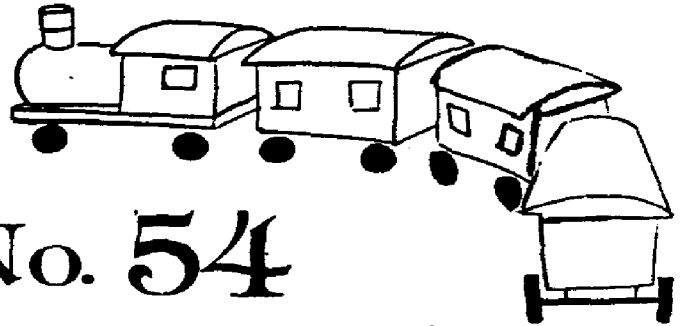


Europa Express

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Have any of you ever received any "submarine mail"? Have you ever heard of such mail? What about elephants to help out snow-stuck cars and buses in the dead of winter? How about how suffragette demonstrations at the White House threatens a President's well-being?!



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§ If you haven't, you can find out all about it in this issue's installment of the World War I Chronology beginning on page 32. You might even use the "short-cut" provided by the table of contents on page 2...

§ No subzines came into **EE** this issue so you're stuck with me I'm afraid. One subzine, Scott Hanson's and Frauke Petersen's Bahnhof Zoo is going to be a part of their revival of their own zine from now on. If those of you who are interested in international connections via letter columns aren't getting Scott's and Frauke's Pommes Mit Mayo yet, do yourselves a nice turn and get it. Today. Write to them, and tell them I sent you, at: 3508 4th Ave S, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408 USA.

§ Glover Rogerson did not provide me with the names of the 4 guys mentioned in **EE** #53. However, John Breakwell did send me the addresses of 2 of the 4, Iain Bowen and Jonathon Miles who will be receiving #53 and this issue. I'm now asking any Briton reading this to send me, if you would, the addresses of Simon Green and Rob Malos so they too can receive a courtesy copy of these **EE** which mention them.

§ Has anyone heard from Dan Stafford lately? I've written him twice and gotten no answer to them nor has he sent me the complete results of his Marco Poll which I want to print in full, or his Influential Players' Rankings. Any help appreciated!

We intend to begin unrestricted submarine warfare on the first of February. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: Make war together, generous financial support, and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you.

You will inform the President ((of Mexico)) of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, invite Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves.

Please call the President's attention to the fact that the unrestricted employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England to make peace within a few months. Acknowledge receipt.

Zimmerman.

§ This brief telegram caused Germany to lose World War I and saved England and France from total defeat. You can find out why on page 34.

§ Beginning on page 8, you can read the wrap-up and endgame statements from **EE**'s Iliad game which has ended in the first win in **EE**'s history. I'm going to Vermont October 24-27 at Paul Gardner's con in a ex-ski lodge. Couldn't resist!

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J.R.R. Tolkien, Buffalo Bill, Marlene Dietrich & Bogie are all in the WWI Chronology!!

Ken Larry, see page 14!

Larry



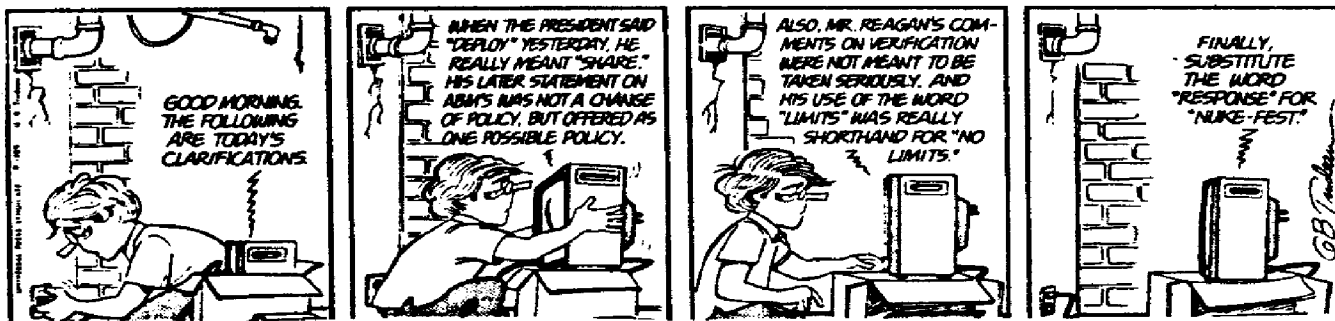
BE A MALMBERGER AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT BE A WINNER! When you become a MalMBERger (what other zines call standbys), you get 2 **ES**s added to your sub at once and you will only be called for one position at one time, no overkill here! And if you play out your position to the game's end, you get 4 more **ES**s. Join these 26 adventurers!: Bob Addison, Steve Arnawoodian, Derwood Bowen, Fred Chang, Steve Cooley, Michael Ditz, Teijo Doornkamp, Stephen Dycus, James Early, Jerry Falkiner, Jim Finley, Paul Gardner, Evans Givan, George Graessle, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Len Kay, Mark Larzelere, John Marsden, Conrad Minshall, Bob O'Donnell, Jane Proskin, Christoph Schunck, Dennis Walker and Jeff Zarse.

Thanks to all of you for ensuring **ES** games are able to run with a complete set of players!

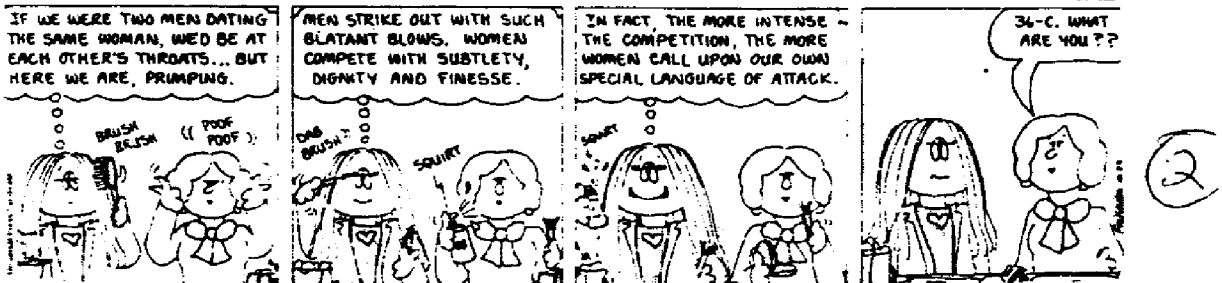
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CATHY



I began EE in January 1981 with the intentions forging strong international links. At that time I had seen British zines and one Swedish one and I intended to offer trades because, as I put it in EE #1, "contacts with non-English speaking countries are important."

Realistically, I didn't expect to get much out of trading with non-British European zines but I got the better of any bargain when I started trading with a Belgian named Michel Liesnard, much more than I would have thought possible.

Many of you have read his many letters to this zine and enjoyed the subzine he did here, Chomps & Miams, after his own zine Chantecler folded. The next few pages will be dedicated to Michel and I think you will enjoy his comments on a wide variety of subjects as I have. First a little about him....

He was born in Belgium but was raised in Africa, the Belgian Congo, now known as Zaire. During the 1950s he watched movies of Errol Flynn, Fred Astaire and Jane Russell at the "Palace" theatre in Matadi. When many Belgians left the Congo, so did Michel's family and he met the King of the Belgians on his return.

Michel is very proud of being Belgian and his countrymen's achievements (1st among beerdrinkers and coffee drinkers, 2nd in coke drinkers and 3rd among wine drinkers in the world). He himself is a gourmet cook and Chomps & Miams featured all types of recipes including "Mike Mazzer's World's Greatest Pancakes", Jim Finley's "New Mexico Chili" and even "Babylonian Quail Pie".

He has traveled all over the world, knows several languages, has as friends Melina Mercouri and Joan Baez, and many hobby members here in North America. He has hosted several of us who have visited his beloved Brussels. You could not ask for a better guide than Michel.

He loves to write women who are part of our hobby even if only by marriage or relation such as my grandmother! He would often do this while on his job as a translator for the Iranian and Nicaraguan Embassies in Brussels, Belgium, and he has had disagreements with both (Such as berating the Nicaraguans for supporting the Argentine attack on the Falklands Islands and the Iranians who fired him for not being Moslem, then begged him to come back).

It is impossible to fully describe Michel but these next few pages should give you the flavor of the man. "Flavor" is a good word for this gourmet who can be found at all types of cafes such as a Moroccan one or even Yugoslav. So here is Michel in his own words.....

MIRABLE DICTU: MICHEL LIESNARD

1. "How did you manage to tell all about me to Nancy HURRELL in only two days? Did you nail her an encyclopaedia later on, or what?"

2. "Just a few lines to tell you that you will never guess from where I am typing these words...Ha ha! From the Iranian Embassy in Brussels, yes! After two years and a half, they realised they were in a complete mess without your humble servant, offered me a 25% raise in my former salary and a new contract of "Chief-Secretary" (just call me "Chief"). I'm working for them again since May 28 and very glad; my main job consists of writing press releases to the media, which isn't that far from good ole Dippy."

3. "I'm older than you, which doesn't mean I'm more intelligent or wiser, but that I have seen many more changes than you. I was born in a world of colonial Empires. I was a teenager in the Golden Sixties, with all that it implied of dreams and hopes. Full of these hopes and generous dreams, I started working in the Seventies, in a world that suddenly got confronted with realities. In these Sixties, we used to speak of our future "leisure society", where the machines would do all the work and where we could sit in the sun, play the guitar and live on sex and pot.

"The 'leisure society', too many of us are experimenting with it today. In Belgium, if one forgets the official twisted statistics, there are 500,000 jobless. Among them, 225,000 young between 18 and 25. In a country of 10 million! If Europe doesn't unite, to create a large inner market, to put an end to egoistic nationalisms and excessive pride, it will die. The suicide of Europe, committed by Princip in Sarajevo, will come to its conclusion."

4. "Kiss your grandma for me!"

5. "I wonder if we shall be able to remain friends after all the incredible things you have written in EE 51....Keryll LADD and Barbara BERSHEY, hein? You were joking, I'm sure...The only reason why I went on watching (Page + !!)



Michel Liesnard...from page 3 .

"Charlie's Angels series is Shelley HACK, not Cheryl LADD.

As to Barbara HERSHEY, I'm sorry, but I can't take her seriously. She will always be the "Kathy" of The Monroes to me. See what your TV series do...

I could also pay attention to GHER, or to Meryl STRIEP. But to Barbara HERSHEY, no, you may have her, I'd even prefer Angela DAVIS..."

6. "...and at the age of eleven, already posing for EUROPA EXPRESS." ((This is the picture on this page. Michel was the picture person in EE #6))

7. "First of all, let me thank you so much for your answer about me to Greg ELLIS and what he had written in FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM. Indeed I never got a copy from FF and thus didn't know about Greg's attack until I received EE 51 two days ago. I must also thank Steve LANGLEY, Pat CONLON and Simon BILLENNESS for their letters to Greg after said attack.

"Greg ELLIS will like this. I'm not much of a translator any longer. I'm one of the delegates of 'Helal Hamer' (Red Crescent) in Belgium. ((This is the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross)). As such, I buy drugs over here and send them to Tehran. Not only to save the lives of wounded soldiers, but also to fight against glaucoma and malaria, not to mention the omnipresent ulcers of which the Iranians are suffering because of their 'ten-cup-a-tea-a-day'...

"I have organized the hospitalization of 21 Iranian soldiers in our hospitals this year. All of them deeply burnt and injured by chemical shells. If Iraq sends me similarly injured soldiers, I'll welcome them here too.

"I'm helping the obscurantist Iranians? Make me that pleasure that I'm trying to help people not to die."

8. "A letter from John MICHALSKI (on his usual brown toilet paper). The fiend joins a small American flag to his mailing. If I were living in Alaska or Hawaii, I'd probably wonder why there are only 46 stars on MICHALSKI's flag. but I suppose they stopped bothering about all that fuss when the Indian Territory joined the Union..."

"Sorry Claudine ((John Michalski's wife)), but CHANTELLER is not the most poisonous one! If you really want to get rid of John, try the amanite phalloide..."

9. "The fake SOIR, published and distributed by the Belgian Resistance on November 9, 1943. It's an incredible story!

"When the Nazis occupied Belgium, they confiscated all the titles of the press and used them to spread their propaganda. LE SOIR, the largest Brussels daily, thus became what the Belgians called the "STOLEN SOIR". A small group of resisters, in 1943, decided that, since the Nazis were faking the SOIR every evening, they could as well fake the fake to celebrate November 11 ((when Germany surrendered in World War I)). How they managed it, stealing the logos, etc., is a long story that I cannot tell here. How many of them got captured afterwards and died in Nazi hells is another (too) long story. But those Belgians did what no others ever did: they used the glorious power of Humour to knock barbarity out.

"The fake SOIR got distributed in many newstands just half an hour before the Nazi version of the paper. It got sent to all subscribers (including HITLER and GOERING), and generated an immense burst of laughter and hope in all occupied Europe.

"In the upper left corner, the picture of an American B-17 (like your "Memphis Belle"), subtitled "in action"... On the front page, an editorial entitled "Efficient Strategy", where one could read, among other funnies:

"...the information here below has been transmitted to us by: --the well-informed Berlin military headquarters; --the generally well-informed Berlin military headquarters; --the competent circles; --the ruling spheres; --the highest government authorities; --the best-known personalities of the capital of the Reich; --the man in the streets in ruins; --the soldier on the pierced front."

And it went on.... "It is well-known that the German High Command is verbally more reserved when its military reserves are low... it is however too soon to speak (

((continued on page 5))

Michel Liesnard.....Continued from page 4 .

of a Winter campaign whose start has not been officially announced. It is too late to mention a Summer campaign whose results are well-known and it is incautious to comment on a Fall campaign...However, the fact that Odessa is mentioned in the German releases for the first time clearly shows that this city will soon be included in a provisionally definitive perimeter of retreat..."

"Among other things, the German elastic defense proves that pretending that the Reich lacks of rubber is mere Stalinist propaganda...And it now becomes clear that the Russian stubbornness to go on fighting in scientifically unequal conditions could soon lead to a situation that some observers have begun to observe..."

Among other funnies, the movie theatre programs announced:

-Red October, starring Von PAULUS and what remains of his soldiers; Il Gran Passo, starring Benito MUSSOLINI; Ruins Over Germany, starring the Flying Fortresses; Germany Rules The Waves, starring many German wrecks; Marathon, starring ROMMEL from El Alamein to Sidi Barani..."

And the latest...Where Is The Publisher?, starring HIMMLER and the whole Gestapo.

Those students from the Free University of Brussels (the only Belgian University which refused to cope with Nazi racist rules and closed its doors, but went on clandestinely), those teachers, journalists, workers, made the ultimate fake. A fake they knew many of them would pay for with their lives. Fake for Freedom when there was no Freedom. I cannot resist quoting Victor HUGO, that romantic like me, about them: "Et leur âme chantait dans des clairons d'airain" ("And their soul was singing through red-bronze clarions").

10. "Let's talk of something else: I know you're interested in all what's related to the European royal families. Herewith find a record by Princess Stéphanie GRIMALDI of Monaco, Grace KELLY's daughter. She's an absolute dud in disco singing, but her record is a document."

11. "Wooops! The Iranian Embassy called me back, asking me to care for their new bunch of gas-injured soliders 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."

12. "Post-scriptum to all those who want to be kissed by my hot lips. Sorry charming ladies and good friends, but getting a visa for the U.S. when one works for an Iranian Embassy is almost impossible."

13. "We've now got the DISNEY Channel over here. Every Sunday. (Who said: "When shall we have the PLAYBOY Channel, Gotferdoume?") Yesterday, after 13 days of glory, Davy CROCKETT died at the Alamo. Or was it 16 days? Anyway, the name of your state's hero derives from the French "croquette", a potato recipe. Here's how to prepare it for your friends and your Grandma....."

14. "I was so sad and broken when I watched the explosion of the space shuttle "Challenger" on the TV, 5 or 6 minutes after it happened. I do not like what I've heard yesterday on the radio about the success of the European "Ariane III" rocket "which gives a good lesson to the Americans."

These comments were shabby, lacking of honour. I am deeply ashamed for the speaker (Belgian) who pronounced such words. I am proud to see Europe, united for this lest for the rest, build a working rocket and organising its own space policy. But when it implies joyfully laughing at the memories of innocent men and women, I do not feel at ease to say the least."

15. ((From the U.S. Embassy in Belgium)): "Dear Mr. Liesnard: On behalf of the United States, and especially the families of those who perished in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, I thank you for your expression of concern and sympathy. It is indeed both comforting and reassuring to hear from you at such a tragic moment."

16. "Ah yes! I have to answer Rob WINSLOW about where we were when your Republic was threatened. Rob dear, one of my great-grandfathers was fighting under the Prince of POLIGNAC and the Confederate standard, at Mansfield. Some years ago, I met the son of POLIGNAC, Prince of POLIGNAC of MANSFIELD, who is the honorary President of C.H.A.B. ((the Confederate Historical Association of Belgium!!!)), and also his daughter, the Marquise of CRELUY-MONFORT. How many of you have talked to the son or daughter of a Confederate General?"

17. "Nature hates a void. Intelligence hates slogans." (S)

((More Michel on page 4))

Michel Liesnard.....Continued from page 5

18. "Something else. Please note that when FRANCO started the Spanish Civil War in 1936, my father volunteered in the International Brigades as a fighter pilot! When the Brigades were sent home, he took the Spanish nationality(a void act, since the Republican Government crumbled down) and went on fighting in the Republican Air Force until 1939. Each time you'll see a film about the Resistance in the Nazi-occupied countries of Europe, remember "Captain Bob", alias Henri(not Henry)LIESNARD, who coordinated all railway sabotages in Belgium and the north of France.

"One of my great -grandfathers fought along with the Confederates, under the Prince of POLIGNAC, at Mansfield. My great-uncle died at Passchendaele along with his Canadian fellows. My father's father and his elder son volunteered in the Belgian Army of World War I. My mother, her sister, their father, all charged the Nazi armies on the Lys River in 1940, in the last offensive of the Belgians. My four cousins fought in the RAF during World War II. And I, little I, forced a dismissal of a Belgian Minister of Justice who was planning to expell all foreign students from this country(my friends called this affair the "Beergate"...). When you wanna cast a stone at Belgium, please, avoid the LIESNARDS and the TAELEMANS. Or get prepared to receive blows!

"I already told you about my father, who fought along side the International Brigades during the Spanish Civil War. His brother Tony, who was one of the few to refuse surrender in May 1940. When I was living in the Congo, I visited the bunkers he had erected to stop the German invasion. Two machine guns(he had no other...).

"A good family tradition, ain't it? Sometimes winning, sometimes losing, but always on the good side, or like my mother says: "the side of the Small"...It is a Belgian tradition. Our King Albert I once said: "I belong to a German family whom the Belgians have elected to defend and protect them."

19. "Thanks to Bob O'DONNELL for having noticed that I brought you a subber from Uruguay. Whoever said the French don't maintain garrisons abroad, ha ha? If Bob likes to know, three major Belgian politicians are Dippy freaks. Jean GOL, one of our 3 Vice-Premiers, the leader of the Francophone Liberal Party(PFL), something like your Friedmaniac-Gilderian Republicans), the present Minister of Justice, of Outer Trade and a lot of other funnies.

"Jean GOL's wife, Rosita, is a Dippy freak too. Henri SIMONET, nicknamed the "Grand Duke of Anderlecht" because he's tall, looks like an owl and was the Mayor of Anderlecht(a suburb of Brussels famous for its soccer team)(A "grand-duc", in French, is that bird you call a "horned owl" in English) is a Dippy freak. And so too is Francois PERRIN, the "diabolic Pr PERRIN", a teacher at the University of Liege and the naughty kid of the PFL family.

20. "The soccer(football) bloodshed in Brussels: I watched it live(can I risk this word?) on the TV. It was awful. The Belgian commentator, a former soccer player, was weeping with rage and sorrow. Perhaps the worst comment I read about this tragedy was that of an Italian supporter: "We expected European organisation and we got African organisation"...

"A Parliamentary Commission has been set up to find out whose responsibility the bloodshed was. Its conclusions were clear: the British hooligans, the UEFA (Union Europeenne de Football-Association) who had allowed many tickets to be sold on the parallel market to fill their pockets, and also the Belgian Minister of the Interior, the Belgian gendarmerie and the Brussels police, who were unable to cope with the situation. It even appeared that the general commanding the gendarmerie had lied to the Commission to protect the Minister!

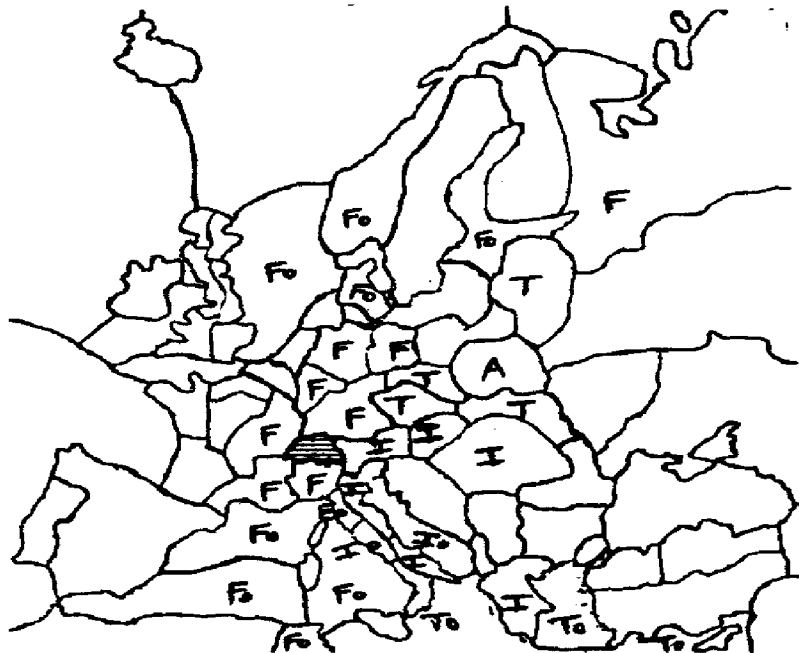
"A vote at the Chambers of Representatives could have made the government fall upon that, but Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB, the Minister, refused to leave his post, and the majority supported him to avoid a government fall and a subsequent electoral defeat. The day after, Jean GOL, the Walloon Liberal Vice-Premier, offered his dismissal to the King after having seen the whole of the Press condemning the governmental attitude. But the King refused this dismissal, and we remain stuck with that bunch of politicians until October 13((1985)), when new elections will take place. Watch the scores of the socialists and the Greens then!

