, where the villian accomplished his diabolical purpose. It is with a feeling of horror that we give even this brief notice of so revolting a crime, and were it not a matter of duty, in our capacity as news gatherer, we would have forborn all mention of it.

Peckover was committed for further examination.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 4, 1860)

ELECTRICITY.—An arrangement is about to be perfected by which the whole Union will be daily enlightened, through the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, as to the condition of the weather prevailing in every section of the country penetrated by a telegraphic wire. The result cannot but be most beneficial. The mariner will know whether to sail at a given time; the housewife will no longer hesitate to hang out her basket of clothes from fear of rain; the promenade need not doubt between the choice of a parasol or a parapluie; and, in a word, the telegraphic station, with its convergent line of lightning, will be a stupendous electrical barometer, conveying intelligence as definite and reliable as if the Clerk of the Weather from the housetops proclaimed the order of the day. Live l'electricite!

(Buffalo Daily Republic, May 7, 1860)

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POLICE COURT.—BEFORE JUSTICE BIDWELL.—
Wm. Smith, charged with committing an assault
and battery on Jane Ann Ward, was found
guilty and fined \$20, which he paid.

Fanny Levi, a daughter of the tribe of
Israel, preferred a charge of petit larceny
against Bridget Sullivan, in stealing a bon-
net and skirt; but it appeared on the trial
she had loaned the articles to Bridget, and
that the prosecution partook somewhat of
the malicious. The prisoner was discharged,
and the complainant compelled to pay costs.

Rarbet Mosebach, a German woman, for as-
saulting a boy named Charles Lehmann, was
fined \$2.

Elisabeth Eckherdt, a young lady, wanted
to go to a ball last night, and having no
light pink muslin dress, and breastpin of her
own, stole those belonging to a friend. Eliza-
beth found this morning that those who dance
must not only pay the fiddler, but must pay
some regard to the rights of others, and for
her neglect in this latter particular, she
was sent to the Work House for six months.
And now, instead of being arrayed in robes of
gauze-y texture, and sparkling jewelry, she
will be clad in a homely suit;—and instead of
painting her cheeks to brighten her complexion,
she will be engaged in painting hames and
buckles, to darken theirs.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 10, 1860)

—The fourth of July has been kept this
year with more than the usual spirit. We re-
gret to hear of numerous accidents. Amongst
the rest, that a son of the Hon. SAM. REARD-
LEY lost his arm, at Utica while serving a gun
at Utica. In New York several persons were
severely injured by the discharge of pistols,
and other casualties occurred, with which we
shall not distress our readers, as the parties
are probably unknown here.

(Buffalo Daily Courier and Economist, July 8,
1844)

BRITISH SPEED.—We see it stated that an
Express Train, consisting of 10 cars, weighing
100 tons, and carrying 320 passengers, was late-
ly run from Swindon to Paddington, England, a
distance of 77 miles, at the rate of 52 miles
an hour.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, May 31, 1847)

CARRIAGES.
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H. S. CHAMBERLAIN
Would inform his Friends and the Public, that he has
steadily and laboriously

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES AND SLEIGHS
Which he offers for sale as low as any other
Establishment of the kind

All Kinds of Work Made to Order!

REPAIRS promptly attended to, and our prices
are low.

The Subscriber begs for prompt attention to bus-
ness, to meet a share of his patronage.

Corner of Mohawk and Pearl Streets,
BUFFALO, N. Y.

CHAMBERLAIN & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF

CARRIAGES, WAGONS,
SLEIGHS, &c.

HAVE REMOVED from the Corner of Pearl and Mo-
hawk Streets, to the NEW BUILDING, at the
Corner of Niagara and Mohawk Streets,
where they will continue to keep on hand all the
materials and tools necessary for the
manufacture of

LIGHT CARRIAGES,
TOP BUCKETS,
OPEN BUGGIES,
EXPRESS WAGONS,
GROCERS' WAGONS,
LUMBER WAGONS, &c.

At the very best Workmanship and Materials, and at Prices
to suit the times.

