

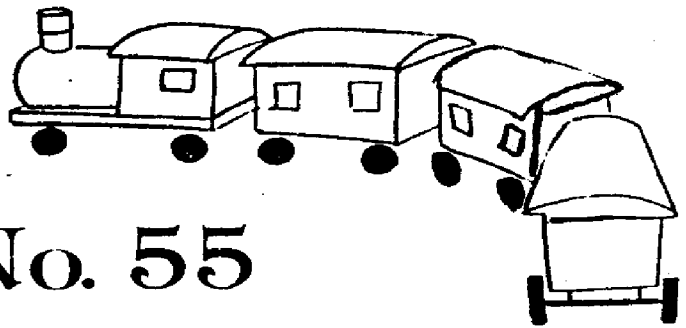
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55 is a good number to have, especially in 1986, especially in the United States!

Not only does it signify to me a long vacation for the holidays after #55 is done but it is also the exact number of the new Democratic majority in the US Senate!! It's been a long time and long overdue!



No. 55

D E C E M B E R

1986

First of all you should notice how beautifully typed some of the pages in this issue are! Right in the middle of typing the zine, my typewriter, a Smith-Corona, conked out on me. I am renting (and rushing to finish!!) an IBM Selectric to finish this issue and it's a different experience from my S-C. I'll repair it later.

And I miss my changeable type, no fancy paragraph headings from now on out. As mentioned above, EE goes on its yearly holiday hiatus so look for #56 in late March or early April. Whatever happens you should get 5 issues in 1987, just like 1986.

Two subzines made it in this time....Only Yesterday by Nelson Heintzman (page 32) also has a Vermont Con report just like I do (mine is on page 14). Debi Peters' Debi's Filler (page 47) talks about hassles with telephone repair men, auto mechanics and other service mishaps. Write her about yours. It'd be interesting to hear what experiences Europeans have had along these lines!

And for the first time since August 1985, the address list appears. The category this time is plays and acting--see if I came close with you! I would tell you what page it is on but you can find that out on page 2. Does anyone use page 2?

On page 3 and 13 and in this issue's centerfold, you can read all about the beginning of a new science fiction zine which is being launched from...Memphis! This is your chance to be in at the very beginning and I've even got the creators to write an article about its creation. I'd like all publishers to plug this if you would as I am unaware of how many of EE subbers are interested in science fiction, and if you are not, maybe some of your subbers are. In the European EEs, I'm inserting a flyer which consists of what is in this issue's centerfold, hoping the European zines will plug it. You don't have to reprint it, that's your choice anyway, but if you would either give the flyer to someone who you think would be interested in it, or mention the facts in your announcement section, I'd appreciate it. Thanks!

This time the World War I Chronology (see page 19), deals with the first Russian Revolution in 1917. Did you ever wonder what possible connection that a pair of Swedish deaf mutes could have with it--you'll find out if you read it. And Helen Keller, the courageous American blind deaf mute received a "Tauchbootbrief" which is what submarine letters were called. It's in there too along with Billy Bishop Tallulah Bankhead, the ghoulish digging up of Rasputin's body (a tale for midnight), Mata Hari, and the World War I careers of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini!

Thanks to those of you who have already sent me Christmas cards. I plan to send mine out when this issue goes out. If you're cold, have some chili (see page 18).

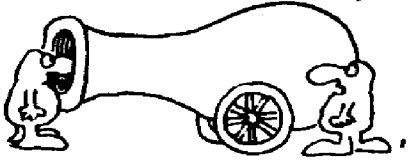
If you ever visited Memphis, do you know what could be in store for you? You can find out from others' experiences on pages 18-19! See you in 1987!

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BEST LINE I'VE HEARD: "What did President Reagan forget and when did he forget it?"

Happy Holidays, Gary! Am working on the
article.
Gary

WELL, MR. FLAPHAMMER, I ASSUME THAT YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THIS FORM OF DIPLOMACY?

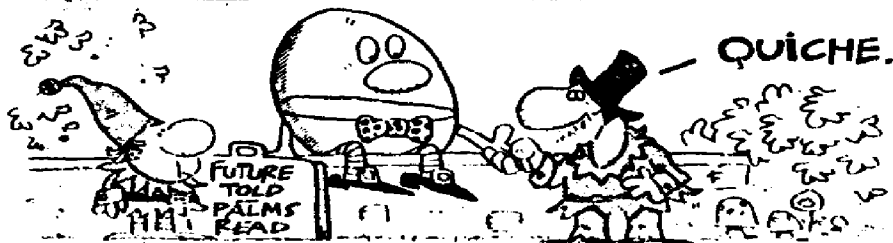


COMING INTO A GAME AS A STANDBY CAN BE TRAUMATIC, and that's why standbys are calling MALMBERGERS in EF! When you become a Malmberger, you get 2 EEs added to your sub at once and you will only be called for one position at a time, no overkill here! And if you play out your position to the game's end, you get 4 more EEs. Join these fighting 24 Malmbergers: Bob Addison, Derwood Bowen, 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, Jeff Hoffman, Len Kay, Mark Larzelere, John Marsden, Conrad Minshall, Bob O'Donnell, Jane Proskin, Dennis Walker and Jeff Zarse. Thank y'all for being here in 1986!

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FRANK & ERNEST



LUANN

By Greg Evans





We've Created A Monster.

How would you like to be an owner of the first edition of Superman comics? Or how would you like to explore an entirely new world from the very beginning? Or, more practically, find out what it takes to put an adventure comics book together? Have I got a deal for you!

First of all, check out the centerfold in this edition of EE. If you are European, I have put a flyer of this same centerfold in your copy. This is a project by 4 guys living in the Memphis area and developed from a game they played. I learned of it from Amy Bryer who cuts my hair every three weeks. I've told her things about our hobby ("only my hairdresser knows for sure!") and she told me about Bill, her husband, and his 3 friends and this project.

I intend to collect this series from the beginning as I like adventure tales, full of science fiction action, especially when I can be in on it from the very first. The installments are to come out every 3 months beginning in December, 1986, and cost \$1.95 in your local comic stores. I'm guessing that it would cost about \$2.50 US to Canadians (first class) and Europeans (surface rate) if you order it from the US (per issue). In this article, an address you can write to for the book or use to provide your local comic book store with for their distributor.

I've seen the first installment. It's a good story and the artwork is fantastic. And now to meet the 4 guys who have made it possible. (Let them know that you heard about it from me, and certainly tell your friends and relatives who are sci-fi addicts). And now the inventors speak....