21. "Ho My Friend! What can I wish for you for the coming year? Please, imagine, and let me pray it becomes true. Have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all those you love, and please shout "Hail! Michel!" with the third bottle of champagne!"

((Hail! Michel! And thanks for enriching EE over the years!))

FRANCE IS SUPREME IN EUROPE!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1909 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

§ GM: Monsieur Gâreaux L.
Goughlânniqué

§ GAME COLOR: Vert

¶ GAME NOTES: France wins the game this season on the battle-field by winning control of 18 centers.

Congratulations to Mark Frueh, the French player. This is the first win ever in EE games.

I appreciate all the effort that each player put into this game and I will miss Iliad.

You have until September 26, 1986 to submit your endgame statements and I look forward to reading them.

Your cartoon is from Punch magazine. The final supply center chart of 1909 is on page 4. If in this issue, the game wrap-up begins on page 4.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1909 §

France: Army Silesia retreats to Berlin

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1909 §

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A (WAR) Holds
(Monsieur Mike Mills)

FRANCE: A (BER)-Sil, A (MUN) S A Ber-Sil, A (STP) Holds
(Monsieur Mark Frueh) A (RUH) S A Mun, A (EUR) S A Mun
A (KIE)-Ber, F (TYS)-Rom, F (TUS) S F Tys-Rom, F (WES)-Tys
F (TUN) S F Wes-Tys, F (LYO) S F Tus, A (PIE) S F Tus
A (VAR) S A Pie, F Nth-(DEN), F Nwy-(NTH), F Bar-(NWY)
F Fin-(BOF)

ITALIE: F (ROM) Holds, A (APU) S F Rom, A (VEN) S F Rom
(Monsieur Marvin Baker) F (ADR) S A Ven, A (GRE) Holds
A (TYO) S A Vie, A (VIE) S A Tyo, A (BUD) Holds

TURQUIE: A (SIL)-Ber, A (BOH)-Mun, A Mos-(LVN)
(Monsieur Jerry Lucas) F (ION) C Italian A Gre-Nap(NSO)
F (EAS) S F Ion, F (AEG) S F Ion, A Ukr-(GAL)

Turkey to Iliad Players, Past and Present: Thanks for the game, it was fun. Congratulations Mark!

France to All: Like Chief Joseph -- "I shall fight no more."

Memphis to Iliad: Thanks all for a great game to GM and don't forget those endgame statements by September 26th!



A New Napoleon Holds Sway In Europe!

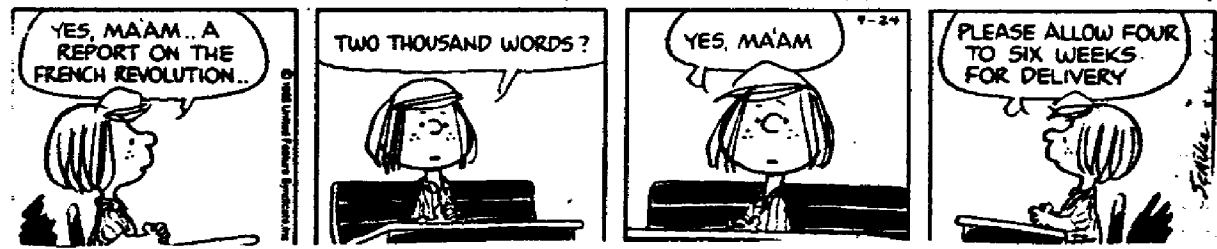
"Gruinard Island, a bleak, uninhabited, 1 1/4 mile long patch of land that lies, just 600 yards off the west coast of northern Scotland...60 sheep were brought to island--died--"unaffected by the experiments, Gruinard's rabbits thrived."
from Time magazine, November 9, 1981, pages 55-56.

§ 1909 Supply Center Chart §

	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ANGLETERRE:		4/6		0	0--U--T
AUTRICHE-HONGRIE:			War	1	No Change
FRANCE:	STP		Home, Spa, Por, Bel, Hol, Kie, Ber, Mun, Bil Lpl, Lon, Den, Swe, Nwy Tun	18	W I N S !!
ITALIE:			Home, Tri, Gre, Ser, Vie, Bud	8	No Change
TURQUIE:			Home, Bul, Rum, Sev Mos	2 34	No Change

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz



ILIAD 1984 AG: WRAP-UP

"Iliad" was opened for negotiations on April 2, 1984. The wars came to an end on August 28, 1986, two years and 5 months later. 1984 AG ended in a win for France and this is the first win ever in EE games. This game had 5 of the original until the end and 3 players submitted end game statements. The vital statistics are:

1984 AG EUROPA EXPRESS(Coughlan) A: Mike Mills. B: Tom Mainardi(Dro W01). Rob Winslow(Dro F08). Claude Gautron(Out F09). F: Mark Frueh(Win F09). G: Jim Burgess(Out F06). I: John Schuler(Dro W02). Marvin Baker. R: Matt Kazur(Out F07). T: Jerry Lucas.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
Austria-Hungary	4	4	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	
England	4	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	-	
France	5**	6	7	9	11	15*	16	17	18	WIN F'09
Germany	5	6	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	
Italy	5	5	7	8	9	9	9	8	8	
Russia	5	7	5	2	2	1	-	-	-	
Turkey	4	4	4	5	5	6	7	7	7	

*-played one short **- played two short

Congratulations to Mark Frueh on his win as France. Thanks to Mike Mills, Claude Gautron, Jim Burgess, Marvin Baker, Matt Kazur and Jerry Lucas for playing their positions out to the end. I also appreciate the 6 Malmbergers who enabled this game to run properly: Michael Ditz, James Early, Jim Finley, Steve Knight, Rob Winslow and Steve Heinowski.

Steve Heinowski has just taken over as the new Boardman Number Custodian and he wrote me upon receiving the results of this game: "Gary, it arrived--C'mon, you probably sorted it yourself, or is that why it was backstamped from Fairbanks?? Can't believe it, my first day as BNC with only one letter, yours." Steve, like me, works for the U.S. Post Office.

"Iliad", along with "Chocolate Soldiers", was part of an auction contest where the players bidded to be in the game. Their bids raised money for our hobby services. (2)

1984 AG's name was "Iliad" which was the story of part of the Trojan War and one of the most famous epic poems of all time. It derives from Greek mythology

and is one of the most famous epic poems of all time. This zine's name is EUROPA EXPRESS and the first name is that of the maiden who rides the back of the bull on page one so "Iliad"'s name reflected this dimension of EE; most EE games derive from World War I, the scenario on which our Diplomacy game is based.

The story of the Trojan War has affected much literature throughout the ages and the story itself affects our imaginations. Who has not heard of the famous Trojan Horse made of wood by which the Greeks secretly entered Troy and conquered the city? Or of Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world of whom it was written: "Is this the face that launched a thousand ships"? We also get the saying: "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" and a Cassandra is someone whose predictions are not believed. "Achilles Heel" also comes to us from this war.

In the titanic struggle between the Greeks and the Trojans(it lasted for 10 years), all forms of fighting and deceit were used. In addition, both sides had to deal with the gods and goddesses of Olympus who took sides and upset some well-laid plans. Aphrodite(Venus) and Ares(Mars) favored Troy while Poseidon(Neptune) and Athena sided with the Greeks.

In the end the Trojans were not conquered by superior force but with what Edith Hamilton in her Mythology says: "So it befell that by false cunning and pretended tears those were conquered whom great Diomedes had never overcome, nor savage Achilles, nor ten years of warfare, nor a thousand ships." They joyfully drew the Wooden Horse into their city and thus insured their destruction.

I also chose the name because, perhaps because I am a Southerner, I always sympathize with those who lost their wars. James A. Michener felt this way too as the Book-Of-The-Month-Club wrote of him that when he "was about 10 years old" he "rewrote the Iliad--he didn't want Troy to lose, he recalls."

Now to the game proper: I am not much of an analyst and my view of this game was contained in the headlines and cartoon captions based on what I saw or what the players were telling each other in their press. Generally speaking, I don't think any durable alliances arose in the East until it was obvious that France was out for the win beginning in Fall 1906. Three of the 4 Eastern Powers survived the war. In the West there was but one survivor and that was France.

Looking at the game in Winter 1901, I don't think anyone would have picked Mark Frueh's France to win. He missed his winter builds and went through both 1901 and 1902 with only 3 units, the weakest of the Great Powers. The first England NMRed out in Winter 1901 and Germany became very strong, very quickly even to capturing London in Spring 1902 by a convoy.

I particularly enjoyed the press in this game especially the tales of The Virgin, a character by Turkey's Jerry Lucas, and the Kaiser's "Memoirs" by Jim "Jim-Boob" Burgess who wrote press even after his elimination.

For some reason I had a fixation on the German fleet in the Baltic Sea and more than once erroneously listed it as being in the Gulf of Bothnia.

Of the 22 units which existed at the beginning of the war, only 7 survived to see the peace 9 years later. Austria, England, Germany and Russia were completely destroyed although all 4 fought on with successor units. Italy lost 2/3 of her original forces. Only France and Turkey saved all their beginning units alive. Where was the final resting place for the original units by Fall 1909?

Austria: Army Vienna was disbanded in Albania in Winter 1905, Army Budapest was disbanded in Ukraine in Winter 1906 and Fleet Trieste was disbanded in Autumn 1903 in Albania. England: Fleet Edinburgh was disbanded in the English Channel in Winter 1907, Army Yorkshire was disbanded in Edinburgh in Winter 1902 and Fleet London was disbanded in the Barents Sea in Winter 1906.

France: Fleet Brest was in Denmark, Army Paris was in St. Petersburg and Army Marseille was in Kiel. Germany: Fleet Kiel was disbanded in the Barents Sea in Winter 1905, Army Berlin was disbanded in Yorkshire in Winter 1904 and Army Munich was disbanded in Moscow in Winter 1904. Italy: Army Venice was disbanded in Silesia in Summer 1907, Fleet Naples was annihilated in Tunis in Fall 1908 and Army Rome was in Budapest. Russia: Fleet St. Petersburg was disbanded in the Norwegian Sea in Winter 1904, Army Moscow was disbanded in Budapest in Winter 1903, Army Warsaw was disbanded in Galicia in Winter 1904 and Fleet Sevastopol was disbanded in Sevastopol in Winter 1903. Turkey: Army Constantinople was in Bohemia, Army Smyrna was in Livonia and Fleet Ankara was in the Aegean.

Thanks to Mike Mills, your Austria, who provided me with flow charts for this and other EE games so I could keep track of each unit!

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Next the headlines and cartoon captions along with the language used for each year. After that will be the endgame statements. Remember in 1901 all games are in Swedish, and thereafter ties between Great Powers in terms of supply centers owned are done in Korean.

- 1901(Swedish) Spring: The Sultan Mobilizes Against The Tsar As Eastern Fleets Collide In The Black Sea!!! Italy Seizes Trieste While Austria Clashes With Russia Over Galicia!!! Citing English Silence, The French Send Their Navy Into The Channel!!! (Cartoon) "Iliad Begins As The European Powers Get Their War Machines Geared Up!"
- Fall: Hapsburgs And Romanovs Engage In Fierce Struggle Over Galicia And Rumania!!! The Kaiser And His French Allies Win Naval Victory In The North Sea!! Italy Absorbs Trieste As Turks Attain Black Sea Supremacy!!! (Cartoon) "The English People Hear Of Their Country's Naval Disaster And Its Leadership Crisis!"
- Winter: Possible Coup d'Etat In France As The English Rally To Rob, Their New Leader!!! The Virgin Takes A Beach Holiday While European Powers Arm To The Teeth!!! The Kaiser Publishes His Memoirs: "The Birth Of Jim-Boob"!!! (Cartoon) "Your Heart Isn't Exactly In This Game, Is It?"-- --Tom Mainardi Of England Sets A New EE Game Record By NMRing Out In 1901!!
- 1902(Korean) Spring: London Falls To Germans In Amphibious Landing; Italian Fleets Stream East!!! Rumania Remains Free Of Austrians And Turks; Paris Sends Warning To Rome!! The Tsar's Troops Prevail In Galicia As Russians Occupy Norway!!! (Cartoon) "Holy Moly! He's Borin' Right In On Me!!"-- --The War Is Brought Home To The English As The Germans Capture London!
- Fall: Russians Foil Sultan In Contest For Rumania As Kaiser's Forces Seize Bohemia!!! Tsar Approves Naval Maneuvers With Germany While Gallic Fleet Heads West!!! Regimes In Vienna And Rome May Topple As Leaders Vanish!!! (Cartoon) "When Was The Last Great Battle Fought In England?"-- --It Was Fall 1902 In Yorkshire!
- Winter: The French Double The Size Of Their Armaments While England's Strength Is Halved!!! A New Ruler Reigns In Rome As The Virgin Is Apparently Abandoned Yet Again!!! Vienna And The English "Pirates" Offer Themselves To The Highest Bidder!!! (Cartoon) "When Will It Be Over?...Mid-January."--Europe's War Machines Take A Winter Breather!
- 1903(Russian) Spring: Russian Fortresses Endure Austro-Turkish Assaults As "Sword Of Burgess" Heads East!!! English Pirates Raid North Sea While French Regime Shifts Its Focus Northward!!! Vienna And Rome Achieve Detente As The Austrian Emperor Recovers Trieste!!! (Cartoon) "No More 'Where's The Beef?' Jokes!!"-- But The French Ask 'Where's The Letters?'
- Fall: Kiel And Berlin In Danger As Germany And Turkey Pursue Anti-Russian Policies!!! The Latin Powers Specialize In Convoys While They Unite To Take Munich!!! Seesaw Battles Rage In The East As Budapest And Rumania Change Hands!!! (Cartoon) "We've Had Turkey Stuffed, Turkey Stew, Turkey Pie, Turkey On Buns, Turkey Salad..."--England Wonders About Turkey's Aims(And About Austria's And Italy's...)
- Winter: Winter Lull Hits Europe As France Promises "Festive Follies" In June!!! The Virgin Wakes Up In The Hospital With A "Cute" Young Doctor!!! Russian Forces Evacuate Budapest And Sevastopol!!! (Cartoon) The Tsar Calls Germany's Anti-Russian Actions "Foolish"!! ((continues on page 11))

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- 1904(Korean) Spring: Italians Take Berlin As Entire German Homeland Is Occupied By The Latin Powers!!! Ottomans Convoy Into Sevastopol As Rome Dispatches A Fleet To The Aegean Sea!!! The Russians Liberate Warsaw And The English Recover London!!!
(Cartoon) "The Virgin Gets A Chill..."
- Fall: English Regain Their Homeland; French Sail Into North Sea While Annexing Denmark!!! The Tsar's Whereabouts Are Unknown As Norway And Budapest Fall To Teutonic Powers!!! Turks Aid Germans Into Moscow And Save Smyrna From Italian Convoy Assault!!!
(Cartoon) "It's Not Whether You Win Or Lose..It's How You Negotiate"--The French Praise Their German Enemy Even As They Fight Them!
- Winter: Both Germany And Russia Order Massive Demobilization Of Their Armed Forces!!! Returning Tsar Joins The Sultan In Castigating French Praise For Germany!!! Turkey And Italy Engage In A Ship-Building Race In Naples And Smyrna!!!
(Cartoon) "The Entire Army Is Saddled Up And Ready For You To Lead Them Into Battle, Sire"--The English Have Their Homeland Back And Attain Their 1901 Strength And Position!
- 1905(French) Spring: The Austrian Emperor Leaves His People Leaderless; Italians March Into Silesia!!! Anglo-French Naval Cooperation Continues As French Move Into Berlin And Munich!!! Cossacks And Moslems Clash Over Moscow As Turkish Fleets Sail West!!!
(Cartoon) "Beware Of Frog"--Has France Issued A Warning To Italy?!(See Press)
- Fall: The Sultan Opts For A Pro-Italian Policy Which Causes The Austrians To Lose Serbia!!! England And France Drive The Kaiser Out Of Scandinavia As Moscow Remains German!!! Russia Offers To Help Anyone Who Will Help Her "But You Have To Ask For It"!!!
(Cartoon) "Here I Am"--Who's Talking? The French Army In Prussia or The German Army In Piedmont or The French Army in Bohemia????!!
- Winter: The Latin Powers Build And The Teutonic Powers Disband As Europe Slumbers!!!
(Cartoon) "Let's March To The Sound Of Drums..We'll Stand And Be Counted"--Well, First Europe Will Stand And Be Counted, And Then Will Most Certainly March!
- 1906(French) Spring: Italy And Turkey Rip Chunks Off The Austrian Carcass; Vienna Warns Both Of Paris!!! French Fleets Capture London As English Get St. Pete From Retreating Russians!!! Russia Rejoices Over Moscow's Recovery As Warsaw Imperilled By Romance Armies!!!
(Cartoon) "GOTCHA!"--Germany's Leaders Are Caught Napping!!
- Fall: Italy Completes Conquest Of Hapsburg Homeland With Occupation Of Vienna!!! France Invades Italy While Seizing Rome's German Possessions!!! Leaderless Russians Driven From Warsaw By Austrian Armies!!!
(Cartoon) "Eye, Bye Germany!!
- 1907(French) Spring: French Armada Enters Mediterranean In Force As Italo-Turkish Fleets Rush West!!! Ex-Kaiser Continues Memoirs As English King Disappears From Europe's View!!! Franco-Italian Battles Rage Over Silesia, Tyrolia And Venice!!!
(Cartoon) "SWACK"--La Belle France Drives The Italians From Silesia!
- Fall: France Sends Her Armies Plunging Deep Into Austria And Eastern Germany!!! Italians Fend Off Heavy French Assaults On Venice And Tunis!!! Russia Knocked Out Of The War As The Turks Capture Moscow!!!
(Cartoon) "Eye, Bye Russia!!" ((continues on page 12))

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- 1908(French) Spring: French Die As Italians Sweep Into Tyrolia; Heavy Fighting In Bohemia And Galicia!!! French Also Land In Tuscany And Attack Leaderless English In St. Petersburg!!! Turkey Supports 3 Nations Against France As Austrians Scorn The "Gallic Pretender"!!!
(Cartoon) "Did You Notice Something?...What's That?"--
--England Is Again Left Without A Leader!!
- Fall: Exiled English Turn To New King Claude As French Now Threaten Them From Livonia Too!!! French Leader Predicts The End Of The War In One Year As Italians Die In Tunis!!! The Turks Provide A Convoy And Supports For Their Allies While Occupying Bohemia!!!
(Cartoon) "But I Doubt You'll Enjoy What You're Going To Hear!...I Suggest That You Sit Down!!!"--The Quadruple Alliance Learns That France Is Now At 17!
- 1909(French) Spring: 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!!!
(Cartoon) "Bye, Bye England!!!"
- Fall: FRANCE IS SUPREME IN EUROPE!!!
(Cartoon) "A New Napoleon Holds Sway In Europe!"

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mike Mills) 1984 AG "Iliad"

The survivors of this game were Italy, Turkey and Austria, the great eastern powers. It was the west who lost this game to France by being unable to stop him. If Mr. Frueh[France] had been in the east, he would not have fared as well.

This game started off badly for the great Austrian Empire. The deal with Schuler's Italy was that he would move against Austria in Spring 1901, then move versus Greece in Fall 1901 with Army Albania and Fleet Ionian ready to actually take it in Spring 1902 with Austrian help. It was a gamble, but what the heck!

Then Schuler NMRed and then dropped and I was left with a Baker's Italy, who would rather keep the ill-gotten gains than form a strong Italy-Austria alliance that would have enabled Italy to grapple with the French before the Frogs were ready in the Meditteranean. (For the lack of 22¢ was my empire lost...)

My policy toward Russia was simple: nail him or at least get Turkey to nail him. Jerry Lucas's Turkey was more than willing, but not all too willing to trust me, though I would have given him free rein up there. With an ornery Italian, I wanted niceness with Turkey, who would keep the Russian winter away from me.

But, Jerry [Turkey] did hook up with Baker[Italy] and they occupied the Freedom-loving lands of Austria with their second-rate lice-ridden troops.(Alas...)

While the Italy-Turkey folks butchered we poor Austrians, the Frogs were nailing the west to the wall. Italy was worried and called off the anti-Austrian push, which Turkey must've thought reasonable, as they left me with my jewels in Warsaw.

The only reason that Army Warsaw[Austria's Last Redoubt] survived as long as it did was simply that it was more of a bother to remove it, and it was squarely on a stalemate line should one be needed against France.

Besides, I didn't attack anyone with my one army and also ordered all sorts of unneeded supports of my "friends" in Turkey.