They are also prepared to Manufacture
Any Style of Vehicle in Their Line,
UPON THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

Special attention given to REPAIRING
CARRIAGES.

1860. Spring Stock. 1860.

PAPER HANGINGS,
Wholesale & Retail.
AT NUMBER 213 MAIN STREET,
1011-1125 THE CITY.

H. G. WHITE,
Has to announce his friends that he has now received his
entire stock of

Paper Hangings, Borders
DECORATIONS, &c.
From the best

AMERICAN, FRENCH AND ENGLISH
Manufacturers, and he has the honor to announce that
he has a large stock of the most beautiful and
valuable Paper Hangings, Borders, &c. on hand,
and he is prepared to receive orders for the same.

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We interrupt this zine to bring you a special report.

HUMBOLDT WHITE PAPER

Sex and the Single Pubber

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Jim Meinel's recent girlfriend made an interesting remark last month that zine thickness is "inversely proportional to a pubber's active sex life." Such a statement cries out, nay, begs (!) for an indepth exposé. We at Humboldt accept this challenge. In this special report on pubbers we will candidly discuss such aspects as size, thickness, frequency, and how they relate to zine production. Is it really possible to put out a monthly 20 page digest zine carrying 8 games with maps, statistics, a humorous article, and an intense letter column and still be able to put out? The answers will shock many of you, while others may be amused, and a few of you will toss this aside to hump the nearest moving object.

The following information is what the Humboldt experts have decerned after hours of intense ~~compulation~~ compilation.

ZINE SIZE

Full Size Reg. Print: Shows a person confident with their own sexuality, not afraid to let it all hang out.

Reduced Digest Form: Not as active or as confident as full size people; feel they must hide their light under a bushel. Even when active they are very slow in starting.

Enlarged Print: Desperatly needs counseling!

ZINE THICKNESS

1-2 pages: Whips it out quick.

3-5 pages: Active, but not oversexed (as above).

6-12 pages: Not too active but very romantic just the same, thank you.

13-20 pages: Only has sex when seduced, which isn't very often.

Over 20 pages: Has to be pulled away from typewriter, dragged kicking and screaming to the bed where he's repeatedly raped by burly spouse.

Printing On Both Sides of a Page: Can go either way.

Printing On One Side: Likes own sexuality but is open to certain kinkiness.

Not Able to Finish a Page: Speaks for itself.

ZINE FREQUENCY

2-3 Weeks: Fantisizes often, but rarely ventures out of the house.

4 Weeks: Regularly strikes out at bars and has gone on at least three blind dates.

5-6 Weeks: A happy home life; enjoys dancing (if under 40 - likes to Swing dance; if over 40 - prefers to dip).

Quarterly: Happily married, but keeps an expensive mistress on the side. Contemplating divorce.

Yearly: Not really interested in anything anymore. Takes long lonely trips abroad.

Irregular: Seriously considering a sex change.

SUBZINE

Just entered puberty (mentally or physically) and still has a lot of unanswered questions.

Next time, Humboldt White Paper will give a good long hard look at zine names and what they REALLY mean.

Till then,
Kevin Nighe

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HUMBOLDT BOOK SALE!

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BEST OF MEMPHIS. Gary Coughlan's two hour video tour of Tennessee's best loved city. See Graceland, the Memphis ducks, the post office, Graceland, Elvis Avenue, and...um...Graceland!
 BETA715 \$4.50

LEPRECON COOKBOOK with Joan Extron. Fabulous meals for those homey weekend Cons. Joan tells how to make spaghetti for 35 people, pancakes that cure hang-overs, 101 uses for a bagel, and much much more.
 VHS748 BETA848 \$28.00

MORE OF "WE BOMB IN..." A two hour long video of Ronald Reagan bloopers. See the U.S. President laugh off hunger, poverty, MX missiles, and Russia. Fourth in a series of 39.
 VHSS13 BETA*13 \$1.85

MADCON. One hour video of the Midwest's famous 3 day Con. Highlights include water fights, prolonged shouting, excessive dot grabbing, a belching contest, mooning, prostrate bodies and more!
 VHS726 BETA826 \$28.00

JULIO IGLESIAS SINGS DURAN DURAN. International star croons "View To A Kill", "Reflex", and others. Need you know more?
 Only \$6.03



ROUGH MAGIC by Stephen King. Bestseller about a young New England witch. Once again King stretches out a short story into an expensive book. Don't Buy!