"These are the voyages of the Starship..."

oops! Wrong intro material.

"...We are in control of your television set..."

Stupid computers. Anyway, let's try and get it right this time...

THE LAST GENERATION.

Mitch Foust: Artist

Vital stats: NONE. Presumed dead for the last six years and a real bear of a fellow.

David Porch: Inked Art

Vital stats: Single! To be considered armed and dangerous. He snarls in his sleep.

Dave Bennett: Technical Editor

Vital stats: World Dictator. To be or not to be, that's not his question, he already thinks he is. Resident alien.

Bill Bryer: Writer

Vital stats: ? Actually I don't do the writing, my computer does it for me. I.Q.? Is that a new soft drink?

Me: All kidding aside now!

Computer: Who was kidding? I meant all those things about you guys.

Me: Listen, stupid, one more wise crack and I pull your plug.

Computer: OK. OK.

Me: You really have to get tough with these things or they'll take over everything!

Anyway, I'm here to tell you about our new book entitled THE LAST GENERATION, published by Black Tie Studios, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee. Of course, I can't tell you "all" about it because you wouldn't want to read it if you knew what was going to happen ahead of time, would you?

We have been working on this story, art and characters for almost two years; but now, issue #1 is at the printers and we are hard at work on issue #2. The first issue will be shipped to the distributors the third week of December.

The flyer insert located within (your centerfold!) will show you a little of the artwork and characters. If you like what you see and are so moved, rush to your nearest comic shop and request THE LAST GENERATION. If they don't carry it, request that they order it from their distributor. PLEASE!!!!

"...and now a word from our sponsor..."

Remember, I will pull your plug!!!

((More about the storyline on page 13))

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TEXANS ANNUAL DIPLOMACY PLAYERS OFFICIAL LOCAL EVALUATION

BEST TEXAS ZINE

- 1ST - PERELANDRA
- 2ND - FEUILLETONISTS FORUM
- 3RD - THE DRAGONS LAIR
- 4TH - THE RAZORS EDGE

BEST TEXAS CON

- 1ST - ARLINGCON
- 2ND - NANCON
- 3RD - DALCON

BEST TEXAS G. M.

- 1ST - P. J. GAUGHAN
- 2ND - GREG ELLIS
- 3RD - CONRAD MINSHALL
- 4TH - MIKE CONNER
- 5TH - STEPHEN WILCOX

BEST PLAYER

- 1ST - STEPHEN WILCOX
- 2ND - CONRAD MINSHALL
- 3RD - GREG ELLIS
- 4TH - RON SPITZER
- 5TH - MARK FREUH
- TIE - P. J. GAUGHAN
- TIE - DAVID LINCOLN

BEST LOSER

- 1ST - JAMES EARLY
- 2ND - DAVID BAKER
- TIE - P. J. GAUGHAN
- TIE - ROCKY MARINO
- 5TH - PAUL GARDNER

BEST OTHER ZINE

- 1ST - MAGUS
- 2ND - ITS A TRAP
- 3RD - DIPLOMACY WORLD
- TIE - EUROPA EXPRESS

BEST OTHER CON

- 1ST - DIPCON
- 2ND - GENCON
- TIE - ORIGINS
- 4TH - PLUDGECON
- 5TH - DRAGON FLIGHT

BEST OTHER G. M.

- 1ST - STEVE LANGLEY
- 2ND - JOHN BOARDMAN
- TIE - GARY COUGHLAN
- TIE - DAF LANGLEY
- TIE - CONRAD VON METZKE

BEST ALLIE

- 1ST - GREG ELLIS
- 2ND - STEPHEN WILCOX
- 3RD - NELSON HEINTZMAN
- TIE - BYRON VORENSKY

BEST VARIANT

- 1ST - GUNBOAT
- 2ND - COLONIAL IV
- TIE - FINAL CONFLICT III

S. T. U. D. SERVICE AWARD

GREG ELLIS

(4)

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS....

§ These greetings on page 3 here are for you and if you turn to page 4, you will find something in your native language no matter what it is! Happy Holidays!

§ The end-of-the-year annual contest whereby you can win free ~~EEs~~ begins on page 11. This year you can win 5 free ~~EEs~~ or \$12.00 US worth of other zines if you prefer. Details on page 11.

§ Why not treat yourself to an old-style Diplomacy game for the holidays, one complete with wooden blocks and a giant one-piece board? For more information, or to order your "Old-fashioned Diplomacy", call Andrew Webber at (416)-767-4425 or write: Andrew Webber/Games by Mail P.O. Box 98, Station "D" Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6P 3J5

The price for the old-style Diplomacy set is \$23.40 US postpaid to Americans and \$26.00 Can postpaid to Canadians. No prices for Europeans were quoted.

☛ If you'd like to get a zine where you can play Diplomacy for free, just for agreeing to be a standby (I think I've got these facts straight!), write for Lone Star Diplomat (Mike Conner, 8008 Gault St., Austin, Texas, USA 78758) and Cheesecake (Andy Lischett, 2402 S. Ridgeland Ave., Berwyn, Illinois 60402 USA).

§ A beautiful new zine has just come out called Blunt Instruments. Its pubber is Bruce Geryk, 5748 South Blackstone Avenue, #310, Chicago, Illinois 60637 USA. If this first issue is any indication at all of what BI will be like, this will be one of the top zines in the hobby. BI actively seeks European trades (and I highly recommend it to any European zine looking for a North American trade), offers Dip games (with bonus for standbys) and a letter column. Bruce is originally from Poland which adds a Slavic flavor to the zine (such as discussions about Polish literature and Czech movie-making) and the cost is \$1.10 per issue or \$10 US for 10 issues. Again, I don't know prices for Europeans.

§ Two Canadian zines will be missed! Bruce McIntyre's Excelsior is going on hiatus due to Bruce's losing his job. It's almost certain to return but in the meantime, Bruce will be sending games results only, and only those to the players.... Steve Hutton's No Fixed Address is folding when he publishes his final issue, hopefully in December, 1986. NFA has been one of my favorite zines and I'll miss it in my mailbox (Excelsior's loss I can stand because I know Bruce will be back!) but Steve is moving on to pursuing a real-life writing career and everyone wishes him the best! Maybe he'll turn up as a subzine somewhere...

§ Continental European zines, i.e. non-British, have been banned from the United Kingdom Zine Poll so they have decided to have their own poll. As 73 continental Europeans voted in the U.K. Zine Poll last year such a poll would appear to have support. It does mine. And if you receive any zines from Europe (not counting the British zines), list them and rate them from 1 to 10 and send your ballot by December 31, 1986 to: Jaap Jacobs, Kaiserstraat 10-B, NL-2311 GR Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS.