If I could re-play this game, I would shove the Italian alliance idea down the drain, hook up with Russia, and as soon as England went after St. Petersburg, I would try to work a stab of Russia with Turkey, while trying to get Italy to move on Constantinople. Then I would try to sneak in the back door in the Balkans for Rumania and Bulgaria, leaving Greece for the Italians until, of course, I went after him too.

Anyhow, Austria is fun to play. Folks don't get upset when you stab them because they expect that from Austria as a necessary means of survival. I didn't expect to last as a meaningless one-center power this long, though I didn't want to get eliminated. It was a good game until about 1903, when the nasties came and took everything away from me.

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My diplomacy wasn't very good, or I wouldn't have been a one-center power. I didn't write much in the mid-game and never in the end-game years.

In retrospect, the person who hampered the ascendance of the Greater Balkan Empire was the Sultan of Turkey. If I had been able to make him see things my way, Italy would've been dead meat, but he had other more profitable designs, and who can blame him? (Me! That's who!)

So, the war is over, the French won through the botched efforts of the Germans, English and Russians. I'm sure that a Turkish-Austrian alliance, however, would've been in Berlin long before him and the French would have been a vassal state, if....

That is all there is to say about the Austrian war effort at this time. Thanks to Jerry for letting me live. To Mr. Baker I say, "Good job, but we must meet again." For the vanquished Russian, "You shouldn't have haggled so much about Galicia." And to Mark the Winner, "Come to the Balkans next time!"

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ITALY (Marvin Baker) 1984 AG "Iliad"

I got into this game during the winter of 1902. I felt lucky to be in one of Gary's games because I'd had some bad experiences before. I hoped that with Gary's reputation I wouldn't have trouble here and I didn't. In fact he was very prompt and accurate with his results. Although there was this German fleet...

Anyway, about the game. France, for whatever reason decided to pull out of the Mediterranean and attack Germany. It did give me a few extra years of life. I'm afraid I made life hard on Austria right after that by failing to give up Trieste. But, hey, it seemed like a good idea at the time.

Things went along pretty smoothly for about 4 or 5 years. I did have trouble trying to balance between Turkey and France though. By the time I was ready to do something against France, I blew it all by waiting "just one more season." That was when France struck. All of a sudden a 2-way draw looked even better. The rest of the game was spent in close cooperation with Turkey trying in vain to stop France.

I don't know if my unwillingness to attack Turkey helped France decide to attack me or if it was all long-planned. In any case the result is the same. I enjoyed this game even to the bitter end and I enjoyed getting to know a few people a little better.

Hats off to Mark[France] on the win and to Gary for an excellently GMed game.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR TURKEY (Jerry Lucas) 1984 AG "Iliad"

From the beginning this was one of the most interesting games I have ever been in. It was the first one for me in EUROPA EXPRESS and now I fully understand why Gary Coughlan is considered one of the best GMs in the hobby. From the start his work was impressive and timely.

Turkey had a shakey start. I bounced Russia in the Black Sea, Austria moved to Albania and Serbia, and Italy moved into Trieste and Russia bounced Austria in Galicia. It looked like the South was going to get hot, and it did. I had difficulty establishing any level of confidence with any of my neighbors. My initial plan was to join with Mike Mills(Austria) against Russia, but Mike and I never established a trusting relationship.

If I were to have any success in this game, I had to have a strong alliance with one of my neighbors. Matt(Russia) wasn't having any of it after our initial skirmishes, Mike(Austria) was always an uncertain alliance, so the answer had to be Italy. The first Italy, John Schuler, was my best chance. He had already attacked Austria and was likely to have reason to join with me since I was in a position to attack Austria from the other side. However, for as long as Schuler was playing, I was never sure whether Austria and Italy weren't working together. I was more paranoid in this game than any I've ever been in.

At the start of the game I began the story about the naked virgin. My plan was for the story to parallel events in the game. I hoped that if the story was kept interesting enough, people would be interested in reading how the story came out and therefore would not try to annihilate me. The life guard Matt was Kazur[Russia], and the guy in the red pickup truck, "Shep Rose", was John Schuler[Italy]. There is a rumor that John really was Shep. I met John in the summer of 1984. He stayed with me one weekend while attending Pacificon. I thought I really had things made after that, but he left the game shortly after that. ((Continued on page 14)) 13

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Marvin Baker then became Italy, so I had to start things all over. Marvin had an interest in astronomy, and with the returning of Halley's Comet, I was very interested in learning from him how to prepare for that event. So it was easy to establish a relationship and begin plans for the game. However, it was too late. Because of the uncertainty between Italy-Russia-Turkey in the South, France had an easy time of it. By the time we got our act together, it was too late.

My closest ally throughout the game was Jim Burgess, Germany. However, I could never help him significantly. But he was an enjoyable person to correspond with.

My story started to wind down. After John Schuler[Italy] left the game, the story took on a life of its own. I toyed with Gary Coughlan a little bit by throwing a little Post Office in it (he is a USPS employee as am I) but largely I just let the story take me where it would, and I'm afraid it rambled a bit.

Congratulations Mark[France], you played an excellent game. I just wish we could have made it harder for you. Still, it was fun. It was fun because of the players in the game and because of the GM. Thanks for the game.

((And that was all the game statements submitted. I was hoping that the winner, Mark Frueh would send in an endgame statement for France but Mark is really busy these days planning his wedding with Nancy Irwin for October 18th so he is due double congratulations!))

NEW PICTURE CONTEST!

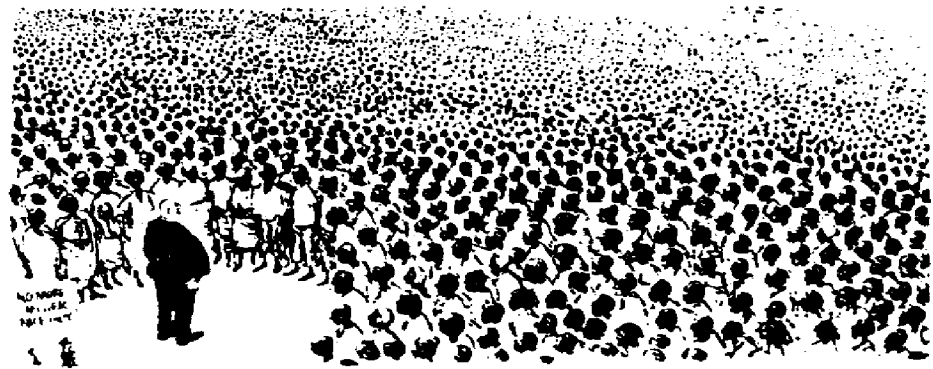


The deadline for this picture guessing is February 1, 1987 so you have plenty of time to get a guess in. If you are like most **EE** subbers, you have no idea of who this is, other than knowing that it is an **EE** subber. But looking at any picture tells you something about the person--certainly it causes a reaction or some first impression so what is it? And if you should luck out and guess who the person is, you win a free **EE**. Now, what are this person's politics? Is he A Canadian or Briton or American and why? Musical tastes? Job? A good France, but only postally? What's the person doing? Is this a publisher, one of your allies or perhaps someone you have talked with over the phone this week or either sent or received a letter from--you tell me these things or whatever comes to your

mind. And while you're at it, why not send in your own picture for the contests? You get the right of response in the next **EE** and the results of the last contest are found on page 21 .

The "little bird" at the left side of this cartoon is saying in response to Botha's statement....

"No more Mister Nice Guy."



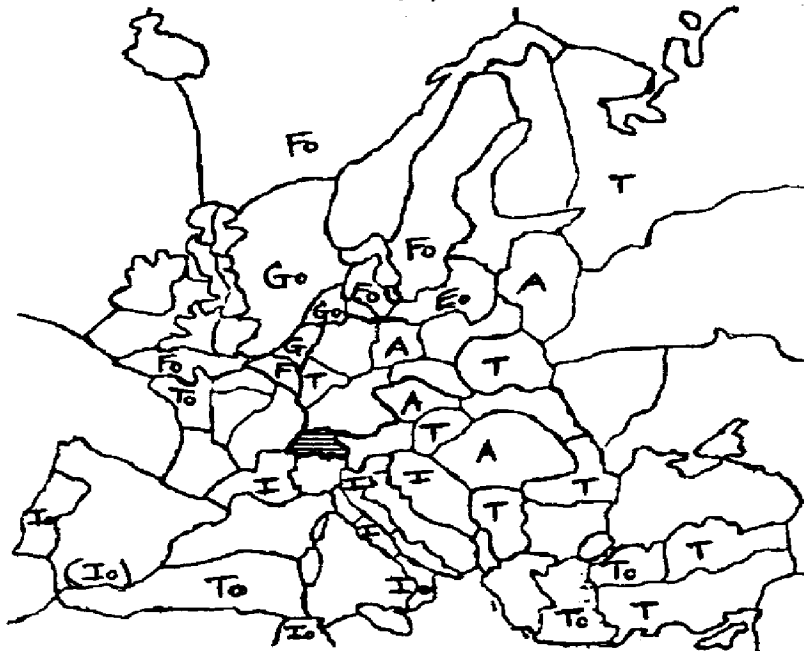
"YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!"

BY GUY WAT



AUSTRIA WARNS ITALY ABOUT S.W.I.N.E. AS WINTER SETTLES OVER EUROPE!!!
 CENTRAL GERMANY IS UP FOR GRABS FOLLOWING HAPSEURG DEMOBILIZATION!!!
 WILL "EL CAJON" BECOME A NEW EUROPEAN CUSTOM?!?

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1909 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH

§ GM: Effendi Garabdul aL.
 Kofhlanmed

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1910

§ ZAT: Friday, September 26, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Sari

¶ GAME NOTES: Due to requests, your game is a Winter only. Be sure to notice that the next deadline is only 4 weeks away, not the usual 5 weeks!

Thanks to Jim Finley and Paul Gardner for unused Malmberger orders. Jim's press is printed first.

John Pack has a new COA: Broadbent Hall #22, Heritage Halls/BYU, Provo, Utah 84604 USA.

An Italo-Turkish draw has been proposed. No vote counts as a "yes". Your cartoon is from Punch magazine.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1909 §

Ingiltire: Fleet Denmark retreats to the Baltic Sea.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1909 §

ALMANYA: NO CHANGE
 (Effendi Nelson Heintzman)

AVUSTURYA-MACARISTAN: Remove Army Munich
 (Effendi Ray Scott) Remove Army Piedmont

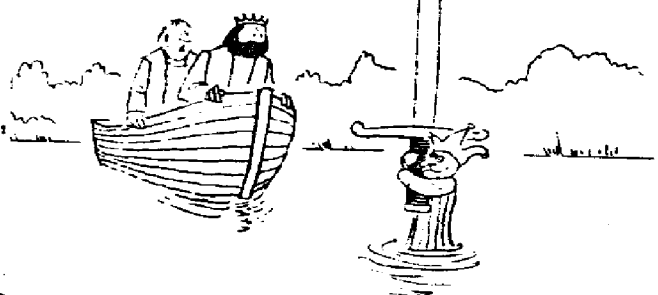
FRANSA: Remove Army Burgundy
 (Effendi Dave Carter)

INGILTIRE: NO CHANGE
 (Effendi Pat Hart)

ITALYA: Build Army Rome
 (Effendi Ken Gestiehr) Build Fleet Naples

TURKIYE: Build Fleet Constantinople
 (Effendi John Pack) Build Army Ankara
 Build Army Smyrna

"Careful, sire - it might be a trick."



England Intentionally Left Kiel Open
 And Five Nations Have A Chance To
 Occupy It!!

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Please note changes to your 1909 Supply Center Chart. Since England did not retreat to Kiel, he is at one. Austria is at 4 and thus only had 2 removals. Italy is playing one unit short. Now for Jim Finley's Malmberger Austria's press....

Austria to The World: Hi, everybody, especially you who wrote.

Austria-Hungary to All: Kinda lets you know how Gerald Ford must have felt the first day on the job...

Budapest to Constantinople: Just hold on a minute, here, take it easy, settle down, let's talk about it...

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Let's talk about it on page 146 !

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England to Paul: Get away from me you, you.....Malmberger!

Budapest to Rome: Attempts to repopulate Turkey without Austrian concurrence must take place only with the removal of Turkish and Italian armies from Austrian soil! Note that S.W.E.A.T. will be replaced soon by S.W.I.N.E. (Strategic Woodpecker Italy Is Not Enough), a unilateral Turkish proposal!

England to Rome: Those infidel Huns use steel ships. Woodpeckers won't feel at home at all. Sink'em.

England to GM: It's okay. It's a far far better thing I do.....

England to NMR: Hissssssssssssssssssss!!!!!!!

Budapest to Moscow: Thanks for recognizing the rightful ruler of the Austrians, Hungarians and Germans. Rest assured that the Austrian government recognizes no Russian government other than the Russian army in exile, now in the communist state of Bohemia. The Austrian, Russian and Czech people will press for the freedom of the Slavs!

England to Austria: I don't stab my friends.

Memphis to England: I don't think everyone thinks that is the prevailing philosophy...

Italy to Memphis: "El Cajon" means "The Box". With the way Europe is going, a few 6-foot boxes may be needed.

England to World: I'm not a quitter. You'll have to kill me! Either that or the Postal Service will do it for you.

Budapest to Constantinople: The honey flows free while the Arabs and Italians press north of the Alps. Sad that northwest Europeans would rather kill each other than the back-stabbing southwest Asians!

[TURKEY]- The visiting Pope Gestiehr today proclaimed a new mystery for all of the faithful when he heard of the plight of the Bavarians. He proclaimed the existence of the Holy quartet, in which the Father, Allah, the Son and the Holy Ghost are four and yet one. Upon hearing this, the Sultan himself has decided to convert. Stay tuned for more at 10....

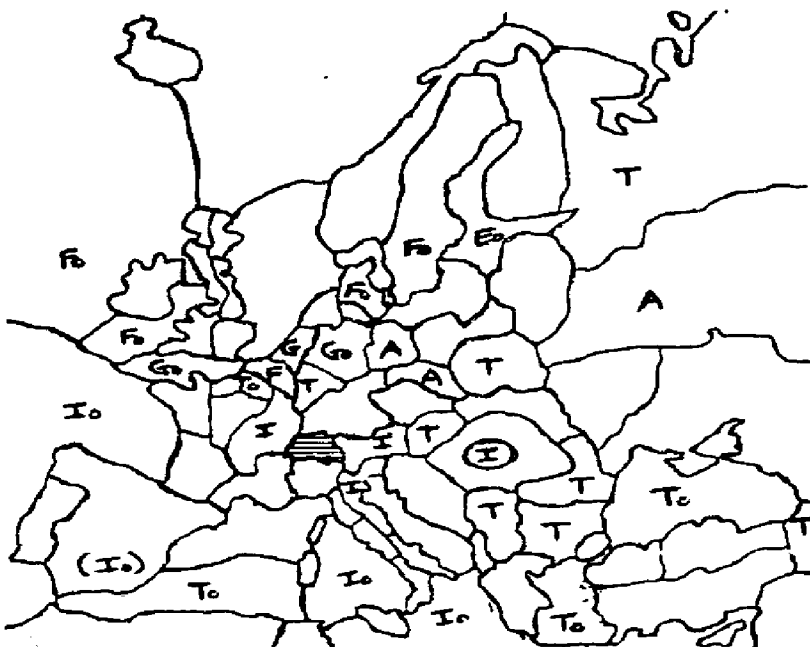
Memphis to Turkey: Maybe the Sultan will become a Southern Baptist?!

England to Paris: My kingdom for some ice!

APO New York to World(Via Austria): Sorry I lost Command Control! We sought to direct our armies through the German mail system, and as the Germans couldn't decide if they were German, French, Austrian, Turkish or English, the key papers got lost in a S.D. bos in a town with an Egyptian name! Too bad my name isn't Adolph. I'd just take over Germany and attack everybody!

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: And, truly, isn't that what Dip is all about. What a wonderful game which encourages such warm feelings towards our fellow human! See y'all in September!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1910 Ω



Orders and Press for "Chocolate Soldiers" are found on page 17.



Austria Announces The Existence Of A "Secret Weapon Which Could Destroy The World"!!

((Orders and Press are found on page 17))

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FRANCO-GERMAN FLEETS TURN TO FACE THE ITALIAN ARMADA IN THE ATLANTIC!!!
THE AUSTRIANS OCCUPY MOSCOW BUT ENDURE A BLOODBATH IN BUDAPEST!!!
TURKS CLASH WITH FRANCE OVER NORWAY AS THE ENGLISH SAIL NORTH!!!

((Map and Cartoon appear at bottom of page 16))

§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers" 1984 AH ¶ GAME NOTES: The I-T draw failed and
is re-proposed. Also proposed is a
§ GM: Effendi Garabdul aL. Kofhlammed A-G-E-F draw. Vote with your next orders.
§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1910 A "no vote received"(NVR) counts as a
"yes" vote so be careful!
§ ZAT: Friday, October 31, 1986 § Annihilation This Season:
Austria's Army Budapest.
§ GAME COLOR: Sari Your cartoon, on the bottom of page 16 , is from Shoe. See you Halloween!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1910 §

ALMANYA: F Hel-(KIE), A (HOL) S F Hel-Kie, F Nth-(ENG)
(Effendi Nelson Heintzman)
AVUSTURYA-MACARISTAN: A (BUD)@@@-Gal, A Lvn-(MOS), A Boh-(SIL), A (BER) Holds
(Effendi Ray Scott)
FRANSA: A (BEL)-Ruh, F (DEN) S German F Hel-Kie, F (SWE)-Nwy
(Effendi Dave Carter) F Nwg-(NAO), F Eng-(IRI)
INGILTERRA: F Bal-(BOT)
(Effendi Pat Hart)
ITALYA: F Por-(MAO), F (SPA-sc) S F Por-Mao, A Tri-(BUD)
(Effendi Ken Gestlehr) A Ven-(TYO), A Mar-(BUR), F Tun-(TYS)
A Rom-(VEN), F Nap-(ION)
TÜRKIYE: F (WES)-Mao, A (WAR)-Gal, A (RUM)-Gal, A (STP)-Nwy
(Effendi John Pack) F Bre-(PIC), A (VIE) S Italian A Tri-Bud, F Con-(BLA)
A (SER) S Italian A Tri-Bud, A (RUH) S Italian A Mar-Bur, A Ank-(ARM)
A Smy-(BUL), F (AEG) C A Smy-Bul

Turkey to Austria: England doesn't stab his friends, you can take my word for that. However, come to think of it, I'm not sure he has any friends to stab...

Budapest to Germany, England, France: All together now...tthrppt!

Turkey to Austria: "Let's talk" implies a two-way conversation. Having yet to hear from you or see the cobwebs cleaned out of your embassy, I don't see how "we" can talk. Of course, perhaps we can understand each other better when I visit Budapest? Berlin? Munich? Kiel?

Memphis to Turkey: I think he probably prefers someplace much nearer home...

Budapest to Constantinople: GREAT LETTERS FROM UTAH! I really enjoy them and I hope that even if I use what little is left to reduce the effectiveness of your stab on my predecessor, all will remain friendly. Meanwhile...

[CONSTANTINOPLE]- Hearing that the S.W.E.A.T. Pact was not as complete as had been desired(as the Austrians had been left out), the Sultan met with His Eminence today to discuss rectification of this problem. After moments of consultation, the phrase "over Austria's dead body" was added to the earlier pact and signed. Provisions were made for the inclusion of any other previously neglected nation as well.

Budapest to World: As the heathen Turks combine with the overzealous Italians to overrun Austria(quite against the will of the Austrian people), the Austrian Government(soon to be moved to the hills of Slovakia) proposes a return to prewar borders and the cessation of hostilities...NO TAKERS? O.K.. tjem be advised that a certain brilliant but quite mad scientist has prepared a secret weapon which could destroy the world. He has informed the government here that he is presently preparing a delivery woodpecker and intends to unleash this terrible weapon should his older brother, a sergeant in one of the four Austrian armies should come to harm. So for the sake of the world, surrender now(this is where someone proposes an A-G-E-F draw, which G-E-F would certainly veto).