DIP OBITUARIES by Larry Peery. Obits of all people who ever played postal Dip arranged alphabetically and by day of death also includes a Zip Code Obit Index. Unbelievable! \$65.00

UNITED WE SCORE by S. Knight. A former movie critic fools around with goalie & sweeper percentages. Read with horror as the scores graphically climb and the owners panic. For sale to Adults over 21 only. \$14.15

ALL AID - various artists. Special combination of book, record, and video to raise money for more Aid-type concerts, records, and books.
 Was \$23.50 Now \$4.25

1987 DIPLOMACY CALENDAR by Rod Walker. Each month gives you a map of a different province with geographic facts, historical notes, regional stamps, and other useless information. Free with order over \$10.00.

THE ENDLESS HACKEY by Keith Sherwood. Dipdom's expert on coolness travels around the world foisting Southern Calif activities upon helpless natives. Zulu bogey boards? You'll cry until you laugh.
 A Cool \$12.00

345. LOST OPEPAS by Conrad von Metzke. Detailed background of dozens of German & Italian operas that haven't been produced in over 150 years.

Prof. von Metzke tells you why.
 Pub at \$35.85

Now \$1.50

701. ZINE HEAVEN by Mark Berch. Find out what's happened to Luedi, Sherwood, Michalski, Lee, Walker, Lew and other former pubbers. Is there life after folding, and does it include Dip? Original material!!
 Was ~~\$2.75~~ Now \$2.75

X350. ZINE BURNOUT by Paul Michel. Attempts to explain that strange phenomena of why a zine's first ten issues are always the best ones ever written. Annotation by Ivo Bouwman. Translated by Jaap Jacobs
 Special Import \$25.00

11. DIPLOMACY STATS by Stephen Wilcox. What's the best way to defend Munich against an F/K alliance in '08? Wilcox gives you the options and their odds. A must buy! Recommended \$7.88

((This 3-part poll(see pages 49 and 50) is run by Bruce Linsey and the complete results are available from him in a 52-page booklet The Cream Shall Rise! This publication gives a complete break-down on every zine and subzine and GM down to charts for each one who made the main list. The cost of this publication is: Free to any publisher who printed the ballot and voted, \$1.00 to anyone else who voted and \$2.00 to anyone else. A list of the voters appears on page 3. Highly recommended! The 1986 North American Zine Poll)

No fewer than 60 zines garnered the minimum of ten votes necessary to make the 11 list. So without further ado, here they are:

RANK	ZINE NAME	VOTES	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	FINAL SCORE	MODIFIED MEAN	PREF SCORE
1	COSTAGUANA	54	ROSE 43 FROM #44	9.375	8.750	10.000
2	EUROPA EXPRESS	77	ROSE 1 FROM # 3	9.045	8.429	9.661
3	IT'S A TRAP!	42	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.934	8.206	9.601
4	PRAXIS	44	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.659	8.250	9.068
5	EXCELSIOR	48	REMAINED AT # 5	8.374	7.850	8.893
6	DIPLOMACY WORLD	69	ROSE 15 FROM #21	8.000	7.685	8.475
7	DIPLOMACY DIGEST	61	ROSE 1 FROM # 8	8.067	7.490	8.644
8	THE ZINE REGISTER	38	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.023	7.656	8.390
9	NO FIXED ADDRESS	55	FELL 7 FROM # 2	8.004	7.533	8.475
10	MAGUS	30	REMAINED AT #10	7.942	7.833	8.051
11	SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS	33	FELL 5 FROM # 6	7.859	8.259	7.453
12	YES, VIRGINIA,...SANTA CLAUS	17	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.463	7.467	7.450
13	THE BOOB REPORT	14	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.395	7.417	7.373
14	BUSHACKER	53	ROSE 11 FROM #25	7.377	7.465	7.200
15	FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM	29	ROSE 11 FROM #26	7.284	7.280	7.268
16	CATHY'S RAMBLINGS	36	ROSE 18 FROM #34	7.132	7.400	6.864
17	REDWOOD CURTAIN	16	ROSE 22 FROM #39	7.053	7.071	7.034
18	THE DIPLOMAT	28	FELL 9 FROM # 9	6.810	8.042	5.593
19	POMMES MIT MAYO	31	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.796	7.320	6.271
20	THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL	31	ROSE 12 FROM #32	6.694	7.000	5.500
21	WINSOME LOSESOME	17	ROSE 6 FROM #27	6.687	6.933	6.441
22	MACARRE	10	FELL 10 FROM #12	6.614	7.125	6.102
23	XENOGOGIC	33	FELL 3 FROM #20	6.602	6.593	6.610
24	THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT	32	ROSE 22 FROM #46	6.570	7.462	5.678
25	THE ALAMO CITY TIMES	12	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.528	6.700	6.356
26	POLITESSE	38	ROSE 30 FROM #56	6.450	6.813	6.102
27	LIFE OF MONTY	23	FELL 3 FROM #24	6.397	6.947	5.847
28	KAISSA	43	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.242	7.314	5.169
29	FROBOZZ	25	FELL 16 FROM #13	6.207	7.667	4.745
30	PERELANDRA	24	FELL 23 FROM # 7	6.185	7.200	5.169
31	THE INNER LIGHT	21	FELL 17 FROM #14	6.173	7.176	5.169
32	MURKING MINISTERS	17	ROSE 11 FROM #43	6.051	6.933	5.169
33	GRAUSTARK	22	ROSE 15 FROM #48	5.890	6.611	5.169
34	RENZENE	15	NEW TO MAIN LIST	5.647	6.462	4.891
35	DIPPY	11	ROSE 16 FROM #51	5.616	7.333	3.993
36	CHEESECAKE	14	ROSE 9 FROM #45	5.615	7.500	3.729
37	TER-RAW	13	FELL 4 FROM #33	5.550	7.455	3.644
38	FOL SI FIE	21	FELL 23 FROM #15	5.449	7.000	3.898
39	REBEL	25	ROSE 14 FROM #53	5.293	6.857	3.727
40	WHITESTONIA	32	ROSE 20 FROM #60	5.091	6.962	3.220
41	THE DRAGON'S LAIK	17	NEW TO MAIN LIST	5.071	6.667	3.475
42	STAR-BACK	22	FELL 5 FROM #37	5.065	5.722	4.407
43	TACKY	20	FELL 14 FROM #29	4.807	6.313	3.301
44	EVERYTHING	41	FELL 3 FROM #41	4.602	6.576	2.627
45	MIDLIFE CRISIS	30	FELL 22 FROM #23	4.544	6.375	2.712
46	LIBERTEKREAM	10	FELL 4 FROM #42	4.524	6.250	2.797
47	THE RAZOR'S EDGE	27	NEW TO MAIN LIST	4.374	5.696	3.051
48	THE GAMER'S ZINE	16	FELL 12 FROM #36	4.307	6.071	2.542
49	BIG HITS OF MID-AMERICA	10	ROSE 3 FROM #52	4.167	5.875	2.453
50	THIS BUD(APEST)'S FOR YOU	15	NEW TO MAIN LIST	4.152	5.846	2.450
51	NOT NEW YORK	29	FELL 33 FROM #18	4.027	5.600	2.373
52	APPALLING GREED	11	ROSE 6 FROM #50	3.949	5.778	2.119
53	BERSAGLIERI	15	ROSE 8 FROM #61	3.420	5.923	0.932
54	HAJI JIKAI	12	ROSE 8 FROM #62	3.043	4.900	1.186
55	NORTH SEALTH, WEST GEORGE	13	ROSE 9 FROM #64	2.779	4.455	1.107
56	SO I LIED!	20	FELL 20 FROM #20	2.674	4.500	0.847
57	ROAST	20	ROSE 8 FROM #65	2.654	4.375	0.932
58	THE NOT FOR HIRE	30	NEW TO MAIN LIST	2.406	3.625	1.106
59	KNOWN GAME OPENING!!	21	ROSE 8 FROM #67	2.235	3.700	0.700
60	THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD	12	FELL 41 FROM #19	2.147	3.700	0.593