§ If you live in North America, you can get a British zine for free merely by writing a column for War & Peace on a regular basis. Such a deal! For more information, write to: Derek Caws, The Old Kitchen, Bere Farm House, North Boarhunt, nr. Fareham, Hants, UNITED KINGDOM PO17 6JL. Tell Derek I sent you! (5)

§ DipCon in 1987 will be in Madison, Wisconsin, USA on June 19-21, 1987. For any details, write to Mark Frueh, 4320 Wallace, St. Louis, Missouri 63116 USA.

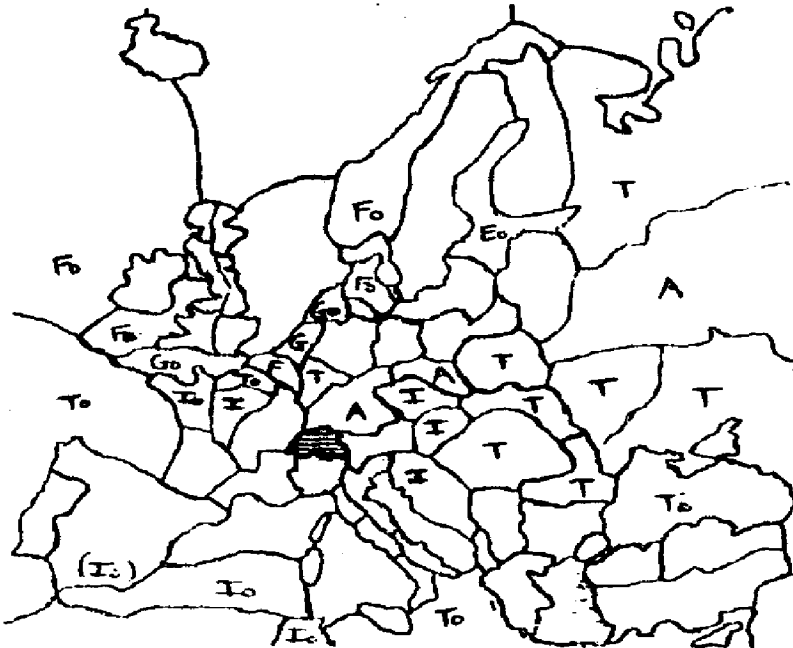
¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!
THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
IN SPANISH.
JOYEUX NOËL!
THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
IN FRENCH.
FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!
THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
IN GERMAN.
BUON NATALE!
THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
IN ITALIAN.



Flip the page!

PARIS AND VIENNA FALL TO ITALY WHILE ROME ANNOUNCES "OPERATION MARKET GARDEN"!!!
 THE TURKS ARE MASSING IN EASTERN EUROPE AS THE SULTAN PONDERES HIS WINTER REMOVALS!!!
 ELIMINATED FROM THE WAR, ENGLAND HIDES THE VACILLATING FRENCH-GERMAN MAR:POLICY!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1910 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH
 § GM: Effendi Garabdul a.L.
 Kofhlanned
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1911
 § ZAT: Friday, December 5, 1986
 § GAME COLOR: Sari

¶ GAME NOTES: One more move in
 1986 and then we have a long
 holiday break!

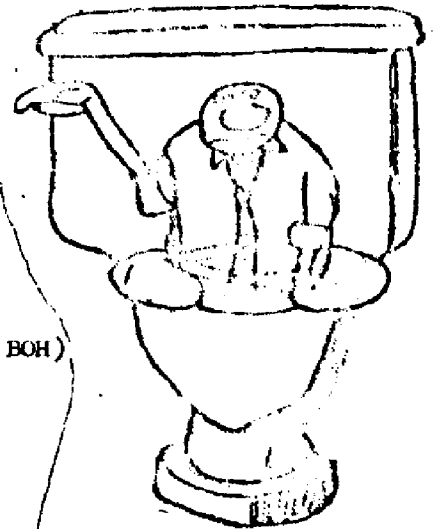
All the draws failed. Draws
 proposed for next season are I-T,
 F-A-G, and F-I-G. Not voting
 counts as a "yes", so vote!

Thanks to Pat Hart for playing
 out England to the end. The
 cartoon this season was drawn by
 Dan Wilson especially for nations
 eliminated in EE games.

Your 1910 Supply Center chart
 is on page 8 . Next year,
 "Chocolate Soldiers" is in Italian!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1910 §

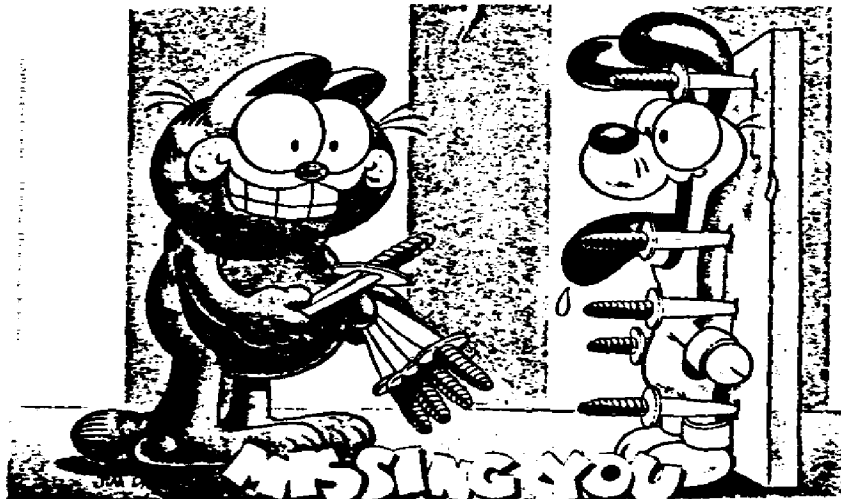
ALMANYA: A (HOL) S French A Bel, F Kie-(H&L)
 (Effendi Nelson Heintzman) F (ENG) S French A Bel
 AVUSTURYA-MACARISTAN: A (MOS) S English F Bot-Stp(sc)
 (Effendi Ray Scott) A (SIL)-War, A Ber-(MUN)
 FRANSA: A (BEL) S German A Hol-Ruh(NSO), F Swe-(NWY)
 (Effendi Dave Carter) F (IRI) S German F Eng
 F (DEN) S German F Kie(OIM), F (MAO)-Mao
 INGILTERE: F (BOT)-Stp(sc)
 (Effendi Pat Hart)
 ITALYA: F Mao-(BRE), A Bur-(PAR), A Bud-(VIE), A Tyo-(BOH)
 (Effendi Ken Gestiehr) F (SPA-sc) S Turkish F Wes-Mao
 F Tys-(WES), F Ion-(TUN), A Ven-(TRI)
 TÜRKIYE: F Wes-(MAO), F (PIC) S Italian F Mao-Bre
 (Effendi John Pack) A (WAR)-Mos, A (STP)-Mos, A Vie-(GAL)
 A Ser-(BUD), A Rum-(UKR), A Bul-(RUM), A Arm-(SEV)
 F (BLA) S A Arm-Sev, F Aeg-(ION), A (RUH)-Bel



BYE, BYE ENGLAND!!