Memphis to Budapest: Not to mention I-T FD! Was your brother in the Budapest army by any chance. There is woodpecker research going on elsewhere also... 17

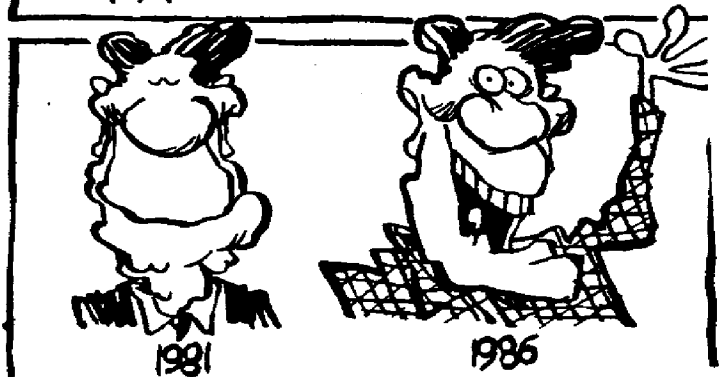
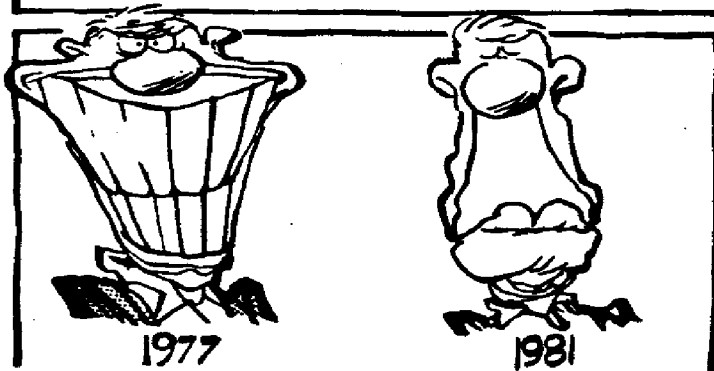
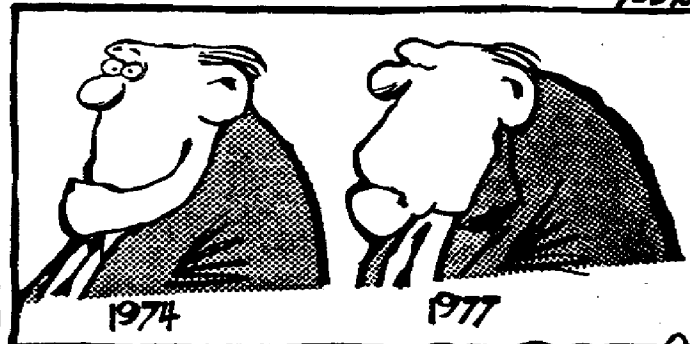
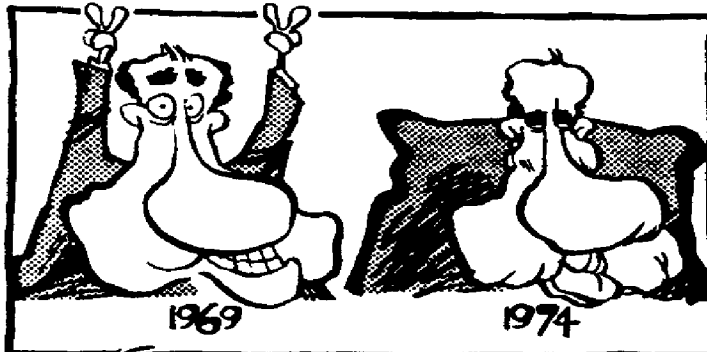
Turkey to Italy: Do you think we can find a Woodpecker that can stard steel ships

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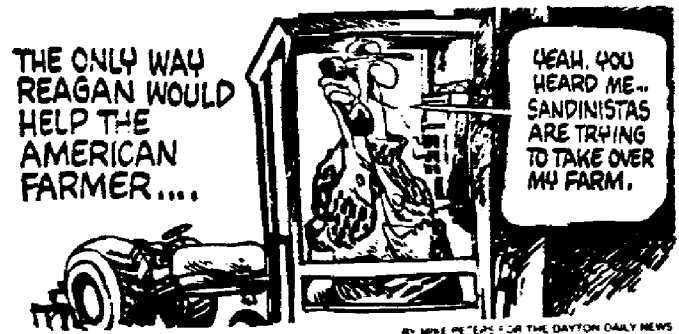
[TURKISH EMPIRE]- Dismayed at the prospect of peace looming upon the horizon, the reinforcement troops have redoubled their efforts to join the war effort. The Sultan, who is delighted with the prospects of peace, reluctantly signed their departure orders with the hope that they can be quickly recalled. What do you say we leave Kiel and Munich as demilitarized zones and call an end to this war as soon as possible. Turkish peacekeeping forces, together with their Italian allies, can quickly establish peace throughout Europe. Memphis to Turkey: We'll see how quickly. Tune in next month to see if the boys will be home by Halloween....

WEAR AND TEAR FROM THE NATION'S TOP JOB

SHALE
ONE COUNTRY
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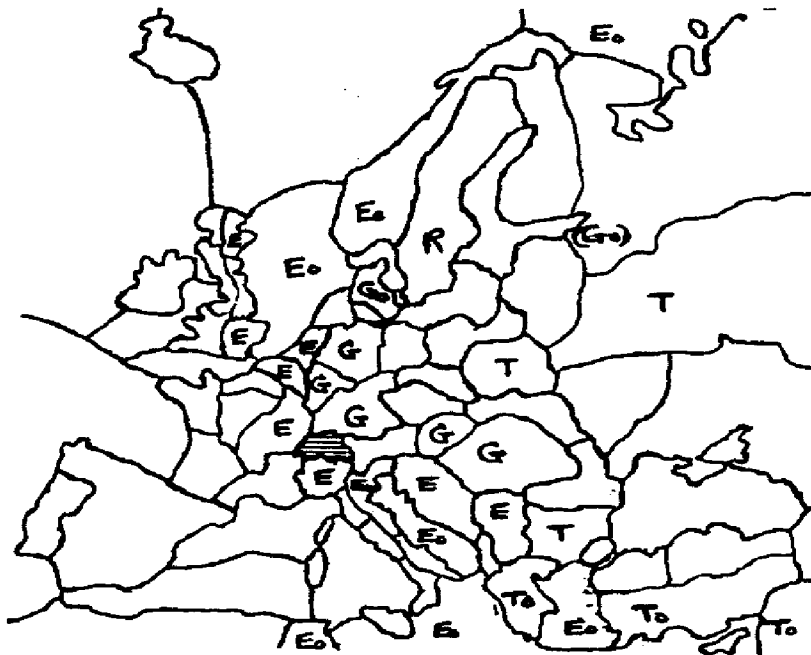


And a BIG THANKS to Bob O'Donnell for the 4 Presidents' cartoon above!!



THE KAISER HINTS THE WAR MAY BE LOST; TURKEY AND GERMANY FAIL TO ACT IN CONCERT!!!
 THE ENGLISH RETAIN TRIESTE, CAPTURE SERBIA AND SAIL INTO THE AEGEAN!!!
 THE OTTOMANS ANNIHILATE ENGLAND'S FLEET IN SYRIA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1913 Ω



§ GAME: "House of Bourbon"
 1981 HK

§ GM: Mister Gary L. Coughlan

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1914

§ ZAT: Friday, November 14, 1986

§ GAME COLOR: Blue

¶ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Nick Felella for unused Malmberger orders.

Paul Goudreau has a new address: Rutgers University, CPO 2176, CN 700, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903 USA.

§ Annihilation This Time:
 England's Fleet Syria

§ Dislodgement This Time:
 Turkey's Army Serbia.

The concession to England failed and is repropsoed. Vote with your next orders. A "No Vote Received"(NVR) is a "yes" so be careful.

Your cartoon is from Shoe.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1913 §

ENGLAND: A Alb-(SER), A (TRI) S A Alb-Ser, F (ADR) S A Tri
 (Mister Fred Winter) A Bur-(BEL), A (HOL) S A Bur-Bel
 A Par-(BUR), F (NWY) Holds, F (BAR) S F Nwy, F (NTH) Holds
 F Apu-(VEN), A (PIE) S F Apu-Ven, F Ion-(AEG), F Tys-(ION)
 F Wee-(TUN), F Eas-Say(NSU), F (SYR)@@@ Unordered

GERMANY: A Tyo-(VIE), A (BUD) S A Tyo-Vie, A (LVN)-War
 (Mister Paul Goudreau) A (RUH)-Bel, F (DEN)-Nth, A Mun-(KIE)
 A Sil-(MUN), F (STP-sc) Unordered

RUSSIA: A (SWE)-Nwy
 (Mister Dave Carter)

TURKEY: A Ukr-(WAR), A (MOS) S A Ukr-War, A (BUL) S F Gre, F (GRE) Unordered
 (Mister Helmut Schmidt) A (SER)@S German A Bud-Tri(NSO)(r-Rum-OTB)
 F Eas-(SYR), F (SMY) S F Eas-Syr



England Is At 17 And That Means...

Memphis to House of Bourbon: Your 1913 Supply Centre Chart is on page 21.

Kaiser to Allies: My apologies on my lack of action. I may have cost us the game.

Kaiser to GM: I also extend my apologies to you.

Memphis to Kaiser, His Allies and England: My apologies to you as I forgot to do...

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1913 §

Turkey: NRR!! @ @ GM retreats Army Serbia Off-the-board.

"Hooligan---Hooligan was the name of a quarrelsome Irish family portrayed in an English play at the turn of the century. This play was seen by Tsar Nicholas II during a visit to London. From his comments on the play on his return to Russia, the word "hooligan" entered the Russian language, where it is still used---as it is in English---to describe a destructive vandal or young ruffian(huligan)"---from Native Tongues by Charles Berlitz

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1913 §

ENGLAND: Gains: TRI, SER
 (Mister Fred Winter) Loses:
 Retains: Home, Bre, Nwy, Spa, Por, Tun, Rom, Nap, Ven, Hol, Bel,
 Mar, Far
 Status: +3 --Build Army London, Army Edinburgh, plays
 one short

GERMANY: Gains:
 (Mister Paul Goudreau) Loses: ~~WAR~~ ~~TR~~
 Retains: Home, Den, Vie, Bud, Stp
 Status: -1 --NRR!! @ @ GM removes Army Livonia

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

TURKEY: Gains: WAR
 (Mister Helmut Schmidt) Loses: ~~TR~~
 Retains: Home, Sev, Bul, Gre, Rum, Mos
 Status: +3 --NBR!! @ @ Plays 3 short

§ TOTAL NUMBER OF SUPPLY CENTERS HELD IN WINTER 1913 §

England: 17
 Germany: 7
 Russia: 1
 Turkey: 9
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THE LETTER COLUMN

I don't know how long this one will be but we will start right away with your picture guesses for the man in this picture which appeared in the last issue.

The new picture contest begins on page 14.

Fred Chang (California, USA): "This man holds a high-security job (see photo I.D. hanging from collar tip) under a stairway by the confidential data processing printers in a company like JPL or TRW. What is he doing here? He seems to be smirking because he is probably in on a Saturday printing up some personal stuff."

Paul Gardner (Vermont, USA): "This photo doesn't do much for me--it's an office for ghod's sake! (I hate offices generally, that's why I became a forester).

This person is obviously at home with offices and computers--maybe he's that guy who runs Armchair Diplomat--the FEEM Dip set-up--Dave Hill, I think his name is. Actually it looks a tad like Pat Conlon--Pat told me he worked at some high security Army info center in Germany once--I see this guy has a badge, but I don't think it is Pat.

This person looks like he'd run a meticulous zine although his handwriting and housewriting might be sloppy (Jim Burgess perhaps?). Bet he'd make a tough Dipper--not necessarily good--he looks too sharp (dippers have to be more sleepy to put up with the 2-year play time). It could almost be Conrad Minshall. OK, OK, I'll quit waffling and pick a name out of the hat--Stepnen Wilcox!

Jeff Hoffman (New Jersey, USA): "This guy is cold and calculating. He has a (21)

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"program or a mainframe to analyze every conceivable position in Diplomacy and the results are in the process of being printed out. He'll stab you for the slightest advantage. His postal Dip letters are always from a dot matrix printer but that is only because his computer actually writes everything for him. His favorite country is Germany(you can't have an ounce of sentimentality and win with Germany), drives an '85 Subaru sedan and drinks Lite Beer. Since I have an idea who this fellow actually is, I'll randomly guess--Ken Gestiehr."

Ron Krukowski(Illinois, USA): "Thought I'd include a guess for the 'mystery photo' in EE. Of course it's not really a guess...as I know who this is.

Using an electron microscope with computer-enhanced imaging, I enlarged that portion of the photograph containing this person's I.D. card which, of course, gives his name....Steve Knight!"

Karen "No Last Name Please"(Tennessee, USA): "He's single, American, likes Beethoven and not experienced in life. I would trust this face."

Linda Yale(Tennessee, USA): "He works in a high security area since it is around a computer. He's no longer in the military but he was in the Navy and he has kept the short military haircut. He is approximately 23 years old, has a chubby wife and 2 kids(both boys). He doesn't want to be married because he isn't wearing his wedding ring and there is nothing around his work area which could snag the ring, the reason most married men give for not wearing their rings. He is religious but no redneck. He doesn't discipline his kids so his home is junky. The note on the computer shows he writes little notes to himself and it looks like he maybe has some glasses in his pocket. He has an honest look on his face."

Keith Sherwood(California, USA): "Who's the nerd in the photograph on page 10 of issue #53? Look at the geek: white shirt, pocket protector full of leaky pens, surrounded by his best friends, disc drives and line printers. You can't see it, but I bet he's got a calculator on his belt. He's the classic absent-minded type who forgets to take off his I.D. badge after work. They hide him in the basement (as evidenced by the stairwell over him). I'm turning John Pack into the FBI/CIA for taking pictures inside security-conscious Los Alamos National Laboratory."

□ Karen and Linda work with me at the post office and they both had the benefit of seeing the actual photograph. They win a free pepsi each off me but the rest of you get 3 free EEs for taking the time to guess. And kudos to Keith who guessed that it was John Pack whom he has probably seen since both are originally from Los Alamos where this picture was taken. John himself sent in comments on his picture but I can't locate it at typing time. John currently attends Brigham Young University in Utah and I would guess is about 23 years old. He spent a year as a Mormon missionary in the Dominican Republic. He is single, doesn't drink and I don't know what he drives. I don't know his musical tastes(I absolutely refuse to speculate that he adores the Osmonds!) and I hope next time when he has his response that he will tell all of us what was in his pocket. I thought Jeff's guess of Ken Gestiehr interesting as both Ken and John are in "Chocolate Soldiers"(see page 15) and seem to be close allies.

The new picture contest is found on page 14 . After I started this column James Early, the picture person from EE #52 sent in his response to the guesses made about him. All picture persons have the right to respond and take it away, James!

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James Early(Texas, USA): "I'm offended that so few people responded to my picture! First of all, I've never watched a Bruce Lee movie and I find them very boring. Also, I'm doubling in Electrical Engineering and Liberal Arts for my major. I laughed my head off when you said my major was Physics!! God, I'd die first! Physics is my worst and perhaps my least favorite subject! Wow!

To John Pack all I have to say is that he must be extremely right-wing and conservative to mistake a person as conservative as me as a liberal California Beach Bum! But, his guess was really hilarious and a lot of the things he said were true(especially the part about the women!). And to Linda, I'm usually a law-abiding citizen; I just forgot then.(Plus I had only been driving for about a year). Believe it or not, I still haven't wrecked that truck yet or my mom's car--my parents are stubbornly holding out. I ride my bike around campus."

□ Thanks for the response and good luck in physics--I hated that in college too. I don't know why so few participate in the picture contests but it always seem to be a different few each time! New Picture contest is on page 14 . (Continued on page 23)

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Denis Jones(United Kingdom): "The competition then. How about "Everytime the television sweep-stakes come around I wish I had two or three video recorders"? Way out or not? The picture looks like it was taken in a computer room, apart from that I cannot make much out. If I win any free issues(by some miracle like winning) please send them to Trevor Mendham, 53 Towncourt Crescent Petts Wood, Kent, BR5 1PH."

Steve Howe(England): "Let's start by admitting that I cannot understand the cartoon on page 6. I know what a VCR is, but what on earth are TV sweeps? This seemingly trivial example serves to emphasise that the Atlantic is rather wider than a lot of people(on both sides) seem to think.....By the way, I live in England, not the United Kingdom(but you can call me a Limey)."

Jeff Hoffman(New Jersey, USA): "For your contest on page 6, my guess is that blue tits are a type of bird that can pry the lids off of milk bottles. They got a little overeager and went at the milkman. Am I close?"

☐ Close and you all get cigars. Since these were the only guesses I received you each will receive 3 EEs...poor Trevor! The American cartoon for Europeans to guess its meaning concerned TV sweeps. During 3 months(I think) of the year, the television stations are monitored to determine how large their viewing audiences are and this determines advertising rates and involves lots of money. Two of these months are May and November and during them, the TV stations cram in their most excellent programming(mini-series, specials, blockbuster movies etc) in hopes of attracting the largest audiences. Other months of the year can be a veritable desert of viewing pleasure but not May and November. It is frustrating to have to choose between 2 or even 3 must-see shows, hence the man's desire to have more VCRs.

The British cartoon for North Americans to guess about showed the skeleton of a milkman clutching a bottle of milk while a housewife tells her husband: "The blue tits have been at the milkman again, Roger." Simon Billenness, a Briton, now lives in New York and I asked him to explain this cartoon for this contest....

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Simon Billenness(New York, USA): "A 'blue tit' is not an obscene expression, but a common British bird with a blue plumage--hence its name. It can be a real pest because of its taste for milk. In Britain, most milk is packaged in glass bottles with the top fastened by tin-foil. Unfortunately, it's very easy for blue tits to perch on top of bottles left outside homes after a milkman's delivery, and peck through the tops to get to the milk. Needless to say, these birds aren't ferocious enough to attack milkmen like piranha...."

☐ The dictionary says that "tit" is short for "titmouse" which is a bird. Simon has just come out with the latest edition of The Zine Register, a listing of all the zines in the world(including their sub prices, games offered and a description of each zine by either the editor himself or by Simon. Get one and find out why I'm glad that the Reagan-Gorbachev summit-that-is-not-a-summit-despite-the-fact-that-it-looks-like-a-summit is in Iceland. This issue(it comes out 4 times a year) costs \$1.50. You can sub for 2 issues at \$3.00 or \$6.00 for 4 issues. Simon's address is: 630 Victory Blvd., Apt. 6F, Staten Island, New York 10301 USA.

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Ian Campbell(New Jersey, USA): "I found your name and address in Supernova and I am writing you to obtain a sample copy of Europa Express ."

John Erennick(Massachusetts, USA): "Enclosed are two 22¢ stamps. Please send a sample issue of Europa Express."

☐ Both Ian and John sent stamps along with their requests but an increasing number of new people do not, or even send a postcard request, making no pretence at all of sending stamps to defray my costs. Are other pubbers facing this as well? I will continue to send EE samples to anyone who asks but in cases where I can determine who recommended this zine and didn't also mention that stamps needed to be sent, I will be deducting the postage costs from your EE sub. I'm tired of getting stuck with the bill.

Now onto the letters that I said had priority and would be printed in this EE. Most deal with the terrorist situation and NATO and will begin on page 24 .

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THE HIJACKING OF TWA 847.
THE BOMBING OF TWA 840.



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Wallace Nicoll(United Kingdom): "As you may have read elsewhere, I'm over here in the States for a month's vacation, working my way west with cheap airflights...[Wallace's letter was written May 12, 1986]..It is very intriguing to see the current debate develop and with the recent actions, the current issues should be quite good. I was interested to find out the real feelings about the Libyan thing since I was over here and it seems that the Press and media were portraying things pretty much as they are--a great swing in pro-American nationalism.

In the U.K., as you've no doubt heard from your more regular correspondents, things were seen in a much different light, with much greater implications--reduction in tourism, and US students on summer trips, sports teams calling off tours, etc. Those folks I've stayed with here have also been interested in the way the UK press has presented US feelings and how the true Brit feels about the whole thing. Not that the British hobby will reflect a true picture of course!"

□ Over the Falklands war in 1982, the British hobby seemed totally out of step, with a few exceptions(Hi Richard Walkerdine!) with the upsurge in British nationalism and the "Don't cry for me Argentina" gung-hoism. But I don't see that as the case here. By and large, the British opposed the US raid on Libya, polls saying up to 66%, an overwhelming majority, disapproving of the raid. Then they got mad because US tourists didn't come and spend the usual fortune in American dollars in Britain, for whatever reasons. Maybe some didn't feel welcome among such hostility, but that is probably American fault too...oh dear, oh dear, as a British lady once said to me when I asked her to exchange an additional \$100 US, and she pointedly tore up the sheet for the first \$100, letting me know I had inconvenienced her.

All these Americans waving flags gall me. Where were these people 15 or 20 years ago when it wasn't fashionable to be patriotic? I have always loved my country, not always agreed with it, but I'll never be a mindless flag-waver. I want Americans to closely study the entangling alliances we have formed and then by using logic to either keep, change or end them. Thanks for writing Wallace and it was nice talking to you while you were in Canada.

I put the date of Wallace's letter within his letter. From now on, since most of these letters are now several months old, I will put the date after the name..

III

Peter McDonald(United Kingdom): ((March 13, 1986)) "I've just received your February issue of EE. I must admit to not having read the letter column so closely in past issues, and maybe I have lost some of the flavour of the views being expressed.

However, I shall plunge in just the same, since I am unconvinced by the views expressed by the opposing sides of the pond. My view is that governments of whatever political persuasion have economic interests which usually outweigh any moral repugnance that that country may have with regard to how another country's political regime operates.

No doubt many European countries have economic interests in the Arab world, and are fearful of condemning one of their number. Some have direct economic interests in Libya--West Germany and Italy have, and there may be others. Similarly, the US has economic interests elsewhere in the world, the USSR too, though it could be argued that both are big enough to be able to take direct action against those countries it cannot morally tolerate, counter to any economic interests it may have.

But I would venture the opinion that given enough of an economic incentive any country will "ignore" the moral aspects. I have not expressed my views on the contentious issues raised in EE, but suffice to say, I understand the opinions voiced by both sides, though I find some of them quite abhorrent. However, I consider that whatever my 'gut' feelings about such matters, countries do not act or operate like ordinary people, which is probably just as well, for judging by the letter column, World War III is just about to take place. Best wishes..."

□ Gasp! Surely you don't mean West European nations deal with reprehensible (24)
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dictatorial and tyrannical governments!! In that case they must be equally as bad as the US and therefore equally as bad as the Soviet Union. Actually this has been one of my points in the past few EEs: the Western Europeans are not morally better than Americans so why not cease the hypocritical condemnations and knee-jerk anti-Americanism? You get nothing positive accomplished by calling us Nazis.

I have always liked the theory about nations resembling individuals or not which you bring up. My favorite historian, A.J.P. Taylor, in his The Origins Of The Second World War comments on this topic: "As a private citizen, I think that all this striving after greatness and domination is idiotic; and I should like my country not to take part in it. As a historian, I recognise that Powers will be Powers."

I don't think the US is any better than any other country but I am American and I resent it being singled out for criticism by its "allies" often unfairly.