((Receiving less than the required 10 votes to make the main list were 32 zines. Those of EE subbers, 12 in number, are listed on page 50 along with their mean scores. (18)

The 1986 North American Subzine Poll

39 subzines received the minimum of five votes needed to make the main list. They finished as follows:

RANK	SUBZINE NAME	VOTES	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	MODIFIED MEAN
1	D-DAY!	17	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.600
2	HOBBYTALK!	15	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.300
3	THE MEGADIPLOMAT	14	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.250
4	ONLY YESTERDAY	15	ROSE 30 FROM #34	7.709
5	HIGH INERTIA	13	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.450
6	FIAT BELLUM	20	FELL 2 FROM # 4	7.417
7	FLICK OF THE WRIST	24	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.350
8	THE COMPLETE DIPLOMAT	8	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.250
9	MAFE OF THE DOG	17	FELL 3 FROM # 6	7.200
10	HUMPHOLDT	14	FELL 8 FROM # 2	7.003
11	DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT	11	ROSE 5 FROM #16	7.000
12	12 PAGES OF HOMOSEXUAL CRAP	29	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.880
13	DEBI'S FILLER	10	ROSE 19 FROM #32	6.875
14	BUT I'M HAPPY	6	ROSE 23 FROM #37	6.833
15	KATHY'S KORNEN	27	ROSE 6 FROM #21	6.763
16	HIGH PLAINS GONZO	16	FELL 13 FROM # 3	6.643
17	U.S. DOLLARS	10	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.600
18	SCREED	5	ROSE 4 FROM #22	6.600
19	BOTTOMS UP	12	ROSE 12 FROM #31	6.600
20	VERTIGO	7	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.571
21	SHADOWPLAY	11	ROSE 9 FROM #30	6.556
22	STRANGE DOINGS	15	ROSE 6 FROM #28	6.538
23	REVOLT AGAINST THE MASSES	8	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.500
24	SUBMARINE WARFARE	8	ROSE 5 FROM #29	6.250
25	WHO CARES?	18	NEW TO MAIN LIST	6.250
26	RUTTER BATTLES	15	FELL 6 FROM #20	6.201
27	SAVONLINNA	20	FELL 4 FROM #23	6.167
28	CHOCOS & MIAMS	26	FELL 4 FROM #24	6.091
29	CONFERENCE CALL	15	FELL 22 FROM # 7	5.923
30	BAHNHOF ZOO	36	NEW TO MAIN LIST	5.900
31	FATHER KNOWS LESS	11	ROSE 10 FROM #41	5.867
32	MAGNIFICENT 7	6	ROSE 1 FROM #33	5.750
33	AT YOUR SERVICE	7	NEW TO MAIN LIST	5.714
34	EXPLETIVE DELETED	6	FELL 23 FROM #11	5.333
35	E*SNARD	10	REMAINED AT #35	5.125
36	FNDR0	8	FELL 31 FROM # 5	5.125
37	THE REMOLDER	14	ROSE 2 FROM #39	4.500
38	KHUMFLEX ZHA	10	NEW TO MAIN LIST	3.125
39	FRIEND OR FOE	9	NEW TO MAIN LIST	1.000

And 10 others received votes...