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Your 1910 SC Chart is on page 8
England to France-Germany: How ironic as the end nears y'all are once again moving
 against the eastern forces.
England to Italy: I hope you get the draw.
Italy to Turkey: Ready to make "Operation Market Garden" succeed this time.
Italy to France: It's not the armada you have to worry about. How about five
 Italian armies!! Last time it was only one and you whumped it.
Italy to Germany: If everything goes according to plan, there may emerge a
 "Green" Wehrmacht.
Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Let's see, on page 8 , plus more press!

((Sorry, but the cartoon postcard will not "roll through" my xerox machine so you'll just have to accept my description of it for now. My printer's machine is not like mine so it should appear in the zine itself. It was too good to not use this season!!))



If the cartoon does not come out, it is of Garfield throwing darts at Odie and missing him, ever so slightly, ever so many times with the caption reading "Missing You". Chocolate Soldiers' Headlines and Game Notes are on page 8

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1910 §

Ingiltene: Remove Fleet Gulf of Bothnia
 Italya: Builds Army Venice, Army Rome and Fleet Naples
 Turkiye: NRR!! ☹☹☹ GM removes Fleet Black Sea and Army Galicia ☹☹

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1911 §

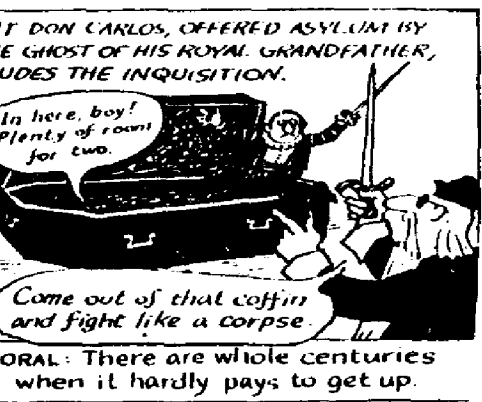
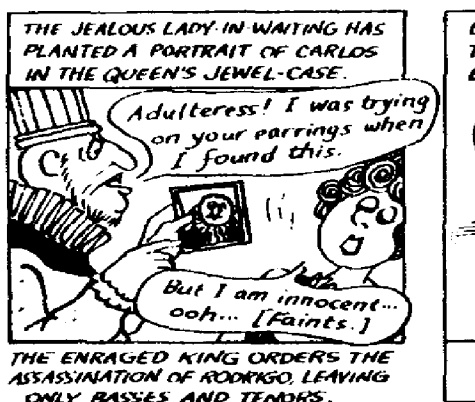
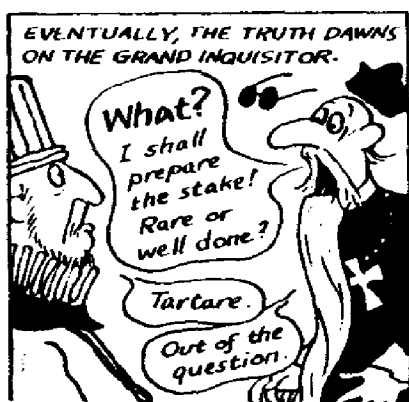
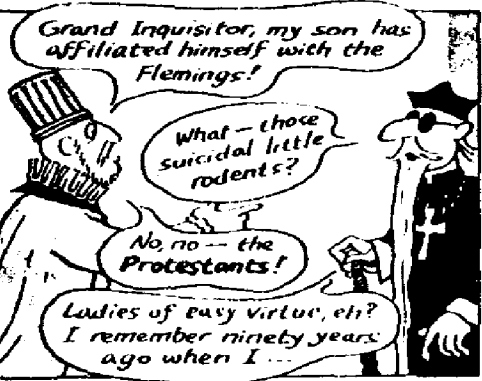
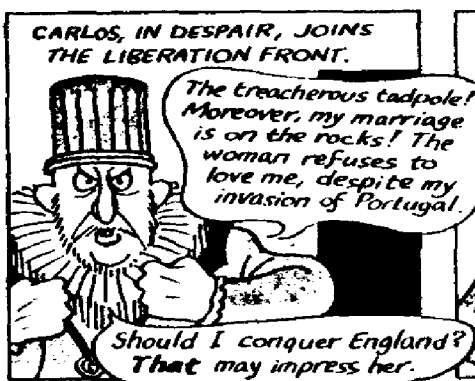
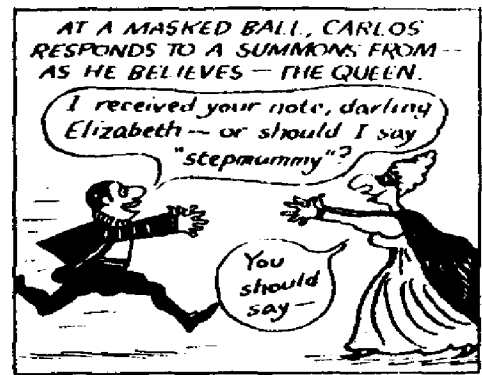
AUSTRIA-UNGHERIA: NMR!! ☹☹☹ Has A (MOS) ☹ A (SIL) ☹ A (MUN) ☹
 (Signore Ray Scott?)
 FRANCIA: F Den-(BAL), F (IRI) S German F Eng, F (NWY)-Stp
 (Signore Dave Carter) A (BEL) S German A Hol-Ruh(NSO), F (NAO)-Mao
 GERMANIA: A Hol-(KIE), F Hel-(NTH)
 (Signore Nelson Heintzman) F (ENG) S French A Bel
 ITALIA: A (VIE)-Boh, A (BOH)-Mun, A Tri-(TYO), A Ven-(PIE)
 (Signore Ken Gestiehr) A Rom-(VEN), F (NAP)-Ion, A Par-(BUR), F Tun-(NAF)
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 (Signore John Pack?) ☹ A (WAR) ☹ A (STP) ☹ A (BUD) ☹ A (UKR) ☹ A (RUM) ☹
 ☹ A (SEV) ☹ F (ION) ☹ A (RUH) ☹☹

Italy to World: I don't care a F-I-G about the F-A-GI.
Italy to England: Maybe it was a pre-game plan.
Italy to GM: We haven't been at the top of the orders of battle since this game was in Swedish. I hope Italy fares better in the mother tongue.
GM to Italy: Next to the bottom of the list, eh, Signore?!
Italy to England: I have a nice chateau in Sicily for rent.
Memphis to Italy: Don't you mean "castello" or "palazzo"?
Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Enjoy your holidays and see you in 1987!