III

Chris Farrar(Missouri, USA):((May 31, 1985)) "I just finished reading the articles in EE #52 and I especially like an article by Michael White entitled "Americans See Things Differently". In particular the part where he said that in 1985 out of 951 people killed in terrorist attacks only 23 of them were Americans. I very much doubt that terrorists, wherever they may be from, are just out to get Americans. If they were, what exactly was the point of killing the other 928?

Another thing too is why haven't they come here? There is nothing stopping them. Reagan may talk about national security, but is it really all that it is cracked up to be?

Americans, especially the government, can end up being hypocrites. Reagan is so sure that the leaders of other countries(not any special one) aren't telling their people the truth, but can we be sure beyond the shadow of a doubt that Reagan is telling us the truth? I think not.

Besides, I think Americans have a lot less to worry about than do Europeans. And if they don't do something about the terrorists it will be their loss not ours.(After all, it is in Europe, not in the US).

They are the ones losing the tourist business and then they(some, not all) complain that business is down, yet they don't seem willing to do much about it themselves.

Part of the reason for that is because of the Americans. If we would quit concerning ourselves with everyone else's problems and concern ourselves with our own(we have enough to keep ourselves busy for decades), then the Europeans would have to defend themselves.

I have my doubts that Iran, Libya, and Syria are going to wipe out all of Europe. After all Europeans are not incompetent as we Americans are sometimes led to believe. Like I said in my last letter, I'm not exactly anti-American, but the good old USA is far from having my full support.

For instance, the bombing of Libya brought us right down to the terrorist level. Killing civilians, whether it was intentional or not, is not the issue. It was wrong!

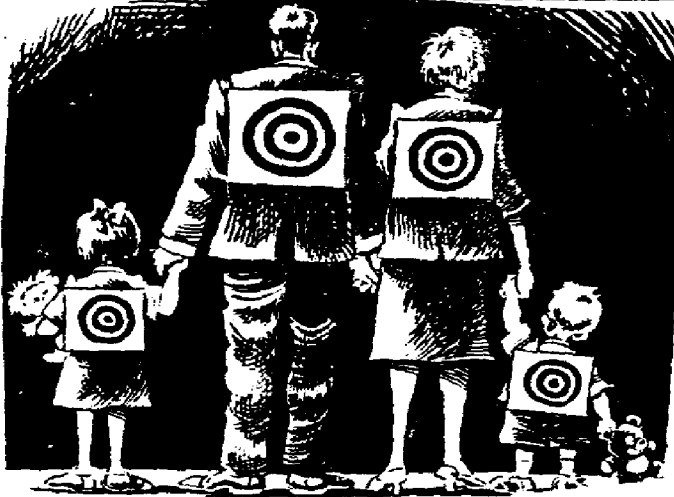
Reagan said he had proof that Khaddafi was behind the bombing of the disco in West Germany. But he also said he had proof that Khaddafi was behind the airport attacks in Rome and Vienna. Later, however, we found out that it had been the work of the Syrians. Now with this air raid he has only caused more trouble. If he would at least meet with Khaddafi, it couldn't hurt, and may even help."

□ And what, pray tell, would they discuss? You're right, the vast majority of terrorist victims have been non-Americans so why was it we who are the ones getting upset(at least until the recent spate of terrorist bombings in France)? I think it has been fairly well established that Americans are singled out on these hijackings and cruise ships, with no regard to age, sex or color. That's why during the Karacni hi-jacking, the stewardesses "lost" the US pass-ports as they were collecting them.

The reason the terrorists haven't struck here is that they have no sympathetic population to protect them, plus the fact that Americans would not tolerate

THE HIJACKING OF THE ACHILLE LAURO.
THE BOMBING OF THE WEST
BERLIN DISCOTHEQUE.





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more than one violent terrorist action on our soil. It would only take one for far-reaching measures to be taken at once and I'll predict that these measures would be supported by almost all Americans, as the French are now overwhelmingly supporting their government's efforts.

I don't know any thinking person who could possibly believe Reagan on almost any subject you'd care to mention. The man is an idiot. But his Berlin disco evidence was confirmed by the West Germans and that is only what convinced me. Then and only then when Libya was directly implicated was I in favor of retaliation.

The US is not on the same level as Khaddafi in this instance. However,

I believe the US is actively aiding, abetting, and encouraging terrorism against innocents when we support the contras in Central America. I am ashamed of my country's involvement in Nicaragua. I sincerely hope that the captured American, Eugene Hasenfus, spills the beans. Let Americans who support Reagan in Central America see the fruits of their support.

Unlike you, I am not in favor of isolationism. The US is too strung out and we can pull our troops out of Europe and let the rich, more-populous-than-we Europeans assume the responsibility for their own defence. After 41 years I think it is time for them to do at least that much.

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Doug Rowling(United Kingdom): ((April 16, 1986)) "Terrorism, especially the Egyptian airliner incident: I can understand America for wishing vengeance on the murderers, at least not if you accept the death penalty as being reasonable for such crimes(I don't believe in the death penalty as being reasonable). However, surely there must have been better ways of achieving these ends than forcing down a civilian airliner in international airspace. One might not condone the Israeli MOSSAD[their extremely effective version of the CIA], but the job appears to get done and the message gets around. Not that this stops the terrorists, but it does at least make the Israelis feel better, though it doesn't make any killing right.

The tale that eventually(a few days after the event) got broadcast about the Egyptian plane getting forced down was rather different to the one broadcast immediately after the event. The later story had it that the airliner came down accompanied by two C130's(or similar) which promptly disgorged armed Marines who proceeded to surround the plane. The marines were in turn promptly surrounded by armed Bersaglieri(spelt correctly I hope)[Bersaglieri are Italian crack units] and a firefight was only prevented because the US officer decided to stand down. This situation happened because the Italian airport officials apparently did not know what the fuck was going on. Perhaps a little more communication would have helped the situation alot.

Pointing fingers at other peoples' foreign policy fuck-ups is a pointless exercise, since the gods know that everyone has made enough of them. It is just perhaps that American ones receive rather more notoriety than they deserve, since America ought to be above such things, as a Superpower Democracy setting an example as to how nations should conduct their foreign policy, though at the moment I hope that few nations follow America's current shining example.

If you want to claim danger in places, when I was young and in either New Orleans or San Francisco, the Howard Johnson,an American motel chain, that my family stayed at had a sniper on the roof a week later who managed to kill a number of people purposelessly before being finally caught. I seem to recall hearing news that there were in fact three men on the roof at some stage and at least one of them had been machine-gunned from a helicopter gunship. Whilst not strictly anything to do with your paranoia about travelling, I thought I ought to throw it in anyhow. If you're curious I was about 11 at the time.

As far as America in NATO and Cruise missiles in general: My own feeling is that I don't really want US missiles in Europe, or at least without a dual key (26)

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system. If there were a Soviet missile base in Cuba, an analogous situation surely, I would say, I would probably feel somewhat differently. It must also be borne in mind that just like America, not all people support all their government's policies all the time, and certainly there are people who feel that there are rather more important things to consider than American missile bases, which may get bombed with nukes if there is a war.

Things like 3 million plus unemployed for instance which need more attention than martial matters and like more immediately too. As far as America in NATO goes, I still recall a presidential quote saying: "We will never pull out of Vietnam." I also recognise that if America felt it not to be in her best interests to fight a war in Europe that her troops would hurriedly pull out and avoid conflict.

Finally a tale I was told by an Iranian that has a certain consistency about it. No Americans have been killed in Iran--plenty of communists but no capitalists. Anyway how does Iran get ammunition and spares for its British and American supplied military equipment without the cognizance of those governments? Certainly there must be money to be had supplying expendable munitions to such countries. There is also the case of a couple of "Emergency Support Vessels"; logistical landing ships by any other name that sailed to Iran from Yarrows (where I work) late last year. Those boats didn't leave without the knowledge of America, they could have been held up if America had really wanted, particularly in view of Thatcher's much vaunted but empty "special relationship" with America, a set of words I hold in a certain amount of skepticism because of my view that countries will always do what is in their best interests, and they can get away with it. Then again there is the case of a warehouse of Centurion tanks mysteriously disappearing from the West Midlands and reappearing in South Africa.

The above text has been written awhile, and only altered a little. Yesterday American F-111s bombed Tripoli from American bases in Britain. Apparently to provide an operation of "surgical accuracy", thus it was carried out at night, a sound military decision, but one hardly designed to maximise pinpoint bombing. The whole operation, whilst augmenting Reagan's popularity, is not the sort of thing that is going to reduce terrorism, rather I would feel it will increase Libyan solidarity behind their leader.

I also feel that the use of bombers and the apparent death of innocent Libyans is as much an offense as the death of innocent Americans, they are still people after all, and their deaths, too, cannot make anything right. It will perhaps be interesting in the future to see if the "Libyan Affair" will reawaken like the "Belgrano Affair" did in this country. [an Argentine troops ship deliberately sunk by the British during the Falklands war though it was leaving the war area and returning to Argentina] Though some reports have said that Libyan military installations were intentionally placed in urban areas to defeat this kind of act. So given the attack took place I suppose the casualties should not have been unexpected.

As far as Article 51 of the U.N. Charter goes, it cannot surely be invoked to legitimise the bombing. As it has normally been accepted to deal with invasions of sovereign territory, and also I believe contains sections on responding with like force. Whilst perhaps the section on territoriality might be skirted over given the international aspect of terrorism, the section on like amounts of force must be regarded as being a bit on the shaky side. Certainly casualties were not at all equal, though it does appear that one F-111 at least did not return, and given the items the Libyans brought up as proof as to the destruction of American planes, did indeed look remarkably alike to SAM tailpipes, but then again, Tripoli is on the coast and aircraft could have gone down in the sea, which would make the USAF press releases semi-truthful, especially if the casualty took place in the target approach.

Perhaps the oddest thing about the whole event has been the quietude of the Soviet Bloc over the affair, or perhaps the media is biased, of course the media is biased, but accounts of TASS TV news had only 40 seconds devoted to the Libyan raid as against a 5 minute spot on 25 years in space, according to BBC News. In this country, with the exception of The Sun, a dubious paper at the best of times, most of the press seem to be one line away from saying Thatcher has overstepped the mark. Personally I feel that she did, and the real reasons that US bases in England were used was the US desire to drag someone in with them, and I certainly totally disapprove of British airspace being used to carry out government-sponsored terrorism, for the bombings don't I feel rate a label any nobler than that. Though I'm not sure that in any form the taking of human life can be regarded as noble, I eat meat I

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will admit to that.

You can see in the above that I have a horrible habit of relying on prepositional's to save myself effort. As a result this makes my English concise, but illiterate. Only since having to improve my English for Prisoners Of War [his zine] have I really begun to work out what commas are for. It is annoying to see better English written by non-native English speakers, I wonder if I ought to include Americans in that category?(a jest)

Ah, well it should at least give you some meat for the mill that is your letter column. I expect you'll mince it good. Overall my views are on the liberal side with a dose of cynicism about media and those who manipulate it and hold power. Please view the letter with that in mind.

□ And learn about verbs (every sentence should have one!) and periods and capitals (for a while I thought you were German capitalising all those nouns!). Thank you for a letter printed in full.

Our only mistake in the Egyptian airliner affair was landing in Italy and handing the terrorists over to Italian "justice". They promptly let the ringleader go, and gave alaps on the wrists to the ones they kept in captivity. Interesting to note that 70 % plus of the French now want the death penalty reinstated for terrorists. I've always been in favor of the death penalty. Brand me a barbarian but it leaves no one for future terrorists to take hostages for to get them released.

America's policies should not be singled out for criticism by "allies"; it is as you state "a pointless exercise". It is also very short-sighted to antagonize the people who are protecting you from the high costs of doing your own defense.

As your experience in New Orleans shows, America is a violent society. But people are not killed simply because they are Americans or Britons or Frenchman. That's one advantage we have over Europe right there and I suppose everyone feels safest in their own countries where they know the mores.

I've said before I don't care if the US missiles are in Europe or not. Now I want them out. I'm ready for Europeans to have it brought home to them just how dependent they are on those missiles. They are in Britain because it is much cheaper than maintaining a conventional army and all the costs that it would entail. That's why if and when your next probable prime minister, Neil Kinnock, gets elected in 1987 or 1988 (hopefully), it will be so much fun to see him have to backtrack, like the Spanish prime minister and anti-American Greek government before him did, on his promise to rid Britain of not only the US nuclear missiles but Britain's own as well. (Backtrack on NATO-related policies, in Spain and Greece, I mean).

Either way I and my adherents win. If the US missiles are kicked out, the alliance and certainly "the special relationship" are kaput and Britain is at last on her own and having to defend her self or unilaterally disarm or whatever is in vogue in 1988. Or the US gets one responsible ally besides France who can finally face the facts of life and stop the hypocritical moral posturing that is beginning to nauseate Americans.

Oh, so now the US gets bashed for finally withdrawing from Vietnam as well as ever being there in the first place. Rewrite history and tell me what should have happened in an ideal world..

I am opposed to supplying Iran, South Africa or the Nicaraguan contras with any supplies to make war. Our congress, over the President's shameful veto, has begun sanctions against South Africa. What has your country done?

The raid on Libya was very popular here among all segments of society. A recent Washington Post-ABC News Poll showed that "Americans are increasingly likely to support the use of military force against any Middle Eastern country that has supported terrorism against Americans....The survey, taken in the days following the hijacking of a Pan American World Airways jumbo jet in Karachi, Pakistan, found that 74 percent supported retaliatory military action...last year, only about half of those surveyed favored such use of force. In the new poll, taken Sept. 5 through Sept 8, nine in 10 of those surveyed said they had read or heard about the Karachi incident--a high level of awareness for any current event."

As I've said before, with the national polls to back me up, Americans are fed up to the teeth with terrorism and feel time dithering about like most Western Europeans do is over. Now then, how can any self-respecting Western European nation allow itself to be shamefully allied with a superpower where 74% of the people approve of "government-sponsored terrorism"?! You tell me because I want America out of NATO. "Allies" like these we do not need.

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Thanks to Steve Howe for sending this cartoon in!!

WHY I FEEL SUPERIOR TO FOREIGNERS

I don't stand on the left on Underground escalators carrying metal bedsteads on my back.

I know how to write the number "seven".

I don't burn down embassies on theological grounds.

I don't try to burn down embassies.

I don't even char embassies.

I don't engage in ritual stoning of over-frisky neighbours.

My newspapers don't devote their front pages for days and days to a single bicycle race.

At cremations, I don't have to watch the cremating.

I don't find my wallet crammed with dirty little notes, often torn and repaired with surgical tape.

I do not insult young girls by omitting to pinch their bottoms.

I do not eat cheese at breakfast nor do I spread marmalade on bacon.

My street does not get frequently renamed, often after a date.

Nobody tries to sell me rugs on trams, nor do half the passengers ride on top.

When I enter a pub, I do not have to look for a table to hide under when the shooting starts.

In my country, the railway-timetable is generally right, not to the day but to the hour.

I do not find my herbageous border suddenly covered by two feet of volcanic dust.

In my bath, I do not require the assistance of unpersonable females.

I do not have to ask myself whether a man with feathers in his hat is a forester, a Customs official or some rural breed of cop. My fellow-countrymen do not wear feathers in their hats.

My country rarely changes its name.

I am not expected to display manhood by permitting myself to be chased along thoroughfares by fighting bulls, wrestling with giant squids or having my face slashed open by duellists.

I do not have to stand in public squares listening to four-hour harangues by newly created field-marshal drunk with the novel delights of politics.

Taxi-drivers do not share with me their views on base-ball.

In driving through British towns, I do not have to avoid sacred cows wearing daisy-chains, rampaging elephants, trigger-happy students or pot-holes deep enough to take a double-decker bus.



Poisoning plays little if any part in British politics, neither does witchcraft.

Newspapers and magazines don't arrive with bits cut out.

If I move, I don't find that, before the furniture arrives, my new home fills up with local matrons bearing apple-pie, bride-cake and grits. Nor am I expected to take my place in community politics that very day.

I expect this week's ministers to be much the same as last week's.

I buy my stamps decently at a Post Office, not at a tobacconist's.

I am not expected to skate to my appointments.

Although Britain once held Normandy, I don't find little maps on bank counters showing the British claim to Anglia Irredenta.

I don't eat birds' nests, snails, snake, sea-slugs or pemmican.

I don't have to marry knowing the girl's dowry but not her face.

I am not awoken by coyotes, laughing hyenas, tree-frogs, or muezzin.

I do not have to eat Christmas pudding in high summer. (This makes me feel superior even to Australians, whom many people do not regard as genuine foreigners at all.)

I know, admittedly only from hearsay, that trying to bribe a British judge will get you nowhere, except into jail.

I live in a country where ex-prime ministers appear live on television.

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(This needs some work - feel free to edit)

(For print in Europa Express.)

Scott Hanson: I've been reading with interest your discussion on NATO. My senior paper was on the very subject of the US leaving NATO, but it stressed the benefits to the Europeans, not the Americans. My main objection to NATO as an American is that we really have no business subsidizing the militaries of developed countries fully capable of defending themselves. It might have made sense right after WWII, but not now. Today fully half of our defense spending goes to Europe. The fact that it's unappreciated by many in Europe doesn't mean a thing to me; that it could be spent better in this country (or better yet, not spent at all) bothers me. Most Americans wouldn't approve of many of the social programs in Western Europe, yet our contributions to NATO are a direct subsidy to these governments. Neither do I believe in the Soviet threat to Western Europe. It should be obvious by now that the Red Army troops in Eastern Europe are troops of occupation, and the USSR has a lot more to gain by trading with the Europeans, not invading. The Red Army only invades "friendly" countries, like Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan. (Though if anyone knows of a book or article that says otherwise, I'd love to know about it.)

However, noone in EE has seen fit to defend NATO, yet very few people in a position to do anything about it have called for the dissolution of NATO, and a US departure seems very unlikely. While I'm no big fan of NATO, someone should bring up a few points in its favor.

For one thing, the US is in no position to criticize a country's commitment to defense when the US has abolished the draft. Conscription is the ultimate commitment a country can ask of its young people. I know West Germany drafts nearly all of its young men, I'm not sure about other NATO countries. It is very easy to spend money on defense, but more difficult to compel your citizens to involuntarily contribute to it.

But the big question is what will you do once NATO has disappeared. With what will you replace it? A European defense league of some sort? Keep in mind that while the EC is the most successful attempt at cooperation among states, its members cannot barely agree on their most obvious common economic interests and is utterly incapable of making any political decisions. These countries have very divergent national interests. Can you expect these same countries to suddenly fully coordinate their most vital national interest without some strong hand like the US to guide them?

What means will this new defense league use to defend itself? Nuclear weapons as does NATO? Presently in most NATO countries nuclear weapons are jointly controlled by the US and the host country. How would this new league control its weapons. West Germany assumes no control over the nuclear weapons in its territory, and I can see no situation where the USSR or any of West Germany's neighbors (no to mention West German voters) would allow it to assume any control of nuclear weapons.

Would the defense league use conventional forces only? This would not only a completely new strategy, but also much more money and many more men. (The chief advantage of nuclear weapons is they are relatively cheap.) The money and men of the US would now be gone. And what about the Soviet nuclear weapons now pointed at Europe, would you just hope they'd go away? Hundreds of thousands of US troops would be leaving West Germany, yet the Germans can hardly increase the size of their forces and the need for men would be greater. How would this be made up?

Or would NATO just dissolve and leave nothing in its place. The main argument against this is that the Soviets want it so much, and it would be a great victory for them. If it's so good for the USSR, how can that be good for the US?

I guess I can't see any real alternative to NATO right now. The Europeans may be imperfect friends but they are the best friends the US has got. An alliance cannot be a complete partnership where all parties are in total agreement. It can only work in areas where everyone can see the common interest. In this limited respect, NATO works.

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Scott Hanson (Minnesota, USA): "I'm glad you liked my NATO letter and I look forward to your response. I've got another thought for you. You've written several times that your experience with Europeans has led you to conclude that they are anti-American. Please remember there are a good many Europeans you haven't had contact with. After all, the two largest European powers in NATO (Germany and Britain) both have conservative governments whose foreign policy consists of constantly agreeing with the US. (Even France just elected a conservative government, but French foreign policy defies easy explanation.)

Those governments must have some sort of widespread support to have been elected. From my experience with Frauke's family [his wife from Germany], the majority of them support the CDU [Christian Democratic Union, the ruling party currently]. Of course, they are also all over 50, speak no English, and are not college educated. How many of the Europeans you have met fit those criteria? Since Europe has negative population growth, this older and more conservative population is growing. I guess my point is that European hobbyists are not "typical" Europeans, and can't use them nor the European press to judge what the "typical" European thinks."

□ Thanks for typing up your first letter, which I didn't want to excerpt, and which is found on page 30. I'll answer it and this one here.

Your over-50 generation are the ones in power now and the US is spending more per capita on defending Europeans than they are themselves. The September 29, 1986 issue of The New Republic stated: "Exasperation with the European allies--many of whom have repeatedly reneged on pledges to increase their own level of military spending--fuels the criticism. European nations spend roughly 3.8 per cent of their GNP on average on defense; the United States spends roughly 6.7 per cent. Some NATO critics hope a U.S. decision to withdraw troops will prod Europe into increasing its commitment."

"The Europeans, who live each day under the nose of the Russian bear, don't seem to believe there is a serious likelihood of attack--or if they do, they are apparently not worried enough to tax themselves for a larger defense effort. How much longer will members of Congress and taxpayers continue to support such "allies", or to believe traditional arguments stressing the Russian threat?"