<u>Subzine Name</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Distribution of Votes</u>	<u>Mean Score</u>
CHARM CITY CHOO-CHOO	1	10	10.000
CLUB VOLTAIRE	3	0-2-4	2.000
CORN OFF THE COBB	4	0-3-4-10	4.250
DO-DO	1	10	10.000
HOUSE OF BOURBON	1	10	10.000
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	3	7-7-7	7.000
ORPHAN CITY	3	0-4-8	4.000
POLITIQUE	1	1	1.000
THE SPACE VIKING	2	0-7	3.500
THRILL AGONY, VICTORY DEFEAT	1	10	10.000

The 1986 North American GM Poll

43 of the hobby's GMS collected the five votes needed to make the main list. They finished as follows:

RANK	GM NAME	VOTES	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	MODIFIED MEAN
1	GARY COUGHLAN	14	ROSE 1 FROM # 2	9.500
2	MARK LARZELERE	6	FELL 1 FROM # 1	9.333
3	DAVE KLEINMAN	14	ROSE 7 FROM #10	9.333
4	JIM RENES	6	ROSE 17 FROM #21	9.167
4	ANDY LISCHETTI	6	FELL 1 FROM # 3	9.167
6	DAVE CARTER	12	ROSE 3 FROM # 9	9.100
7	JEFF RICHMOND	13	ROSE 12 FROM #19	9.000
8	STEVE KNIGHT	6	NEW TO MAIN LIST	9.000
9	RON (CAN) BROWN	5	ROSE 6 FROM #15	9.000
10	MATT FLEING	9	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.778
11	RUSS RUSNAK	7	ROSE 21 FROM #32	8.714
12	CONRAD VON METZKE	21	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.706
13	JIM BURGESS	5	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.600
13	LATHY BYRNE	5	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.600
15	DAVID MCCRUMH	15	ROSE 2 FROM #17	8.536
16	STEVE LANGLEY	8	FELL 9 FROM # 7	8.500
17	RANDOLPH SMYTH	9	FELL 1 FROM #16	8.444
18	ROBERT ACHESON	11	ROSE 23 FROM #41	8.444
19	SCOTT HANSON	11	ROSE 14 FROM #33	8.444
20	STEVE HEINOWENT	7	FELL 12 FROM # 8	8.286
20	ALAN STEWART	7	NEW TO MAIN LIST	8.286
22	BARRY HICKEY	8	ROSE 16 FROM #38	8.000
23	MELINDA HOLLEY	12	ROSE 30 FROM #53	8.000
24	FRED DAVIS	11	ROSE 6 FROM #30	7.889
25	PETE GAUGHAN	8	FELL 3 FROM #22	7.833
25	ELMER HINTON	6	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.833
27	PAUL GARDNER	8	REMAINED AT #27	7.750
28	STEVE HUTTON	8	FELL 5 FROM #23	7.625
29	JIM MEINEL	5	FELL 15 FROM #14	7.600
29	BRUCE FOPPE	5	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.600
31	MARK KELLER	6	ROSE 17 FROM #48	7.500
32	PAUL RAUTENBERG	13	FELL 20 FROM #12	7.273
33	KEVIN TIGHE	7	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.143
34	LU HEARY	9	ROSE 5 FROM #39	7.111
35	GREG ELLIS	11	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.111
36	BRUCE MCINTYRE	12	NEW TO MAIN LIST	7.000
37	CATHY OZOG	9	FELL 6 FROM #31	6.889
38	JOHN BOARDMAN	6	FELL 32 FROM # 6	6.833
39	RON (CAL) BROWN	5	ROSE 3 FROM #42	6.000
40	HOWARD CHRISTIE	7	FELL 20 FROM #20	5.857
41	JAMES EARLY	9	ROSE 4 FROM #45	5.444
42	HEER BARENTS	8	ROSE 16 FROM #58	5.125
43	MARC PETERS	6	ROSE 3 FROM #46	4.667