"Dolphins can, and do, crush barracudas with one snap of their jaws and kill sharks by merely ramming them with their snout. However, dolphins have never been known to attack humans." --Isaac Azimov's Book Of Facts 9

HANDELSMAN FREAKY FAIBLES

Don Carlos,
 HEIR TO THE SPANISH THRONE,
 IS ABOUT TO MARRY THE
 BEAUTIFUL ELIZABETH DE
 VALOIS WHEN HIS FATHER,
 PHILIP II, INTERVENES.



North Americans and Europeans can each win 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place, i.e. there will be two first places, one for North Americans and one for Europeans. Then there will be only one 4th place and only one 5th place winner. A first place winner gets 5 EEs (a year's sub) or \$12.00 US in another zine, on down to the 5th place winner who gets 1 EE or \$1.20 in another zine. You can also donate your winnings to another person.

Some of you will find one question or another circled in red ink in your copy. This means you are not allowed to answer that particular question since it would be a give-away to you, such as (3) in the Fill-in-the-blank category. These people, and these people only, have the optional question provided so they remain competitive. C-G of Finland is being sent a Dutch cartoon--he cannot do the Finnish cartoon.

Last year only 15 people entered so I'd say your chances of winning something are quite good but you won't know unless you get to guessing....

I. TRUE or FALSE (Total Points- 1,000 points, each individual correct answer is worth 100 points apiece). If you guess wrong about a true or false statement, you will lose 100 points per question that is incorrect. So don't guess, skip it or research for the answer!

NANCY

OH NO!
NOT ANOTHER
TRUE OR FALSE
QUESTION!



1. In Russia, Stalingrad was named for Stalin and Leningrad was named for Lenin. A city was also named Molotov for Molotov, another of the Communist leaders.
2. Venetian glassworkers were confined to an island and were forbidden to leave on pain of death so that the secret of glassmaking would remain a secret.
3. "Nanook" is Eskimo for "polar bear".
4. Europe has two main economic blocs, the EEC or Common Market in the west and the communist-led Comecon in the east. Vietnam is a member state of Comecon.
5. Ronald Reagan starred in a movie where he was a law enforcement official in the South, and out-of-towner Ginger Rogers gets kidnapped by the Ku Klux Klan who lash her with a whip and wind up shooting her sister Doris Day to death and Ronald saves Ginger.
6. The United States has faced terrorism on its home soil where bombs were mailed to prominent US citizens, including a U.S. senator and a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. One bomb exploded outside the Washington home of the U.S. Attorney-General and another caused the death of over 20 people with hundreds wounded in New York City.
7. Actress Ingrid Bergman attended a Nazi rally in Germany where Hitler spoke to the crowd.
8. Benjamin Franklin, the great American patriot, often went to prostitutes.
9. French airplanes have bombed Gibraltar, a British possession on the coast of Spain.
10. The Liberty Bell arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1752. Since that time, it has never been outside the state of Pennsylvania.

II. MULTIPLE CHOICE (Total Points- 500 points, each individual correct answer is worth 100 points apiece). If you guess wrong, you will lose 100 points per question that is incorrect. Skip or research!

1. In 1810, English poet Lord Byron swam the Hellespont (Constantinople on our Dip board) from the European side to the Asian side in:
(a) 55 minutes (b) 1 hour, 5 minutes (c) 1 hour, 10 minutes or
(d) 1 hour, 20 minutes
2. In Venice today, there is, on the average, how many working gondolas:
(a) 15 (b) 90 (c) 250 (d) 400 (e) 550 (f) 1,000
3. Author Ernest Hemingway wrote of the Spanish city of Pamplona where the bulls run through the city streets each year. This city is in the land of the Basques and "Pamplona" in the Basque language is:
(a) "Gasteiz" (b) "Donostia" (c) "Maule" (d) "Iruna"
4. The War of 1812, between England and America lasted until 1815. What year did the last U.S. veteran of that war die:
(a) 1886 (b) 1897 (c) 1905 (d) 1910 (e) 1912 ((Continued on 13))

EE QUIZ.....Continued from page 12

5. In Gone With The Wind, Scarlett O'Hara flees a burning Atlanta with Rhett Butler. How old was Scarlett when Atlanta was burned by the Yankees.
(a) 19 (b) 21 (c) 22 (d) 24 (e) 30

III. FILL IN THE BLANK (Total Points- 500 points, each individual correct answer is worth 100 points apiece). If you guess wrong, you will lose 100 points per question that is incorrect. Skip or research, your choice!

1. Lord Of The Rings was written by J.R.R. Tolkien. What is his full name? J _____ R _____ R _____ Tolkien
2. Everyone has heard of Number 10 Downing Street and the Kremlin. What is 24 Sussex Drive?
3. Attila the Hun terrorized Europe. Arminius, a German, defeated several Roman legions in 9 A.D. in Teutoburger Forest. What are the German names for Attila and Arminius? Attila _____ Arminius _____
4. Where would you find Flimnap, Bolgolam and Glumdalclitch?
Flimnap _____ Bolgolam _____ Glumdalclitch _____
5. If you talked to a Georgian in 1866, after the American Civil War, when would he have told you the capital of his state had been captured by the Yankees? " _____ fell on _____."

IV. THE OPTIONAL QUESTION (This question is only for those who have a question circled in red ink in their EE forbidding them to answer that question. It is worth 100 points, and is designed to keep the quiz competitive for all. Answers from non-eligibles will not be counted.

1. Where was the planet Georgian located? (Be specific)

V. WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO (Total Points- 500 points). The following cartoon is in Finnish. Translate it into English.