Henry Kissinger has said: "The fear of Soviet invasion has diminished. A gradual withdrawal of a substantial portion, perhaps up to half, of our present ground forces would be a logical result." Zbigniew Brzezinski has said: America should "initiate a longer-term process to alter the nature of its military presence in Europe...The United States will have to take the first steps, even perhaps unilaterally, through a ten-year program of annual cuts in the level of ground forces in Europe." Senator Gary Hart has said: "we are not the Romans. We do not intend to stay in Germany for 300 years, or until we are driven out."

America, with a draft or not, is in a position to criticize any other country's commitment in NATO. All NATO countries except the US, Canada (who has already withdrawn half of its forces in Europe) and Britain have conscription. That is as it should be with the exception of Britain. Europe is the "threatened" continent, not North America. If there is such a "threat", Europe should be the ones to be permanently militarized, not us. And I don't believe there is such a threat as you seem to do also speaking of the Russians "trading with the Europeans, not invading."

The US is facing a massive deficit and we still have world-wide commitments unlike the Europeans. I still say it is not too much to ask that they be responsible then for their own defense and free our troops. They are richer than we are and have a larger population. And it is time they learn to work together. They have plunged the world into wars long enough.

And I think as time goes by, the two continents will draw further and further apart. It reminds me in many ways of the estrangement between the North and the South, both parts of the same nation, in the years before the Civil War. We are increasingly seeing things differently and drifting apart. I think elections in West Germany and Britain in the latter part of the 80s will further highlight the growing antagonism between us.

And we won't find "any real alternative to NATO right now" unless we start looking for one. You didn't mention the new generation growing up in the US--they may end NATO unilaterally. Now for a change in topic on page 46 !

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WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY



Our Diplomacy game is based on World War I and that war was happening exactly 70 years ago so EE has been doing a day-by-day chronology of the war years, but not just war events. In this issue's installment, we'll see the likes of Humphrey Bogart, Marlene Dietrich, Ernest Hemingway, ~~Charles~~, Harry Houdini, Bluebeard and the Red Baron (Snoopy's friend!), Buffalo Bill, H.G. Wells, Mata Hari, Lawrence of Arabia and many others.

In this issue we will do the critical months of December 1916 and January 1917. First, beginning on this page, we'll have a general explanation of this period, followed by December 1916 (on page 35), then events that occurred in 1916 (on page 40), then the beginning of 1917 (page 41) and finally January 1917 beginning on page 42. And if I have enough room, I'll print the comments y'all have been making about this series beginning on page 46.

Please remember that many of these events were either secret, known only to a few people, or meaningless in 1916-1917 as many of these people only became famous or infamous years later. Many of these quotes are culled from letters or diaries written by such people as Karen "Out Of Africa" Blixen, Vera Brittain, Herbert Sulzbach, the Tsar and Tsarina of Russia, Albert Speer and others but that is just for these 2 months. (No "Jern" this time, sorry!!)

The winter of 1916-1917 was the coldest winter in Europe in 50 years (see January 26) and James Stokesbury in his A Short History of World War I describes it thus: "The winter of 1916-17 was known in Europe as the "turnip winter"; until that time turnips were for animals, but now they were eaten by people, who were glad to get them. Shortages were endemic, and long lines for goods a hallmark of the season."

The hunger prevailed in all countries, as rationing was expanded, but Germany can illustrate the case best, as its situation directly caused the United States to enter the war. In January 1917, the German potato ration, due to bad harvests, was cut from 1 pound to $\frac{1}{2}$ pound per day. Dr. Batocki, head of the German War Food Office stated: "But in place of this half pound of potatoes we allow a little more than half a pound of turnips. Our people eat turnips almost as freely as they do potatoes. We know there is as much nourishment in 4 pounds of turnips as in 3 pounds of potatoes."

But this was for American consumption and appeared in the New York Times. How did it affect the common Germans? Albert Speer, Hitler's architect, was 11 years old at this time and wrote in Inside The Third Reich: "We did not escape the food shortages in the city and what was then called the turnip winter. We had wealth but no relatives or acquaintances in the countryside. My mother was clever at devising endless new variations on turnip dishes, but I was often so hungry that in secret I gradually consumed a whole bag of stone-hard dog biscuits left over from peace-time." And this was from a German child who ~~was~~ ^{were} fed the best of anyone among the German population.

As Germans starved that winter, many clamored for a return to U-boat warfare to crush England and end the hunger blockade. The German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg opposed this because he felt sure it would mean war with America (he was right!) but he was fighting a losing battle as the military leaders, the aristocrats, the royal court, the right-wing parties and a majority of the people (see January 21) wanted it.

Russia was in similar straits but there the resentment was directed at the royal family, especially the Tsarina Alexandra and her "Holy Monk" Rasputin. Her son, the Tsarevitch, was a hemophiliac and somehow Rasputin could stop his bleeding which won Alexandra's devotion. Rasputin used his power to make and unmake ministers and in December 1916 he was murdered by royal relatives of the Tsar but Russia continued to drift toward revolution. The Tsar, an absolute autocrat, received many warnings from well-meaning people during this period but did not heed them.

After $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of war (it had begun in August 1914), this was a time of changing leaders and military officials. Unity had prevailed in all countries at the beginning but as deaths mounted and victory remained elusive, changes were demanded.

The Allies (England and France) continued to pressure Greece heavily while the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey) knocked Rumania out of the war except for a tiny slice in the north where the Rumanians linked up with the Russians. Mr. Galhauer sent me a book by American diplomat Charles Wopicka who was assigned to Rumania and some of his quotes appear this time.

Germany had prevailed on all fronts during 1916 except for the most important

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front of all, the Western Front. There two extremely bloody battles had been fought at Verdun and along the Somme. Canada, which by this time, had sustained casualties of 65,680 suffered 45,565 of that amount in the months of the Somme from June to November 1916. The bloodletting horrified the world and all people grieved for their countrymen. Again 11-year old Albert Speer wrote: "My imagination dwelt on the war, on the advances and retreats at the front, on the suffering of the soldiers. At night we sometimes heard a distant rumble from the great battle of attrition at Verdun. With the ardent sympathies of childhood, I would often sleep for several nights running on the hard floor beside my soft bed in order to be sharing the privations of the soldiers at the front."

Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany felt that with the elimination of Rumania that Germany would be perceived at her strongest, and not considered weak if she offered peace terms to end the war. He knew that he could not resist the growing pressure within Germany for a resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare and felt that such a resumption would bring America in on the side of Germany's enemies.

The Germans had been waiting on President Wilson of the United States to call on the warring nations to make peace but they got tired of waiting. Hunger was getting worse, and Rumania had just fallen to the Central Powers. On December 12, 1916, Germany made a peace bid. They boasted of German successes during 1916, and that the Central Powers could continue to resist attacks and though prepared to fight till the bitter end they were willing to enter into peace negotiations to end the war. But Germany did not state her proposals and had they been known they would have been rejected out of hand which they were anyway!

The proposals included, as we now know: all or part of the Belgian Congo to Germany, cession of territory from France, establishment of German "influence" in Belgium on a permanent basis or the retention of Liège in its place; Italian territory for Austria, the division of Montenegro between Austria and Albania, cessions from Rumania, enlargement of Austria and Bulgaria from Serbian lands.

The Germans did not want Wilson to be a mediator. They wanted him to pressure the Allies into a peace conference. They viewed, quite correctly, that it was now the USA which was keeping the Allied war effort going. In 1914, American trade with the Central Powers was \$169,000,000. By 1916, courtesy of the English blockade, the amount was a mere \$1,159,000. The comparable figures for the Allies in trade with America were \$824,000,000 and \$3,214,000,000. The Allies had brought wartime prosperity to America where, between Jan 1, 1916 and Jan 1, 1917 the per capita income increased 25%. Wilson had the power to bring the Allies to heel; the question was would he?

Wilson himself finally offered his own peace plan one week after the German plan on December 18, 1916. He asked all warring powers to state their war aims citing his belief that the war aims of both sides were identical "as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world." This infuriated the Allies but they held their tongue because America was essential to their war efforts. But they were in a quandry about how to answer without it seeming like they, to the American public, were responsible for the war going on.

The Germans, in reply to Wilson's peace note, still did not state their terms and counter-proposed face-to-face meetings by the warring powers in a neutral place. The Allies decided to scuttle the German peace offer first. It was a "sham offer", an attempt "to justify in advance a new series of crimes", it was "empty and insincere", a mere "war manoeuvre". Then they replied to Wilson's peace note by stating their own peace proposals.

The Allies wanted the restoration of Belgium and Serbia with indemnities; the evacuation of the invaded lands of France, Russia and Rumania with "just reparation"; the reparation of territories taken by force in the past (this meant

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HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE SEARCHING THE SKIES FOR HIS ENEMY, THE RED BARON..



DUCKING IN AND OUT OF THE CLOUDS, HE PLAYS A DANGEROUS GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK



PEEKABOO, I SEE YOU!



ACTUALLY WORLD WAR I FLYING ACES V ERY SELDOM SAID "PEEKABOO, I SEE YOU!"



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Alsace-Lorraine taken by Prussia from France in 1870 but the French were intending to go back to at least 1814 with the boundaries they had then!), the liberation of Italians, Slavs, Rumanians and Czechoslovaks from "foreign domination"(the break-up of Austria-Hungary), the freedom of non-Turks from Turkey and the expulsion of Turkey from Europe and the independence of Poland under the Tsar's proposals. And last, but not least, the liberation of all of Europe "from the brutal covetousness of Prussian militarism".

Only if within sight of total defeat would Germany and her allies accept these terms, as the Allies well knew. And Germany in 1916 was not a defeated power. The Central Powers pointed out Allied "sins" in Ireland, the subjection of subject races in Russia and what they were doing to Greece. Of these Allied proposals, Stokesbury in his book(see page 32) says: "To bring in such terms to a defeated enemy in 1919 was one thing; to suggest them to a near victorious enemy at the beginning of 1917 was blatantly insulting. Even Wilson was shocked and angered by the Allied claims, and the whole possibility of a negotiated peace immediately fell apart."

But Wilson still tried to find peace. He offered the German ambassador to the US, Bernstorff, the use of the State Department cable to communicate with the German government. Incredibly Bernstorff was allowed to use it with a German secret code that the Americans did not understand. This was offered so the English blockade could be circumvented and fast answers could be given from Germany. More on this later....

Meanwhile the pro-Allied US Secretary of State Lansing always refused to transmit Bernstorff's messages without direct orders from Wilson. He angered Wilson by giving a press conference in which he mentioned the President's call for the warring powers to state their peace terms: "I mean that we are drawing nearer to the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks, in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future." He later claimed he had been misinterpreted. This only made the Germans distrust Wilson more and it probably encouraged the Allies in thinking the US would have to come into the war on their side.

The US ended its invasion of Mexico to hunt down Pancho Villa by withdrawing its 7,000 troops there unilaterally. Japan began to get Allied support to keep control of German territory captured in China because she knew the Americans, if they came into the war, would strongly oppose her claims.

Austria, losing her aged Emperor in November 1916, was celebrating the coronation of Emperor Charles and Empress Zita. Charles began secret negotiations with the Allies in January 1917, unknown to his German ally, to take Austria out of the war. Charles and Zita were also the King and Queen of Hungary.

Wilson in the latter part of January called for a "peace without victory" further angering the warring powers who had shed much blood and had no desire to listen to what they regarded as a simple-minded, naive meddler with a penchant to be a mediator. Incredibly though, England agreed to this speech for reasons that are still not known today. But it is surmised that England agreed knowing that the US would soon be entering the war based upon what the English secret service had just detected and they wanted to be in Wilson's good graces during this period.

The English had intercepted a telegram from the German Foreign Minister Zimmerman, the so-called "Zimmerman Telegram" found on page 1 of this issue. This proposal for a German-Mexican-Japanese alliance against the US went out over 3 routes: (1) the German wireless(generally slow), (2) the "Swedish Roundabout" and even the (3) State Department cable provided by the Americans themselves! The English knew that an anti-American alliance proposed over an American cable would enrage the Americans but how to get this information to the Americans without tipping off the Germans that the code was broken?

The English also didn't want to wreck the information source known as the "Swedish Roundabout". Sweden was very pro-German and for years had been allowing Germany to send messages to German ambassadors via the Swedish ambassadors. As neutrals, the Swedish transmissions could not be blocked by the English who finally discovered what they contained when they wondered why the Swedish ambassador in Mexico was spending so much time in the telegraph office there.

Anyway, the English managed to get a copy of the telegram sent by Bernstorff in the US to the German ambassador in Mexico from the Mexican telegraph office so

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the Germans would only think they had stolen a copy in Mexico.

It is important to remember that no one knew of the existence of the Zimmerman Telegram in the United States in January 1917. Only later would it become public, in fact, about 2 months later and it would be the final push that would take the United States into the war against Germany in April 1917.

Now on January 9, 1917, the Germans had finally decided to resume unrestricted U-boat warfare beginning on February 1, 1917. Many Germans now fully expected war with America to result but felt that England could be starved out before America could be ready to fight a war. And they came very close to knocking England out of the war. The world was not told of the date of February 1 until the day before on January 31, 1917 late in the evening so American reaction will be seen in the next issue of ES. In brief the Germans declared a war zone all around England, France and Italy in which "all ships met within that zone will be sunk." The Americans were to be permitted one ship a week to and from Falmouth, England and it must depart from New York City, on a prescribed route 30 miles wide, have broad vertical stripes and carry nothing that Germany would regard as contraband!

But the submarine issue comes at the very end of this 2 month overview so it didn't play a part in this 8-week period. Pay attention to all the other things which were going on: Lenin and Trotsky in exile from Russia, car ads, suffragettes, the US buying some islands from Denmark, known today as the Virgin Islands.

The national debts of this period make interesting reading. Canada's had reached \$696 million and would soon be one billion. The US's was \$1.2 billion! England's was \$13.2 billion and in March 1914 it had been \$3.4 billion. The combined national debts of England, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia after considering the effect of 2½ years of war was \$49 billion!

At this time, there were riots and strikes and accusations of atrocities between the warring nations. A 95-year-old granddaughter of George III, King of England during the American Revolution, died in Germany in December 1916. She had married a German nobleman and saw the two countries she loved torn by this war. She was the beloved aunt of England's queen Mary (the grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II).

Royalty on either side were closely related sometimes to the point of sisters and first cousins ~~being~~ brothers being on the "enemy side". Contacts were maintained through "neutral" royalty such as the crown princess Margaret of Sweden who was the first cousin of both the King of England and the Kaiser of Germany. Through Margaret went the letters of Queen Mary and her Aunt Augusta, and the Kaiser's greeting to his English aunt and uncle on their 25th wedding anniversary. Queen Mary and her aunt exchanged information on the fate or whereabouts of the sons and grandsons of English and German royalty.

Now see if you make more than Babe Ruth, Dorothy Parker or a skilled worker. It's all here in the chronology.

The following code is used when events are unclear: 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.

DECEMBER 1916

1- Allied forces land in Athens, Greece and are fired upon by angry Greeks and the Allies fire back (see 12-4); Mata Hari leaves Liverpool for Spain (see 11-28, 12-6); US Federal Reserve Board says its advice to its member banks not to buy short-term French and English treasury bills "intends in no way to slight the financial status of any foreign country." (see 11-27, 11-28)

2- German Reichstag passes Auxiliary Service Law which empowers them to assign all males aged 17-60 wherever needed; Dutch protest to Germany about her Belgian deportations of workers (there were 650,000 unemployed in Belgium and Germany would eventually deport 120,000 of them of whom only 30,000 had gone voluntarily) (see 12-5); German Minister of the Interior Helfferich accuses England of deliberately trying to ruin the Belgian economy, due to the blockade (see 12-7); Germany's DAZ (Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung) condemns the Allied "Throttling of Greece" (see 12-5); Canada orders all vessels in its waters to display no lights except to avoid collision citing "a real emergency does exist" against U-boats; President Wilson turns on the lights at the Statue of Liberty (see 1916); Canada has enlisted 377,205 men (35)

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for overseas duty of which 65,680 were casualties (this out of a population of about 8.5 million); Lawrence of Arabia is at Yenbo (see 11-25, 12-6, December); A member of Russia's Duma (Parliament), Purishkevich, says: "It requires only the recommendation of Rasputin to raise the most abject citizen to high office...Be off to headquarters and throw yourselves at the feet of the Tsar. Have the courage to tell him that the multitude is threatening its wrath. Revolution threatens and an obscure moujik shall govern Russia no longer." (see 12-16, 12-29, Dec); The King of Rumania leaves his capital of Bucharest for Jassy in the north (see 12-6)

(3) The Rumanian Prime Minister and other officials leave Bucharest for Jassy (see 12-2, 12-6)

4- Allies begin a blockade of Greece (see 1-29-17); English ship Caledonia is sunk off of Malta by a U-boat. It tried to ram the sub and the captain was captured (this was one reason Germany claimed U-boats could not operate under traditional rules of sea warfare--her subs were too vulnerable to surface attack); W. Somerset Maugham leaves Honolulu on steamer Sonoma for Pago Pago. Aboard are a New England missionary couple and a prostitute named "Miss Thompson" (this situation would inspire his "Rain")

5- English Prime Minister Asquith resigns (see 12-7); US protests Belgian deportations by Germany (see 12-7); London Times headlines "Slave Raids in Belgium"; NDAZ reprints story from Swiss newspaper satire on Allied atrocity stories. It was said that the French propaganda commission had established a regular scale of prices for "lying reports" in the dailies of French Switzerland. Some of the prices were: 30 francs for a German starvation story; "short stories" about amputated hands or feet 3 francs, and "new inventions of atrocity and inhumanity will be rewarded with high fees."; In England after Dec 18, no meal exceeding 3 courses between 6-9:30 PM or 2 courses any other time may be served in any hotel, restaurant or public place; Grand Duchess Alexandra of Mecklenburg-Strelitz dies at the age of 95. She was the confidant of England's Queen Mary (see page 35) and the granddaughter of King George III of England

6- Germans capture Bucharest and Ploesti in Rumania (see 12-7); England announces that she is "unable to guarantee" that facilities could be provided to neutral owners who had not "undertaken to utilize their vessels in such a way that British or Allied interests are benefitted" (England controlled the high seas and the coaling bunkers along the way and this measure was directed at neutrals who traded with Germany); Lawrence states: "Feisel treats me very well and lets me ask, hear and see everything, including his agents. Of course I still pass as a Syrian officer." (see 12-2, Dec); Mata Hari lands in Vigo, Spain (see 12-1, 12-11); Queen Mary learns of her Aunt Augusta's death (see 12-5); 12-year-old George Balanchine meets the Tsar and Tsarina after the ballet Pharaoh's Daughter later writing of Alexandra: "Beautiful, beautiful like Grace Kelly."

7- Lloyd George becomes England's new Prime Minister (see 12-5, 12-11). He was in favor of going for victory over Germany, the "knock-out blow"; Spain protests German suppression of emergency work in Belgium designed to take up the slack in unemployment (see 12-8); Dutch paper Telegraaf says Germans have confined Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, to his palace for speaking out against the Belgian deportations (see 12-18); US Minister Charles Vopicka in Rumania writes: "I now held daily conferences with the civil governor ((German)) of Bucharest, to whom I reported all complaints. In the first two days there were thirty cases of robbery and heinous attacks on helpless women by soldiers. I urged the governor to take preventive steps, and he then placed six soldiers on guard at the crossings, to whom complaints could be made, and this acted very effectively as a check. The Germans always claimed the Bulgarians committed the crimes, while the latter placed the blame on the Austrians, who in turn charged the Turks with them. The women were unable to identify their assailants, as the soldiers generally remained in the city only a day or two."

Karen Blixen, at sea headed for South Africa, writes: "hundreds of dolphins are leaping around the ship...It is a strange thing in this war that all the English as one man stick to the futile and hollow slogan, Keep cheery. They certainly take it so literally that they yodel and sing negro spirituals every evening, get up to the most absurd pranks on deck every night, promenading in full dress and making fun of everything. I have the feeling that they do it because they don't dare to be serious; they cannot do it, and are afraid of the vacuity of their own character,--but perhaps that is wrong. At any rate it is strange to be among people who are at war and hard pressed for weeks and to find that the enthusiasm, the spirit, the inspiration, they might be expected to communicate, (3)

"is absolutely lacking. Of course there is the exception among them who realises the situation; but it is quite alarming to see the others carrying on with their jokes about poor old Kaiser Bill and The Clown Prince, when one thinks of their adversaries who certainly know what deadly earnest the war is..." (the Kaiser's son, Crown Prince Wilhelm, lead one of the German armies and was a target of ridicule for the Allies)

8- French battleship Suffren sunk by a U-boat northwest of Lisbon, Portugal; Germans say Belgians prefer relief to honest work(see 12-7); Karen Blixen(see 12-7) arrives in Capetown, South Africa; Actress Sarah Bernhardt in New York receives a bronze statuette of herself as the queen in "Ruy Blas". John Drew presented and said: "Madam, you are still the queen, toujours! quand même! The New York Times stated: "Mme. Bernhardt's voice continues to regain its wonderful quality, though the tickling cough has not altogether disappeared."(see 1-1-17)

9- Kirk Douglas born, Amsterdam, New York

(10)- German commercial U-boat Deutschland completes her second voyage to the US (see 12-29); Lansing writes President Wilson(see page 34) concerning his upcoming peace proposals(see 12-18): "Suppose the unacceptable answer comes from the belligerents whom we could least afford to see defeated on account of our national interest and on account of the future domination of the principles of liberty and democracy in the world--then what? Would we not be forced into an even worse state than that in which we are now? I think that we must consider the possibility of such a situation resulting."