((A further 70 GMS received less than the required 5 votes to make the main list. I'll list the ones concerned with **EE** and their mean scores: Bob Addison(9), Chuff Afflerbach(7), Bill Becker (9), Simon Billenness(6), Mike Conner(7.25), Ken Corbin(6), Stephen Dycus(1.5), Mark Frueh(7.5), Claude Gautron(6), George Graessle(9.33), Fred Hyatt(8.25), Ron Krukowski(10), Daf Langley(7), Michael Lee(2), Mark Luedi(7), Tom Mainardi(6.66), Mike Mills(7), Conrad Minshall(7.33), Larry Peery(5.667), Frauke Petersen(10), Keith Sherwood(6.5), Rod Walker(3.33), Earl Whiskeyman(6.25), Judy Winsome(9))

Zines of **EE** subbers not on the main list(see page 48 at the bottom) along with their mean scores: The Buzzard's Breath(6), Diplomag(6.375), Envoy(0), The Home Office(7.143), The K-Zine From K-Zoo(8.667), Lone Star Diplomat(5.889), No Fixed Publisher(6.5), The Orphanage(3.833), Quinipique(5.857), Paranoiacs' Monthly(7.5), The Prince (5.2) Send Me A Postcard (6.250)

((I decided to list also zines of interest not on the main list to some **EE** subbers as well since I had the room.))

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Debi's Filler - #10
Dedicated to Polly Ellis

There's been more than enough excitement lately after "Debi's Filler" moved to Europa Express. Madison won the DipCon '87 bid, the first recipient of the Certificate of Merit for Non-Dip Players was nominated, MadCon '86 was held, and just today I found out I may have won my own helicopter!

By now, the results of the bid for DipCon '87 is old news. As the Coordinator for the proposal, it's still only fair that I announce it once again. DipCon '87 will be here in Madison on June 19 through June 21!! When Kathy Byrne first presented this idea to me back at PudgeCon last year, I had never attended a national event before and had no idea of what this would entail. There were many times I had visions of hundreds of Dip players drooling over their games, knives ready, just to attack the stranger trying to get their attention. It wasn't that way at all. Everyone was very accommodating and during the official meeting, almost everyone sat down in rows of chairs to hear the presentation. I must admit the Chairman for DipCon '87, Mark Frueh, was not in one of rows of chairs. He was drooling over a game of Titan. Ken Peel agreed to return to the Committee one more year as a resource person. When Ken agreed, I believe I heard a collective sigh of relief. The Midwest has many long-playing Diplomats, but there hasn't been many involved with the administration duties. Before leaving this announcement, there is a group of people who must be recognized, the Madison Committee (in alphabetical order): Dale Bakken (Bottoms Up), Matt Fleming (This Bud's For You), Tom Hurst, Marc Peters (So I Lied), Paul Rauterberg (Midlife Crisis), and James Wall (But I'm Happy.) Most of the work in research for the proposal was done by them and I put it together. Congratulations Madison!

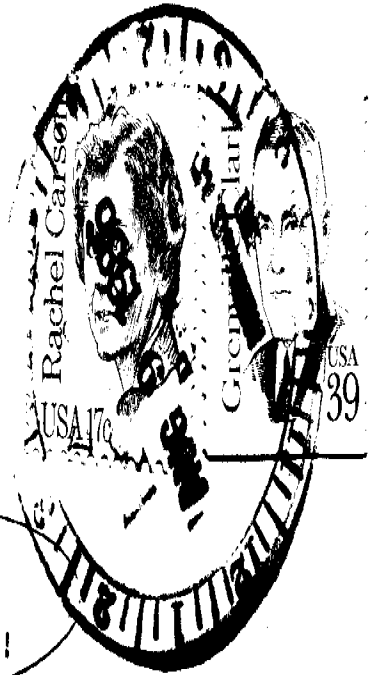
Also, this month congratulations go to Polly Ellis, the non Dip spouse of Greg Ellis. To nominate a non playing Dip partner, send the name of the nominee, reasons for the nomination, address and your name to Debi's Filler, c/o Debi Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive, #3, Madison, WI 53711. Greg related how Polly has patiently waited for him to finish his Dip business and go to cons without her. This was along with supporting him while attending Law School. In Greg's opinion, no one deserves the Certificate of Merit more than Polly and I heartily agree with him. Now, Polly, what do you do for relaxation and enjoyment? Besides for playing, Polly also deserves credit for supporting a publisher. Greg produces Feuilletonist's Forum. Polly, on behalf of "Debi's Filler" thank you for helping to keep a Dip player in the hobby and enjoy the small token of appreciation.