THE LAST GENERATION.....Continued from page 3

The story takes place 575 years from now in our future. I have enclosed, on the inside back cover of issue #1, a "History of The Last Generation" to show you some of the events leading to this story. Although it is by no means complete, it gives some idea as to where we are heading. The Earth has been changed, so changed that the sky is now yellow instead of our familiar blue. You all know why the sky is blue, don't you?

In the first book you are introduced to four of our main characters. Firecloud, warrior of the bear tribe and grandson of the tribe's shaman, Redsun. Artra is our wolf in wolf's clothing with a shady past. Finally, Eremos Polastar, the enigma of the group who is a question unto himself, and his companion, Sh'Kreech. Notice how I avoided saying anything about Sh'Kreech? You'll have to read the book to find out anything about her/him/it.

So please, join us for their adventures, and please write and let us know what you think about the book.

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SILVER BULLET

AN AUTUMN WEEKEND IN NEW ENGLAND

--by Gary L. Coughlan

The small town of Tarker's Mill is happy until attacked by a Stephen King scenario. Directed by Daniel Attias, starring Gary Bused and Corey Ham.

AVENUE
12:00, 13:35, 15:35, 17:35, 19:40, 21:40
Fri and Sat also 23:45.

I think it was the fact that this con would be held in an ex-ski lodge in woodsy Vermont that hooked me into going to the best con I've yet attended in this hobby! But let's get the dry statistics out of the way first...

On October 24-27, 1986, co-hosts Bruce Linsey and Paul Gardner held what was titled "BRUX-Con/Tomato Con" at Paul's home way out in the country in Newfane, Vermont. All in all, 28 people showed up from 8 states and 2 Canadian provinces. If they publish a zine or subzine, it will be after their names in parenthese and you might also find a con report there as well...

Mike Barno, Simon Billenness, Bob Boyd, Gary Coughlan(EE), Linda Courtemanche (High Inertia), Steve Courtemanche(High Inertia), Tom DeGraaf, Ron Blicik, Earl Gardner, Paul Gardner(Not New York), Bruce Geryk(Blunt Instruments), Arye Gittelman, Nelson Heintzman(Only Yesterday), Steve Hutton(No Fixed Address), Ron Krukowski, Bryan Lincoln, Dave Lincoln, Rebecca Lincoln, Bruce Linsey(TRAX), Gary Linsey, Peter Mateunas, Bruce McIntyre(Excelsior), John Rigley, Russ Rusnak (Who Cares?), Alan Stewart(Praxis), Michael Ward, Allen Wells and Jeff Zarse.

These 28 came from these places: British Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Vermont.

Some of the games played during these 4 days were: Axis and Allies, blind gunboat Diplomacy, backgammon, chess, Circus Maximus, Clue, Diplomacy, Empire Builder, Family Business, frisbee throwing, Risk, Scruples, Survive, Titan, a card game called "Variety" and a World War I airplane dogfight game, & Trivial Pursuit.

The idea of being in New England during the autumn when the leaves change colors (I had never been to New England), meeting many new people, some of whom have only been letters or phone calls, and adding 3 or 4 new states to those I have visited really tempted me. When I called the airline to see, just to see, how much the tickets cost, that sold me. They were so cheap compared to what I thought they would be.

Before and after this con, I was busy cleaning up this place for visitors coming through Memphis(see page 18) and getting EE #54 wrapped up. I was ready for a relaxing weekend. I even bought a sleeping bag for the trip.

Thursday night, October 23, I spent putting stamps on EE #54 for North Americans. My flight left around 8 AM so there was no way I could mail the EEs of the European subbers until I returned, nor could I put the customary messages on your EEs like I try to do. I set aside those EEs of states where I would be going to(to mail them from that state) and of the Canadians(to mail from Detroit where I would have a layover) and of course those who would be in Vermont. EE subbers who went to Vermont also were getting all the newspaper clippings I save for y'all when I know some of your interests or it concerns your city or country.

I was to fly Thursday(via Detroit) into Albany, New York where Mike Barno would pick me up along with Illinoisians Russ Rusnak and Ron Krukowski. I had met both Mike and Russ before but not Ron who has been my GM in a Dip game. We drove from Albany right into Vermont, surprising me since I thought you had to go through Massachusetts to get there. (I never did get to add Massachusetts to my list).

Vermont gets its name from the Green Mountains(via the French language) and its largest city is around 40,000 people so it is a small state, and it doesn't seem crowded. I'd later find out that many "Yuppies" and New Yorkers have been moving up to rural New England in large numbers.

We passed by Bennington and Brattleboro, Vermont and all points in between seeing many Revolutionary War monuments--a treat for me since Memphis and the South have Civil War statues. Ron, I discovered, is a Civil War buff so now I have someone to send Civil War clippings to now! He also brought a huge game board of Circus Maximus complete with miniature chariots.

After going too far in the forest, we finally found Paul's place. Never has there been such a perfect place for a get-to-gether. It's isolated, rustic, and a rambling big house which seems to have been built helter-skelter over several generations. It has all the modern conveniences however. This would be the perfect place to have a Halloween con. There is even a barn behind the house and Paul and his father own about 75 acres. The setting reminded me of one of those Friday the 13th movies and all that was missing was Jason.

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VERMONT CON....Continued from page 14 .

When we 4 found the right home, we met Paul Gardner, Peter Mateunas and Jeff Zarse in the kitchen, the only other ones there. And I didn't catch that it was Jeff who is a subber to EE. I didn't catch the last name at this time and, when I did, he pronounced his last name in 2 syllables like "Tsar-see" whereas I was thinking it was one syllable, rhyming with "farce". That's why Jeff didn't get his EE #54 and his newspaper clippings until Saturday!

Paul took us on a tour. The large house had staircases, long connecting halls, cubby-holes, miles of book shelves, at least 3 bedrooms and many, many beds. About 10 years ago, it had been run as a ski lodge. In the back was a large loft with 4 beds up there. In the huge living room was a fire place. Behind the house stood a barn just waiting to be explored. It was growing dark by now so we went inside.

There we were provided with special con buttons and food to make sandwiches. Food would not be a problem at this con--there were even 4 huge barrels of sour pickles in the pantry. During the evening, more people drifted in, among them Dave Lincoln, his two children, his Alabama friend Bob Boyd, John Rigley (who it turned out had been stationed at Fort Ord, California in the Army where I had been) and lastly (that night), Simon Billenness, and my old army buddy Tom DeGraaf whom I hadn't seen for over 5 years.