11- Lloyd George creates a smaller "war cabinet" than English norm(5 members instead of 11)(see 12-7); Mata Hari leaves Vigo for Madrid(see 12-13,12-15); Richthofen "The Red Baron" gets 12th air victory on Somme(see 12-20); Bernstorff (see page 34) includes a quote from the pro-Allied New York Tribune in his report to the German government which says: "Despite a very widespread sympathy for France and a well-defined affection for Great Britain in a limited circle of Americans, there has been no acceptance of the Allied point of view as to the war, and there is not now the smallest chance that this will be the case...The thing that the British have failed to get before the American people is the belief that the war was one in which the question of humanity and of civilization was uppermost for the British. The Germans have succeeded in making the Americans in very great numbers believe that it is purely and simply a war of trade and commerce between the British and the Germans."

12- German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag offers peace talks as a way to end the war(see page 33 ,12-13,12-18,12-19,12-30,Dec); French Premier Briand begins reforming his cabinet

13- General Nivelle replaces Joffre as French army chief(see 1-15-17); French say German peace offer is only attempt to divide the Allies; French intercept German wireless message from Spain to Germany via the Eiffel Tower which stated: "H 21 informs us: Princess George of Greece, Marie Bonaparte, is using her "intimate relations" with Briand to get French support for her husband's access to the Greek throne. She says Briand's enemies would welcome further defeats in the war to overthrow him. Britain has political and military control of France. French are afraid to speak up. General offensive planned for next spring."(This was rubbish, not hard news at all. H 21 was the German code number for Mata Hari, and several messages of this type were sent during December(see 12-20) by the Germans who knew the code was broken by the French. The Germans did not trust Mata Hari, a Dutch dancer, and it's now believed Mata thought she was working for the French.

14- English horse transport Russian sunk in Mediterrean by U-boat; Kőrber cabinet resigns in Austria--they were against the proposed 10-year economic agreements with Hungary(see 12-20,1-17). Every 10 years Austria and Hungary had to make new economic agreements to regulate their internal commerce; Belgium yields to English demands on swap of African lands taken from Germany(see 10-10, 11-10); Italy forbids for 2 weeks(the Christmas season) the manufacture of candies and cakes and their transportation by post or railroad(would prevent the sending of enormous Christmas donations to the soldiers) and forbids hotels to serve meals containing more than one meat course; Denmark votes 233,670 to 158,157 to sell the Danish West Indies to the USA(see 1-17-17); Arnold Toynbee "a young historian of high academic distinction" edits English documents on Turkish atrocities which the London Times calls "one long catalogue of horrors for which hardly any parallel can be found either in ancient or modern history."(see page 33)

15- French attack at Verdun, recover lost ground and drive Germans back 2 miles; Russians say they will fight on to victory, "no" to German peace offer; Serbs arrest Colonel Dimitrievic (known as "Apis" and the organizer of the plot to assassinate the Austrian archduke which started World War I) at Salonika, Greece for conspiring to deliver the Serbian front to the Central Powers (see June 1917). (Some think today that Serbia needed to eliminate this man so they could make a separate peace with the Central Powers); Mata Hari attends a ball at the Ritz in Madrid (see 12-20)

16- The Romanov Family through Tsar's uncle Grand Duke Paul ask the Tsar to grant Russia a constitution. The Tsar refuses; Germany to now have cafes, theatres and hotels to close at 11:30PM (and want streetcars, subways and elevators to do so too); In France Mme. Pellat insists to Paris police that Henri Landru has murdered her disappeared sister (see 3-9-17). Landru was the infamous Bluebeard

(17)- Canada's war effort is now costing \$23 million per month. In the year ending Oct 31, the Canadian national debt was \$696 and experts said it would soon be \$1 billion; NDAZ describes the fate of 2 German merchants from the Cameroons, Germany's captured colony, who were killed on Spanish territory in Africa by 5 native soldiers of the English forces (see 1-27-17)

18- President Wilson asks warring powers to state their war aims (see 12-12, 12-21, 12-26, 12-30) saying "the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world."! French recapture some positions north of Ft. Douaumont (see 12-15); Carnegie Hall has mass protest meeting to protest the Belgian deportations--telegrams are received from Teddy Roosevelt and an appeal from Cardinal Mercier (see 12-7) is read (see Jan 1917)

19- Lloyd George replies in Parliament to the German peace offer of 12-12; "What are the proposals? There are none. To enter at the invitation of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of the proposals she proposes to make, into a conference, is to put our heads into a noose with the rope in the hands of Germany." (see 12-20) (see 12-13, 1-15)

20- Vienna newspaper Fremdenblatt states: "After Mr. Lloyd George's speech, the continuation of the world war is inevitable. Great Britain does not want to end the war until her aim has been attained." (see 12-19); Clam-Martinic cabinet is formed in Austria (see 12-14, 1-4-17); Cuba searches her coastal waters for U-boats at the request of France; Richthofen wins his 13th and 14th air victories; Tsarevitch, the Tsar's son, visits Army headquarters (it would be the last time); French intercept German message from Spain to Germany about Mata Hari (see 12-13, 12-22)

21- Wilson's peace note (see 12-18) becomes generally known and Lansing makes his gaffe (see page 34); American ambassador to Germany Gerard tells another US diplomat that Wilson had told him: "I don't want you merely to support my view, I want you to agree with it."; German ambassador to Austria Wedel tells the German government that Germany's Belgian deportations have been compared to the darkest period of the Middle Ages or Assyrian times and that even in Austria: "here too wrong ideas are entertained with regard to the carrying out of the plan for the deportation of Belgian workmen. It might be a good plan for more emphasis to be laid by the press on the considerate methods employed by the German authorities, the good maintenance provided for the Belgian workmen and their families, etc." (see 12-24); English capture El Arish in the Sinai peninsula; Sarah Bernhardt stars on Broadway as Shylock

22- US ambassador to England tells Lansing: "a deep feeling of disappointment and ...even of anger" prevails in England over Wilson peace feeler (see 12-25); Czernin succeeds Burian as Austro-Hungarian foreign minister; Pancho Villa takes Torreón (see 11-30); French intercept German message from Spain to Germany about Mata Hari (see 12-25)

23- English take Magdhaba and now control the Sinai peninsula (see 12-21, Dec); New York Times reports that greetings from the Chicago office of the NYT to the Berliner Zeitung Am Mittag have been received after travelling 1,000 miles overland from Chicago to New York and 3,000 miles underwater via the Deutschland (see 12-29)

(24)- US says that warring powers may reply to Wilson's 12-18 in confidence, not publicly; Bethmann states: "In order to prevent any meddling on the part of President Wilson in peace negotiations, we have decided to answer his note in such a way as to reflect the spirit of our peace move, but to make it perfectly clear that it is our desire to deal directly with our enemies." (see 12-26); NDAZ devotes a whole page to 12 letters of Belgian workers showing how contented they were in Germany (see 12-21) ((continued on page 38))

25- Tsar calls for the reunion of all Poland under one rule; Trotsky leaves Barcelona, Spain on the SS Monserrat for New York City (see 12-31); In New York, Enrico Caruso gives \$5 gold pieces away to 400 members of the metropolitan chorus (see 1-14-17) French intercept message from Berlin to agent in Spain about Mata Hari which says: "Give H 21 3,000 francs" and "that the results obtained are not satisfactory and that if H 21 does not want to work with invisible ink, the agent should come to Switzerland and, from there, communicate" her address to "A". (see 12-26)

26- Germany responds to Wilson's 12-18 publicly saying they propose an immediate meeting of delegates from warring powers at a neutral site; Germany's military idol Hindenburg sends ultimatum to Bethmann to insist the U-boat warfare begin again; Lord Cecil in England says: "Recently American policy has had a somewhat pro-German twist" and termed it "a covert threat" to English interests (see 12-22); French air ace Georges Guynemer is 22 years old and makes 2 kills on this his birthday and now has 25 kills; In Austria, Croatian representatives decline to attend the coronation of Charles and Zita in Budapest citing it as "too lavish" during wartime. Zita's dress was white satin covered with gold ornaments and it took 50 workers, 14 days to make and cost 50,000 kronen (about \$10,000) (see 12-30); French intercept Spain to Germany message which says Germans have paid H 21 (Mata Hari) 3,500 pesetas (see 12-28)

27- French battleship Gaulois sunk by U-boat in Mediterranean; Wilson tells Bernstorff that if Germany would submit her terms to him, he would not take part in a peace conference (see 12-28); Richthofen makes 15th kill on Somme (see 1-4-17); Anna Lehmann, cook to the von Losch family in Germany tells about their daughter who turned 15 years old on this date (the daughter was the future Marlene Dietrich): "When she was fifteen, she used to say to me, over and over again, 'Anna, don't I look eighteen?' I well remember her fifteenth birthday in 1916, when I had orders to make a particular kind of cream cake she was crazy about. She loved cakes. There was a butter shortage, and I had to fetch butter from the country specially, it was so hard to obtain. She was adorable."; an ad appears in the New York Times about a 1916 Hudson sedan, costing \$1,350 "Run less than 4,000 miles, looks like new" (Hudson and Nash in 1954 would form American Motors)

28- Bernstorff is given a line to use in the State Department of the US to be used only for peace terms. The Germans were allowed to use their own cipher and code which was not known to the Americans (see 12-27, 12-30); French intercept message about Mata Hari from Germany to their agent in Spain (see 12-29)

29- Germans announce all mail carried by their U-boats will be known as "submarine mail", special charge of 2 marks for a letter or postcard in addition to regular international postage will be charged (see 12-10, 12-23); Wilson declines to attend a church anniversary celebration when it was announced that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was to be one of the speakers. They were bitter political foes; French intercept message from German agent in Spain to Germany which says "agent H 21 has already left" for Paris (see 1-2-17)

30- France, on behalf of all the Allies, tells the US that Germany's 12-12 is not sincere (see 1-10-17) and a "sham offer"; Charles and Zita have their coronation in Budapest (see 12-26); Lansing refuses to transmit Bernstorff's cable until Wilson orders him to (see 12-28); London Times accuses German troops in Africa of mutilating the dead and fighting "in a revolting manner, such as the savage soldiers of the Mahdi used to do." (see 1-16-17)

Rasputin is murdered in Russia by members of the royal family. He was fed wine and cakes containing enough cyanide to kill 20 men but didn't die so he was stabbed and tied up. He got free and attacked but was shot with bullets by his would-be murderers. Bound with chains, Rasputin was taken to the frozen river Neva in St. Petersburg where a hole was cut in the ice and he thrown in. When he is found, he had broken through the ice and onto the river bank only to die from drowning after surviving poison, stabbing and gunfire.

(31)- Trotsky's ship (see 12-25, 1-13-17) passes by Gibraltar where he counts 65 English warships

-- in December 1916: In the last 4 months of 1916, U-boats have sunk 400,000 tons of shipping; Norway has lost 35 ships this month alone; German offer of 12-12 causes US stock market stocks to hurtle downwards, curtail bank credits and makes it difficult for Allies to renew bills; England learns that Germany now has 150 U-boats. Italian casualties to date are 500,000; English release many Irish rebels from Frongoch, Wales where they were held after the Easter Revolution; Sir Laude

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convinces his English superiors that he can oust the Turks from Kut in Mesopotamia (present day Iraq); Hitler, now out of the military hospital for a wound to his thigh, is sent to a replacement battalion in Munich(see 10-7, Jan 1917); Germans are now rationed to one egg every 2 weeks; Lord Beaverbrook(see Jan 1916) acquires financial control of the Daily Express(see 12-29-18); German raiders Möwe and Seeadler(in English Sea Gull and Sea Eagle(a white-tailed Eagle)go to sea and start inflicting much damage to commerce; Norway gets temporary prohibition(see June 1917); Princeton junior F. Scott Fitzgerald, with a friend, does campus paper Lit as a parody of Cosmopolitan calling it Chaopolitan; Lawrence of Arabia lands there with £50 in gold to bribe Arabs to support the revolt against the Turks(no more than 2 % supported it he estimated(By May he would have £20,000 for bribes); Helen Keller's teacher goes to Puerto Rico for a vacation; W. Somerset Maugham is in Pago Pago in mid-December and confined there under quarantine with other passengers until first week in January(see Jan 1917); Stalin is rejected by the Russian military-- the Russian government was trying to forceably conscript its dissidents; Kaiser Wilhelm II cites the opinion of many Germans concerning Wilson's peace overtures when he says: "The Powers that, like a band of robbers, have made a surprise attack on Germany and the Central Powers, with the avowed intention of its destruction, have been beaten off, and crippled. They began the war, they have been beaten all along the line, they must state their intentions first. We the party attacked, being on our defensive purely, will state our proposals afterwards as victors".

He continued: "If the President wants to end the war all he need do is make good a threat of denying the English pirates any more munitions, close the loan market in their face and institute reprisals against letter-snatching and black lists. That would quickly end the war without any notes, conferences, etc."

WRAP-UP ON EVENTS HAPPENING IN 1916:

Boston Red Sox defeats the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series. Babe Ruth pitched for Boston and one game went 14 innings. Babe's salary in 1916 was \$7,500 at a time when a skilled telegrapher made less than \$25 a week for a total of less than \$ 1,300 a year; 23-year old Dorothy Parker Rotschild is hired at Vogue magazine for \$10 a week(see 1917); Charlie Chaplin signs with Mutual for \$670,000 a year ; 15-year-old Sukarno(future dictator of Indonesia) enters the Hogere Burger School in Surabaya, East Java. He boarded there for room and meals for 11 guilders per month(about \$4).

Hand-operated wind-shield wipers, stoplights and rearview mirrors begin to appear on cars; "Drink an Orange" ad campaign by Sunkist is launched in the US which makes the country citrus-conscious; Clarence Birdseye, on a wildlife expedition to Labrador , preserves his vegetables in barrels of freezing water since only fresh vegetables available had to come from arriving supply ships. He later used this to start his frozen food company.

Babies born in 1916 included: La Verne Andrews of the Andrews sisters in Minneapolis; actor Richard Conte in New York, Peter Finch in Kensington, England; Betty Grable in St. Louis(the G.I. pin-up girl of World War II); June Havoc in Seattle and singer Edith Piaf in Paris. A notable death was 82-year-old John Singleton Mosby of Civil War fame.

Literature and theatre: Ibáñez's "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse"; James Joyce's "Portrait of the Artist As A Young Man" ; Carl Sandburg's "Chicago Poems"; Theodore Dreiser's "The Genius" which was suppressed by the New York censors; Edna Ferber's "Our Mrs. McChesney", starring Ethel Barrymore; "Palllieter" by Belgian Felix Timmerans; "Le Feu" by Frenchman Henri Barbusse; "Sous Verdun" by Maurice Genevoix; "Sir Charles Tupper" by Canadian E. M. Saunders; "Carolina" by W. Somerset Maugham; "Sir Britling Sees It Through" by H.G. Wells(about the home front during the war); "The Long Road Of Woman's Memory" by Jane Addams; 1916 Ziegfeld Follies star Fanny Brice and W. C. Fields; violinist Jascha Heifetz makes his 1st US appearance from Russia; Marion Douras changes her name to Marion Davies when she gets a job as a dancer with the Chu Chin Chow Company; By this time, J.R.R. Tolkien "had begun writing the myths and legends of his wondrous realm"; Noël Coward, age 17, appears in a comedy The Saving Grace at the Garrick Theatre in London stating: "The full fury of the raids invariably occurred during my love scene with Emily Brooke, this irritated both of us considerably."

J. Edgar Hoover, age 21, gets a Bachelor of law degree from George Washington University; Amelia Earhart graduates from Hyde Park High School; Robert Frost(age 40) becomes professor of English at Amherst College ((Continued on page 41))

Also born in 1916 was Dutchman George J. L. Maduro. He was the only son of his parents and died at age 28 in 1945 during World War II. His parents helped aid the creation of the Lilliputian city of Madurodam in The Netherlands in 1952.

King of Thailand requires all Thais to adopt patrilineal family names as in the West. Turks send a corps to Galicia to help their Austrian allies against Russia. Turkey reforms her marriage and divorce laws and opens universities and public positions to women for the first time. Nicaragua and the US sign the Bryan-Chamorro Treaty. Nicaragua got \$3 million for allowing the US the right to establish an inter-oceanic canal and to establish naval bases on the Gulf of Fonseca and the Corn Islands. Canada passes the War Franchise Bill which allows women with relatives serving in the war to vote in Federal(national) elections (see 1917).

Matisse paints "The Moroccans". Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity is founded. New York Paper The World launches subscriber drive to permanently light the Statue of Liberty(see 12-2-16). Movie "Intolerance" by direct^r DW Griffith and starring Lillian Gish and Erich Stroheim; Sarah Bernhardt's right leg is amputated; Francisco Franco, age 23, and future dictator of Spain, is badly wounded in Morocco fighting and returns to Spain; Albert Einstein visits in Leiden, Holland from Germany; Germany protests to the US about the word "American" by the French in the fighter pilot organization consisting of American volunteers. The French change it from the "Escadrille Americaine" to the "Escadrille Lafayette".

J.R.R. Tolkien graduates from Oxford and becomes a battalion signaling officer; By this time, Emile Coue', French psychotherapist, has a clinic in Nancy where he uses auto-suggestion to heal illnesses. His chant was "Every day, and in every way, I am becoming better and better."

U.S. Supreme Court rules that income tax laws are constitutional; Montana elects Jeanette Rankin as the first woman member of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.; Tennessee installs the electric chair for executions--had previously used hanging; Lenin's mother Maria Alexandrovna dies; By the end of 1916, sugar was in short supply in England.

I.G. Farben is formed in Germany from the firms of Bayer, Hoechst and Ludwigshafen into a giant chemical company; By Jones Act, the US promises the Philippines eventual independence; the National Park Service is formed in the USA; the 6th Olympic games would have been held in Berlin.

Self-service grocery shopping(which led to self-service elsewhere) begins in Memphis, Tennessee by Clarence Saunders who founds the first Piggly Wiggly; Wilson's vice president during both his terms, Thomas Riley Marshall, is the man who said: "What this country needs is a good 5-cent cigar".

Beginning in 1916(and until 1921), the "Four Vagabonds" (Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and naturalist John Burroughs) begin "marches" in a caravan of ersatz motor homes. It was the beginning of the RV(recreational vehicle) "lifestyle".

2,000 Finnish volunteers had come to Germany by 1916 to be trained and equipped by the Germans. The Finns were put in the Royal Prussian(Jäger) Battalion No. 27 in Camp Lockstadt near Hamburg, with Finnish officers as company and platoon commanders.

And that's some of what was going on in 1916 and now to a new year....

1917: The Year The Americans Entered The War

We will only be beginning 1917 this year but I always give an overview so you can anticipate certain things coming up or watch certain events to see how they develop. In 1917, Germany decided to go on a defensive policy in the West while proceeding if possible to knock Russia out of the war. To end her own slow strangulation by the English blockade, Germany planned as her main offensive weapon against England a campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare--a campaign that brought England close to losing the war. It also brought the Americans into the war even as Russia became weaker from suffering 2 revolutions within 1917. The Western Allies again initiated great bloody battles in the West, first in April with the French launching a heavy offensive on the Aisne. This failure caused the French Army to mutiny. From August to November, the English maintained a prolonged attack known as the 3rd battle of the Ypres which involved heavy losses and almost no results.

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PEANUTS

WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY...Continued from page 41.

HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I
FLYING ACE READING A
LETTER FROM HIS
SWEETHEART BACK HOME



JANUARY 1917

- 1- English transport Ibernia sunk by U-boat in Mediterranean, 120 men and 33 of the crew are missing; Since January 1916 the US per capita rate has increased 25 %; sugar and bread ration cards are now used in Sweden; English distribute war bread by further diluting the wheat and flour with rice, maize, barley and/or oatmeal; Rasputin's body(see 12-30-16) is found and the Tsar leaves the front for St. Petersburg; Sarah Bernhardt(see 12-8-16) is outraged to find that she is being billed for the statuette she received in December. Rather than pay the \$350, she returns it(see 1-4); Riot in Kitchener, Ontario after election showed clear desire of inhabitants to return to the city's former name of Berlin
- 2- Wilson states of the warring powers: "Neither side in the war is pleased by anything I write unless it can be construed as favorable in feeling to them."; Mata Hari leaves Madrid for Paris(see 12-15-16)
- 3- Rasputin is buried in a corner of the Imperial Park in St. Petersburg; the present-day(1986) American ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, is born in New York City of British parents
- 4- Vienna Burgomaster threatens to resign unless Hungary stops holding up food shipments to Austria(see 12-14-16); Richthofen wins his 15th and 16th kills on the Somme(see 1-23); Mata Hari arrives in Paris(see 1-2, 1-12); Harry Houdini, the "handcuff king", pays \$350 for Sarah Bernhardt's statuette after reading about it in the papers and urges her to accept it--she does; Wilson states: "There will be no war. This country does not intend to become involved in this war. We are the only one of the great white nations that is free from war today and it would be a crime against civilization for us to go in."
- 5-6-(7)- Allies hold conference in Rome. English Prime Minister Lloyd George is favorable to a knock-out blow against Austria as the "weaker partner" and making the major Allied effort of the year in Italy instead of France. Both France and Italy disagree.
- 5- Russians begin offensive near Riga(^(see 1-23)); Bulgaria now controls all of the Drobrudja region of Rumania; National debts of England, France, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary total \$49 billion(England's was \$13.2 billion by itself); German soldier Herbert Sulzbach in France: "Once more, however, I found it shattering to see the poor, wretched life which the civilian French are leading; they are having to put up with much more now, because the town is getting shelled, and bombed from the air as well; it doesn't belong completely to the rear area any more. But then I always tell myself 'Why feel pity?'--they are our arch-enemies, who after all only want the worst to happen to us--but still: they only hate us out of love for their own country, France!"
- (7)- English seaplane carrier Benny-Chree is sunk by gunfire at Kastelorizo, in Asia Minor(Turkey in Asia); Rommel leads an attack on Gagesti, Rumania(see 11-10-16), (See Jan, May); H. G. Wells in the New York Times predicts: "Of all the states in the world, only four can certainly be said to be fully capable of sustaining war at the level to which it has now been brought upon the Western Front. These are Britain, France, Germany and the US of A. Less certainly equal to the effort are Italy, Japan, Russia and Austria. These 8 powers are the only powers in the world capable of warfare under modern conditions. Five are already allied and one is incurably pacific(He meant the USA!). There is no other power or people in the world that can go to war now without the consent and connivance of these great powers."
- 8- Three German leaders' comments on the upcoming U-boat war: Bethmann called it Germany's "last card". Helfferrich: "If it is not trumps, Germany is lost for centuries." Hindenburg: "We are counting on the possibility of war with the U.S. and have made all preparations to meet it. Things cannot be worse than they are now." ; Women in Budapest fight to buy chickens and ducks at \$6 apiece; Lawrence of Arabia says there are 12,000 plus Arab rebels against the Turks now; London Times quotes Belgian poet Maurice Maeterlinck who had just attended a mass meeting at the Trocadero in Paris on the Belgian deportations: "We know enough of Germany to feel sure that, if it is not to her interest to spare her slaves, what is going on at this moment a few leagues away among our brethren must be so inhuman and frightful that the imagination dares not dwell upon it." (see page 43) (42)

Colonel House, Wilson's confidante and private Henry Kissinger, meets with the famous Polish pianist Paderski in New York City

9- German leaders secretly decide in favor of unrestricted U-boat warfare to begin on February 1st. The world would be told only on January 31(see 1-31); English battleship Cornwallis sunk by a U-boat in the Mediterranean; Golitsyn replaces Trepov as Prime Minister of Russia much against Golitsyn's wishes who recounted what he said to the Tsar: "If someone else had used the language I used to describe myself, I should have been obliged to challenge him to a duel."; English capture Rafah, Palestine; movie Patria opens to rave crowds in New York--it depicted a Japanese-Mexican attempt to conquer the USA(see 1-16) and starred Mrs. Vernon Castle.