Everyone at MadCon '87 appreciated Paul Rauterberg's, Gary Gedig's and Matt Fleming's hospitality over the Fourth of July as MadCon '86 became history. All of the regulars were there and a few new faces, Paul Gardner and Tom Swider. Being a bridge player, I missed Bill Becker's presence, but bridge still reigned supreme (to me anyway) with Jeff Richmond (Frobozz), Matt Fleming, James Wall and Marc Peters. Another game played was poker, which at one point actually proved to be more exciting than bridge. Bob Ascheson (our renegade Canadian) introduced "Man or Mouse." This is not a true poker game, but it does involve betting. The object is to be the first player to get four cards down by beating every other player and the blind. Oh, it doesn't sound hard and it's not, except you only get one card. With this one card, the bet is based on "Can my card beat all the other players at the table and that rascal card sitting on the pot." By the way, the deal rotates around the table and all the players who claim to be "man" or "woman" and lose, must match the pot, and return their cards to the deck. Players must also return their cards to the deck if they call "mouse," but don't match the pot. The deck is reshuffled when there is not enough cards for another round. Now, if it's the first deal and the card seen is an eight, it's easy to cry "mouse!" If it's the fourth deal and there seems to be many higher cards out, it's easier to say "woman." This process continues until one person has four cards down in front of him or her and takes all the money sitting in the middle of the table. After the first game, I spent 10 minutes making stacks out of the chips I dragged over to my side of the table. Like Diplomacy, I am not a poker player and don't have the competitive drive to make it more than a fun time. When I won that pot, it was like winning a million dollars sweepstakes.

That was the news I got today...of course, it hasn't been won yet but I have a chance. The pen this article was originally written with had two numbers that both matched a list of numbers, making me an instant winner of anything from my own helicopter to a solid silver ingot. Neither are too practical, but I sent the entry form back anyway. By next issue, I should be able to tell everyone the prize. And, on that note of suspense and mystery, I close this issue of "Debi's Filler."

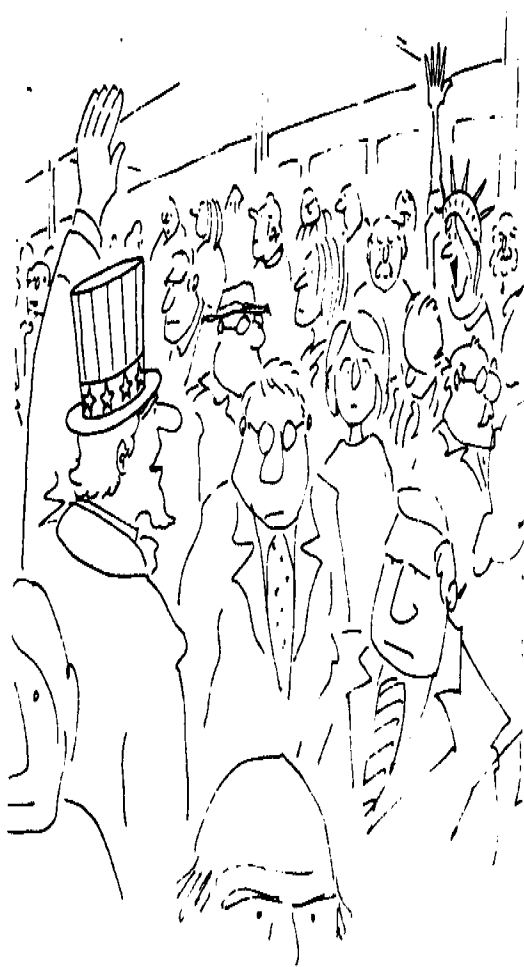
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