This night I played Titan, my one and only time at this con (I'm sure there is someone who loves this game but they weren't there then!) and blind gunboat Diplomacy. This is where you know that 7 people are in the game but you do not know who has which country so you don't know who you are helping or hurting. Mike Barno and I accused each other of not having the guts to get up from the table and admit we had been wiped out already and was only pretending. I think Mike stayed about 4 game years beyond his elimination. I actually survived to the end barely.

We had already gone out and gotten wood for the roaring fire but it was chilly this first night. Mr. Gardner, Paul's father, came in and mentioned that if some cars didn't have anti-freeze that they needed them because it was going to be below freezing that night. Brrrrrr. It hadn't gotten below 40 degrees yet in Memphis.

I hadn't known what clothes to bring so I brought long sleeve shirts which could be rolled up (if it turned warm) and sweaters which could be pulled over the shirts, along with long johns.

The last game played this Friday night (the others were playing Titan again) was a card game called "Variety" brought by Mike Barno. There were 8 possible games such as low cards are trumps or the fewest tricks won. Two people had to agree and those agreeing were partners so everyone's score was figured individually. We set out saying the first one to reach 50 points would win but soon settled for whoever got to zero first--we were full of minus scores.

This was one of the few, very few cons where I ever got a bed to sleep in and Tom and Simon and I talked far into the night. Tom is not a stranger to our hobby. It was he who mailed the fake issues of Voice of Doom and Whitestonia for me and he has seen several zines before. We went through such hard times in Korea while in the Army and have visited in each other's homes so it was good to get together again. Simon now living in New York with his wife Barbara is from England and is the guy who puts together statistics on all the zines in the world in his Zine Register. He also has the list of game openings and his address is on page 36 .
SATURDAY: It had been a chilly Friday night although after this the furnace kept everyone toasty warm. There was frost on the ground and sleet had formed on the car windows but the sun quickly burned this off and it turned into a warm, pretty day.

Paul had promised breakfast every morning and today it was to be French toast. Rebecca Lincoln (about 8 years old?) did the actual cooking after Paul had put the eggs into the large pan. Some of the eggs were frozen! After breakfast, as is my nature, I went exploring.

Up the road, there was a water mill beside a pond and a creek. I was soon joined by two red, very friendly retrievers and Simon. We found an obstacle course and swung on a rope a la Tarzan and just admired the scenery. It brought me to a mood of all the New England poets like "Something there is that doesn't love a wall" and "The woods are lovely, dark and deep" both by Robert Frost. (After I got back to Memphis, I got a book of poetry).

Back to the house, we were wondering where Bruce Linsey and the 6 people he was to bring were. His cousin Gary arrived. This con was notable for people having the same name. There would be 3 Bruces, 2 Steves, 2 Garys, 2 Rons, 2 Mikes and 2 homonyms (Allen and Alan). ((continued on page 16)) (15)

DID YOU BRING A DIP?



VERMONT CON....Continued from page 15

About this time something went wrong with the fireplace in the living room and the smoke would not go up the chimney but billowed into the house driving almost everyone out. At this point Bruce and the others drove up. With him were Bruce McIntyre, Steve Hutton and Steve Courtemanche whom I had met, and Linda Courtemanche, Alan Stewart and Bruce Geryk whom I hadn't.

The smoke and fortunately the nice weather meant we played games outside. These were Frisbee, Survive!, and Trivial Pursuit. It was soon discovered that the trunk (boot) to Bruce Linsey's car would not open so 7 people's luggage was held captive. It seems that the trunk kept popping open on the trip from Massachusetts to Vermont so the last time it happened, they jammed it shut. It took a screw-driver and a hammer to break it open.

I joined a Trivial Pursuit game which was out on the meadow and 6 of us were on a blanket. Picture the scene. In front of us was wooded hills, a noisy creek and a water mill. Behind us was the huge house with smoke billowing everywhere. We played as 3 teams: (1) The Yankees (Tom DeGraaf and Linda Courtemanche), (2) The Confederacy (Bob Boyd and myself) and (3) The British Commonwealth (Simon Billenness and Steve Hutton). Bob Boyd knows his trivia and the South won. I was then the referee for an "Ultimate Trivial Pursuit" game between Bob and Ron Krukowski and Ron won that one.

By this time the house was habitable and we started wandering inside again. I played a World War I air ace game with Bruce McIntyre and got into another blind Diplomacy game, GMed by Bruce Geryk. This time I was Italy and got eliminated by 1904 but stayed at the table submitting orders (eventually doing everyone's country a couple of times at least). I think I broke Mike Barno's record from Friday.

Two gourmets went to work on our supper. Bruce Linsey prepared spaghetti and Simon Billenness made "Vegetarian Chili". I'll put Simon's recipe on page 18. It took so long to fix supper however that many of the games I listed on page were played at this time.

Saturday afternoon was when Nelson Heintzman, who does his subzine Only Yesterday in EE, came in from Buffalo, New York. Nelson's con report begins on page 33 of this issue. Nelson is one of those people who are just like they seem over the telephone. His only request had been that I play at least one game of Clue at this con. I would wind up playing several! He also brought me 3 books on the American Civil War--interesting what Karl Marx thought of that struggle!

Then we all ate. I don't know what it was that affected me so but my stomach would growl all that night and way into Sunday, like it was totally separate from me. I told Tom I felt like I was possessed by a demon or something and he said that I sounded like a drain pipe unclogging itself!

The big game Saturday night was a massive Circus Maximus, with Titan and Axis and Allies on the side. I played Clue and then Survive! Clue is where a murder happens in a mansion and based on deductive reasoning your goal is to identify the murderer, the room where it occurred and the weapon. In the very first game, Bruce Linsey puzzled all of us by constantly jotting down notes until he used this system to win. Thereafter all of us scrambled to develop our own systems. What I enjoyed most about this game was Linda Courtemanche's (who was "Miss Scarlett") Southern accent (she is originally from Massachusetts). But Clue shouldn't be so intense so we made a pact never to play with Bruce again, ha ha!

After this we played a couple games of Survive! & toddled off to bed.

SUNDAY: Sunday was a rainy, dreary day, the kind where you want to stay inside, close beside a fireplace. Breakfast was pancakes. This day was when some had to leave and go back home.

I got into a game called Scruples which I had only heard about before this. I can't say I enjoyed it. I find it uncomfortable challenging someone else's beliefs and at one point I was placed in the position of saying "Yes" I would discourage my child's interracial romance while Steve Hutton challenged me saying that my answer would really be "No" I wouldn't discourage such a romance!