10- Allies reply publicly to Wilson's 12-18-16 and state their terms(see page 33); Germany tells the US that her U-boats will attack armed merchant ships without warning; Germans now have a total of 1,231,406 Russian POWs; France requisitions all alcohol above 100 hectolitres(2,642 gallons); Germans expell all neutral representatives still remaining in Bucharest(see 1-11); William Frederick Cody, alias "Buffalo Bill", dies at age 70(see 1-11, 6-3)

11- Germany and Austria defend their case to neutral countries(see page 34) but still don't state their terms; Charles Vopicka, US representative in Rumania is ordered by the Germans to leave within 2 days(see 1-10, 1-13); The New York Times eulogizes Buffalo Bill(see 1-10): "Emperors, Kings, Princes and Princesses, sculptors, painters, statesmen, half-breeds, papooses, he was at home with all(see 1-14)

12- Mata Hari(see 1-4) complains at the Dutch consul-general's in Paris that she as a foreign woman was being harrassed(she was under surveillance by the French); The English ambassador to Russia Buchanan tells the Tsar: "Your Majesty, if I may be permitted to say so, has but one safe course open to you--namely, to break down the barrier that separates you from your people and to regain their confidence." ...The Tsar replied: "Do you mean that I am to regain the confidence of my people or that they are to regain my confidence?"

13- After a 17-day journey, Trotsky arrives in New York City at 3 AM on a wet cold, windy day seeing what he called "a wet mountain of buildings"--he went to work for a local Russian periodical called Novy Mir(New World) and rented with his family a small flat in The Bronx for \$18 per month; Charles Vopicka leaves Bucharest for Berlin(see 1-10, 1-16)

(14)- Austrian passenger steamship Zagreb sunk in Adriatic by a submarine--26 die; Japanese cruiser Tsukuba is destroyed by an internal explosion in Yokosuka; Enrico Caruso(see 12-25-16) hears his voice and see's his characters depicted at the same time by a "new device" "Like in Grand Central Station"; Buffalo Bill lies in state in the Denver Capitol Building(the Governors of Colorado and Wyoming attend) and is to be buried in a rock-hewn vault at the summit of Lookout Mountain at Golden, Colorado(see 6-3); New York Times says: "Leon Trotzky" "Expelled from Four Lands" and describes him as a "pacifist editor here from Russia, Germany, France and Spain"

15- US-Mexican peace commission adjourns without coming to an agreement(see 1-25); Western Front Allied Generals(Haig for England and Nivelle for France) come to London to explain the "Nivelle Plan" for the spring offensive. Nivelle had had local success against the Germans at Verdun and now proposed to do it on the scale of the entire Western Front "within 24 to 48 hours" and by "violence, brutality and rapidity"--in other words end the war quickly with an Allied victory. He was to be given his chance(see 5-15)

16- The Zimmerman Telegram(see page 1) goes out over 3 routes(see page 34), proposing German-Mexican-Japanese alliance against the US; Bethmann tells Bernstorff about the upcoming U-boat war: "I am well aware that with this step we are running in danger of..war with the United States. We are decided to accept this risk."; Charles Vopicka arrives in Berlin from Bucharest(see 1-13,1-27); Admiral George Dewey, of Spanish War fame at Manila, dies in Washington, D.C.

17- US State Department receives the Zimmerman Telegram in code(see 1-18); the English secret service intercepts the Zimmerman Telegram on all 3 routes; Margaret Sanger's trial opens in New York(see 11-20-16, February); Denmark-USA treaty signed which is to give the US the Virgin Islands for \$25 million(see 8-4-16, 12-14-16 and 3-31; English air ace McCudden in crash landing but survives; Ruth Kimball Gardner, who writes for the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage says: "Suffrage picketing of the White House is a menace to the life of the President--a silent invitation to the assassin." ((continued on page 44)) (43)

18- Bernstorff receives the Zimmerman Telegram(see 1-17, 1-16, 1-19); Karen Blixen enroute via ship from South Africa to Kenya, writes: "One tiresome thing is that the whole ship is crawling with ants that get everywhere, into suitcases, beds and food and are a perfect pest. I don't think anything can be done about it so it is a good thing that there is only one week more."(see 1-22)

19- Bernstorff forwards the Zimmerman Telegram to the German ambassador in Mexico(see 1-16, 2-24); Dutch report that the Pilsen Breweries are closed; London Times decries "horrible experiences of English ladies" at the hands of the Germans in Africa(see 12-30-16, 1-22)

20- Rodzianko, president of the Russian Duma, urges the Tsar to keep the Tsarina out of politics and that for 22 years he had ruled wrongly and: "Your Majesty, I consider the state of the country to have become more critical and menacing than ever. The spirit of all the people is such that the gravest upheavals may be expected...All Russia is unanimous in claiming a change of government and the appointment of a responsible premier invested with the confidence of the nation... Sire, there is not a single honest or reliable man left in your entourage; all the best have either been eliminated or have resigned...It is an open secret that the Empress issues orders without your knowledge, that Ministers report to her on matters of state..Indignation against and hatred of the Empress are growing throughout the country. She is looked upon as Germany's champion. Even the common people are speaking of it."--Alexandra had been born in Germany and had a brother who was fighting for Germany, indeed a German granduke, and another sister was married to the Kaiser's brother, but she considered herself more English than German and hated Germany and loved Russia. The Tsar ignored this warning too.

(21)- US ambassador to Germany Gerard reports: "Many Germans have informed me lately that the public feeling for the resumption of reckless submarine warfare is so great that they do not see how any government can withstand it."; In France after February 1, all confectionary establishments must close on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week except for Holy Days(see 1-1), meaning no cakes tarts or candies in breadshops, cafes, hotels or groceries and that sugar cards would be instituted in France; Herbert Hoover supervising relief supplies for Belgians says once landing in New York: "There is no social life in Belgium; no theatres and no amusement of any kind. The fairs, which have been held in the country for centuries, have been abolished."; 39 clergymen deliver a mass of sermons on the Barbary Coast of San Francisco attacking prostitution and other vices.

22- 300,000 St. Petersburg workers strike, 1/3 of Moscow's factories shut down and some strikes also occur in Kharkov; After an early round of golf in Virginia, President Wilson makes speech to US Congress calling for the warring powers to take a "peace without victory" saying that "Only a peace between equals could last"; England calls up 18 year olds for home defense(had previously been those 18 years old and 7 months); A "South American diplomat" reports that Germany may be willing to exchange Alsace-Lorraine for French Indochina(Kampuchea, Vietnam and Laos); Wilson also calls for a "united, independent and autonomous Poland"; Lenin tells Swiss workers in Zürich that "The present grave-like stillness in Europe must not deceive us. Europe is charged with revolution. The monstrous horrors of the imperialist war and the suffering caused by the high cost of living engender everywhere a revolutionary spirit; and the ruling classes, the bourgeoisie and their lackey governments, are moving more and more into a blind alley from which they can never extricate themselves without tremendous upheavals."(see January); Karen Blixen visiting Zanzibar says: "We saw the old slave auction markets and numerous ruins of old Arabian fortresses and towers. Just outside the harbor the mast of the Pegasus, which was sunk by the "Königsberg(N) at the very beginning of the war, is sticking up out of the water--The whole of Zanzibar is a dazzling white town with many very picturesque corners and streets..."(see Jan 24); London Times charges the Germans with massacring 200,000 natives in German East Africa(see 1-19)

23- Germans force the Russians back near Tirul Marshes(see 1-5); Richthofen makes 17th kill, southwest of Lens, France(see 1-24)

24- Wilson tells Colonel House: "If Germany wants peace she can get it, and get it soon, if she will but confide in me and let me have a chance." Wilson also told of his suspicions of Bernstorff's use of the State Dept cable; Richthofen makes his 19th air kill, west of Vimy, France(see 2-1); French munition workers strike at Harfleur; English limit beer and wine output to 70% of 1916, which is about 50% of what was available in 1914 in England; Karen Blixen arrives in Mombasa, Kenya; Ernest Borgnine born, in Hamden, Connecticut ((continues on page 45) 44)

25- US begins unilateral pullout of its 7,000 troops in Mexico(they have gone 300 miles into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa)(see 1-15, 2-5); German warships raid Suffolk coast of England causing loss of life; English cruiser Laurentie sunk off Irish coast by a U-boat or a mine

26- England tells Wilson that she is agreeable to an early peace conference if German reply to Wilson's speech of 1-22 is favorable(see page 34); Karen Blixen is back on her Kenya farm; Beginning Feb 15, French restaurants can choose only 2 of 9 meat dishes(60 or 70 had been available heretofore) and salad counts as a course unless it is served on a plate with meat; Navigation of the Rhine is stopped by ice and for first time in 4 years the Dutch can skate on canals. Ice skating is also in Paris on canals and at Versailles but the Seine river is ice-free.

27- Bernstorff tells Berlin: "If the U-boat war is commenced forthwith, the President will look upon this as a slap in the face, and war with the United States will be unavoidable."; Lansing says: "I hope those blundering Germans blunder soon."(He did not yet know of the Zimmerman Telegram blunder!); Japan asks England to support her postwar claims to Germany's colony of Tsing-tao in China(see 2-16)--- she feared US opposition on this point; Charles Vopicka leaves Berlin for a return to America via Copenhagen, Denmark(see 1-16, 3-1); NDAZ counters the Belgian deportation charges of the Allies by asserting that German missionaries in East Africa had been cruelly uprooted by the Allies;

29- A delegation from England, France and Italy arrive^s in Russia for conferences to concert their final plans for victory over the Central Powers. They would remain until February 25 and the Russians ask for heavy guns; "blockade bread" appears in Greece containing only 30% white bread(see 12-4-16)

30- After snowing for a week, only the principal streets in Berlin have been cleared. Elephants from the Hagenbeck Show are used to help vehicles stuck in the snow drifts and the cold doesn't seem to bother them; W. Somerset Maugham arrives in Wellington, New Zealand saying: "New Zealand is amusing because it is so extraordinarily English. I was expecting to find Wellington like a city in the Western states, but it is much more like Bristol or Plymouth...I confess it makes me just a little homesick."; First ever jazz recording is made by the Original Dixieland Jazz Band; milk in New York is to increase from 10¢ to 11 ¢ a quart; Dr. Bogart writes a letter on behalf of his son Humphrey: "I am anxious to send my boy of seventeen years, now at Trinity School in this city, to Andover next year. Will you kindly send catalogue concerning the school expenses, board, etc. As I have other children to consider it will be necessary to limit his expenses as much as possible."

31- Germany informs US and other neutrals late in the day(about 4 PM in USA) that beginning at midnight, February 1, Germany will begin unrestricted U-boat warfare around the Western Allies(see page 35); Wilson says: "The break that we have tried so hard to prevent now seems inevitable."; In Mexico, Carranza takes the oath to uphold the new Mexican constitution(see 5-1).

--in January 1917: German U-boats sink 181 English, Allied and neutral ships totalling 368,000 tons(had sunk 109,000 tons in June 1916)(see February)--49 of these ships were English and 35 of those had been sunk by U-boats; England sinks 2 U-boats; 4 million Allied troops now face 2.5 million Germans in France; Coup d'etat in Costa Rica; English admiralty rejects the idea of convoying its ships to protect them against the U-boats; On 2 occasions, angry Berliners storm the food markets; Rommel's unit returns to Alsace-Lorraine from Rumania(see 1-7, May); Hitler, in Munich(see 10-7-16, December 1916) asks to be returned to his old unit(see 3-1); Austrian Emperor Charles begins secret negotiations with the Allies behind Germany's back; Canadian Liberal statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier appeals to Canadians to forget party differences in pursuit of victory in the war; English paper Daily Telegraph reports US meetings held to protest Belgian deportations in Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore following the one in New York(see 12-18-16); General Smuts leaves German East Africa for Imperial conference in London citing that the Germans were virtually defeated(see July 1917); By this month prices in St. Petersburg(now called Petrograd but today Leningrad) had increased sixfold--Moscow was having to cut in half its consumption of electricity and signs reading "No bread today, and none expected" were common...The Russian police reported on the situation in Russia this month as: "If the populace thus far has not engaged in food riots, that does not mean that it is not going to do so in the near future. The Exasperation of the people is growing by leaps and bounds. Every day more

and more of them demand 'Either give us food or stop the war' And they are the most suitable element among which to conduct anti-government propoganda. They have nothing to lose from a disadvantageous peace. Just when the thing will happen and how, it is hard to tell. But events of the greatest importance and fraught with the most dangerous consequences are most certainly close at hand."; Herbert Sulzbach in the German army in France(see 1-5) writes: "It is the end of January and 15 degrees C. below zero((about 4 degrees F.))..The dug-outs up at the front were icy cold, and you felt frozen and hungry."; Ernest Hemingway, age 17, gets his first byline in his school paper Trapeze in Chicago(see April 1916, 4-2); Mr. and Mrs Randolph Hearst are vacationing at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida; Russian General Krimov declares that the Army was ready to support the Duma in a palace revolution against the Tsar; Moscow now has a population of 2 million and St. Petersburg one of 2,465,000.

Now we can see some comments which have been coming in about the World War I Chronology....

Paul Gardner(Vermont, USA): "Your WWI history is always good...Yeah, I don't doubt that Alexandra was kinda kinky. Wasn't she the one that was under the spell of Rasputin? One might question whose whip she really longed to be under?...I just read your WWI Chronology for October and November 1916 and find it excellent. One question: much mention is made of naval happenings but fairly little of armies aside from Rumania and Italy at Isonzo and mention of the Somme. What did Hindenburg do that made Hearst speak so glowingly of him as a soldier?"

□ Hindenburg had a tremendous success against the Russians in 1914 or at least the German people were led to believe that it was he. It was actually staff officers. Hindenburg personified everything the Germans wanted their military heroes to be but his was a figurehead role for Ludendorff, a true military genius. Their combination would dominate Germany both militarily and politically from 1916-1918. The Germans revered Hindenburg much as a later generation admired Rommel and Southerners admire Robert E. Lee. From abroad it appeared that it was Hindenburg who was winning Germany's victories.

Alexandra was a decent woman and mother and she truly revered Rasputin as a Holy Man. The Russian people however believed that she and Rasputin were lovers. I'm glad you enjoy the chronology--actually I flip through the New York Times in the microfilm room at the library and its columns are filled with fascinating items on all subjects. Hollywood in the 1930s must have gotten a lot of ideas for its screwball comedies from the day-to-day columns of the newspapers of this period!

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Chris Farrar(Missouri, USA): "This is the article I told you about..I didn't know if you had been able to get the paper so I cut it out for you."

□ Thanks Chris and it appears at the bottom of this page. I'm interested in anything which happened(now) in 1917-1919 and any items for the WWI Chronology.

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Chris Carrier(California, USA): "English and French people who claim that they were the "good guys" during the 1914-18 war make me laugh. What the Germans of that era were trying to do was trying to get a colonial empire similar to the British and French ones. The US should have stayed the hell out of it. The Treaty of Versailles with its notorious reparations were the direct cause of the destruction of the German economy and middle class during 1918-1923 which created a climate ripe for the victory of the Nazi Party later on."

□ As we'll see when the Communists take over in Russia they will release the

Glacier Finally Yields Body From World War I

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MERANO, Italy — A World War I soldier's body, which had spent 70 years moving down a glacier in the Italian Alps, has been recovered and taken for burial, authorities said Thursday.

The uniform of the Austro-Hun-

garian soldier is still in good condition. A still legible note in a pocket reads: "In the event of my death, notify my mother, 5th District, Vienna."

The man, whose identity was withheld, was born in 1874, according to a tag around his neck. He

served in an infantry regiment stationed nearby.

The body was taken by mountain rescue workers from the foot of the Mertell Valley glacier, on the Italian-Austrian border, to a military graveyard at nearby Merano.

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the secret agreements made among the Allies for all the world to see and this greatly embarrassed England and France. The treaty the Germans forced on the Russians has been used as a sample of the type of peace Germany would have given the West had she won but it's interesting to note that many of its terms were actually carried out against Communist Russia (i.e. many of the subject races such as Finland, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania became independent of Russia). It was probably inevitable that the US would enter the war. The cruel Versailles Treaty certainly did cause great bitterness (quite justifiably) in Germany and led to desire for revenge.

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Fred Davis (Maryland, USA): "I was disappointed to see the WWI Chronology omitted from this issue. I hope you'll resume that with the next issue. I'm making a sort of loose-leaf book out of the Chronology for future reference."

□ I always try to get an installment in each issue. I hope people realize that they'll be reading about Marlene Dietrich, car ads, Buffalo Bill and elephants in the Berlin snow also in the Chronology!

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Chuff Afflerbach (California, USA): "I've been following eagerly the Shackleton Expedition ((to the South Pole)) in the WWI Chronology. Shackleton was a peripheral figure in the Masterpiece Theatre series "The Last Place On Earth". Did you catch it last fall? It was all about Scott and Amundsen in their race to the South Pole. It was so good, I went out and bought the book and read it before the series ended. So, after reading of Scott's bungling in Antarctica, your chronology made me wonder how Shackleton managed to get in his predicament in the first place. Well, I'm anxious to see how it turns out.

As for the Battle of Jutland, that's another of my interests since I have the Avalon Hill game. I took the liberty of enclosing a few scorecards from the game, since you asked about it. I would rate it an excellent naval war game for the true buff.

The novel thing about the game is that there is no game board: both fleets search for the opponent on the chart of the North Sea, and when engaged the action itself is fought to scale on a ping-pong table or living room floor! You need a good 5 foot by 5 foot area to maneuver your ship counters. I suspect the game captures the essence of the conflict: the long, tedious time spent over the search charts, followed by a rousing slugfest by some classic old dreadnoughts.

I can't imagine it being adapted to postal play, but it works rather well at solitaire. I prefer to skip the search altogether and just fight a dice war with some arbitrary match-ups. In the sample enclosed, the entire German fleet caught a divided British force and overwhelmed the smaller English ships with some massive firepower. And those German battlewagons could take and awful amount of punishment and still stay afloat! Makes me think the British were, as you said, lucky to have a rather passive commander leading them.

□ Well, I didn't say that; that's what I get out of reading many books on the subjects--I try to cross-reference everything and avoid partisan comments. Did you know that Winston Churchill was also fond of the Battle of Jutland? In a book on his life The Last Lion by William Manchester, a Churchill houseguest recounted the following event...

"We remained at that round table till after midnight. The table cloth had long ago been removed. Mr. Churchill spent a blissful two hours demonstrating with decanters and wine glasses how the Battle of Jutland was fought...He got all worked up like a schoolboy, making barking noises in imitation of gunfire and blowing cigar smoke across the battle scene in imitation of gun smoke."

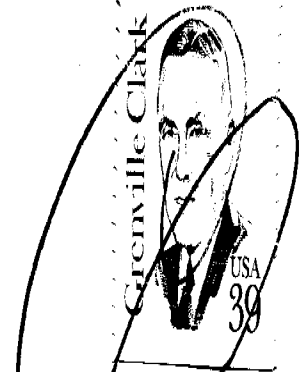
And I saw that series on the South Pole--my VCR is a godsend! I too noted Shackleton's presence in it and thought "I know you, old boy!"

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James Early (Texas, USA): "You're interested in WWI veterans! Are you one?"

□ Ha, ha. Ha. James, be sure and let me know when you are coming to Memphis! We all have our favorite periods of history and World War I is one of mine because so much was going on in all fields. Imagine what you could see and do if you could go back in time to December 1916 and January 1917! I'm thinking of this especially since I just saw Peggy Sue Got Married where she journeys back to 1940. She mentioned going to Liverpool to discover the Beatles! I'd see W. C. Fields at work! (47)

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