My friend Tom was reluctant to play Scruples saying he felt the players should have some knowledge of each other in order for it to be a good game. He was deluged with people asking him questions. My favorite of his was when Tom was asked would he have an affair with the wife of his best friend if she made advances to him and he answered "Depends". When pressed, he said "Depends on if she is attractive."

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Tom has since wrote me saying what a good time he had, and that he had gone out and bought a Clue game.

After 3 days out in the woods, I got to go into town in the back of a pick-up truck so we could drop Simon Billenness off at the bus station for his return home. Simon is helping to do an auction which is designed to raise money for hobby services. If you'd like to know what items you can bid on, find Simon's address on page 36 and send him a self-addressed stamped envelope and bid away!

Paul was kind enough to take me over the state line into New Hampshire so I have now been to 32 of 50 states(10 of them since joining the hobby). He also stopped at a store so I could buy a Vermont t-shirt and some postcards. Nelson's parents drove up while we were at this store(they were touring New England and had dropped him off at Paul's) and I was urged to "talk Southern". They immediately made me feel like I had known them a long time and I liked their accents too!

After stopping at a grocery store(it's surprising how much of the same type of products are available although some brand names I hadn't heard of), we headed back to our con in the woods where Paul prepared a beef stew dinner for us. Only Nelson among this group besides myself thought it natural to eat crackers with the stew--another regional difference I guess.

Sunday night's biggie was a Civilization game, which took place in the dining room between the kitchen and the living room where the fireplace was. Along with Nelson, Mike Barno and Alan Stewart, I played Survive! in the Kitchen. In this game, each player has a group of people who must flee an exploding island, guiding them through shark-infested waters, coupled with whales and sea serpents. The object is to win by saving more of your people than the other player so players are always attempting to kill each other's people--very cut-throat.

We devised an "Ultimate Survive!" game whereby we halved the number of boats available, put in all the sharks, whales and sea serpents at the beginning of the game and went at it. What was humorous was that in the rest of the house there was a constant mild din of noise until the trading round of the Civilization game when all hell exploded. It was like listening and watching the New York Stock Exchange in a buying/selling frenzy.

Since Tom and Simon had left, Nelson got the other bed in the room I was staying at, and Alan got where Simon had been. We could still hear the Civilization game going on.

MONDAY: A day which seemed like it would rain but didn't for the most part. Everybody would have to leave today to return home so they finished up their Civilization game and plunged immediately into a "Diplomacy" Risk game, with a Titan game on the side. I took a walk instead down the wooded, winding road. Another New Englander, Henry David Thoreau, wrote words which fitted my mood this day: "I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines."

It was so quiet. I could differentiate between the sounds of the different creeks, I saw ducks and a chipmunk and of course the beautiful trees in the autumn, although Paul said the true "foliage season" had been about 2 weeks earlier. This was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I could live in Vermont in the autumn and winter. You picture it as always having a white Christmas. I may not live there but I will certainly go to any con there in the autumn!

Back to the house, I ate some more beef stew and talked a long time with Mr. Gardner, who is fascinating to listen to, whether it is discussing Indian raids in this area in the 1600s or how his ancestors moved rather than kow-tow to the Puritans or how the USA's economic structure should be completely rehailed or how he remembers patching up one tire on a Model T Ford, 31 times before it was thrown away.

By now it was time to leave and we joked about how half of the Canadian publishing hobby(Steve Hutton, Alan Stewart and Bruce McIntyre) would be riding in Mike Barno's justly feared "Barnomobile". Russ Rusnak and I hitched a ride with New Yorker Peter Mateunas who took us to Albany. I then flew back home with a layover in Pittsburgh, and immediately started missing Vermont.

I can't say enough about this con, except that if it is offered again in the autumn, GO! It would probably be even more fun if it were held on Halloween's weekend and if someone would develop a D & D scenario involving the house. I enjoyed re-meeting old friends again and finally meeting face-to-face friends I had never met before. Thanks to Paul Gardner and Bruce Linsey for being great hosts! (17)

Chili Today



On pages 14-17 is my Vermont Con report at which I and everyone in attendance enjoyed a chili prepared by England's gift to America, Simon Billenness. If you want an enjoyable, warm treat during the cold winter months ahead, I suggest you try out Simon's recipe for.....

VEGETARIAN CHILI

2½ cups of raw kidney beans; 1 cup raw bulghar; 1 cup tomato juice; 4 cloves crushed garlic; 1½ cups of chopped onions; 1 cup each chopped of (celery, carrots and green peppers); 2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes; juice of ½ lemon; 1 teaspoon ground cumin; 1 teaspoon basil; 1 teaspoon chili powder (or more, to taste); salt and pepper; 3 tablespoons tomato paste; 3 tablespoons dry red wine; a dash of cayenne (or more, to taste); and olive oil for sauté (about 3 tablespoons). Then you.....

(1) Put kidney beans in a sauce pan and cover them with 6 cups of water. Soak for 3-4 hours (you need to start the beans about 4-5 hours early as it takes several hours to prepare and cook this recipe). Add extra water and 1 teaspoon of salt. Cook until tender (about 1 hour). Watch the water level, and add more, if necessary.

(2) Heat tomato juice to a boil. Pour over raw bulghar. Cover and let stand at least 15 minutes. (It will be crunchy, so it can absorb more later).

(3) Sauté onions and garlic in olive oil. Add carrots, celery and spices. When the vegetables are almost done, add peppers. Cook until tender.

(4) Combine all ingredients and heat together gently—either in kettle over a double boiler, or covered, in a moderate oven.

(5) Serve topped with cheese and parsley. It makes about 6-8 servings.

((I gather that 6-8 servings means people as there was enough to feed the 28 people who were in Vermont. If you try it (I'll bet your wife, girlfriend or mother can do wonders—or you can impress them with your cooking prowess), let Simon know how it turned out. His address is on page 36 .

VISITORS TO MEMPHIS

I am always glad to have any of you who come through Memphis to stop in and see me, and if you have time, Memphis. Both before and after my going to Vermont Con (see page 14), I had visitors.

Right before Vermont Con, Michael Ditz on a cross-country bicycle trip from Maine back to his native Orlando, Florida, came to Memphis. Since it was the middle of the week and I wasn't off, he didn't get the Elvis tour of which I am certain he is forever grateful.

In my home, I have German stickers placed upon various items like the window, the door, the clock, the wall etc. so I can constantly associate that word with its German counterpart. For days after Michael left I found stickers in English put in the oddest places like rolled up inside my typewriter or the paper towels! While he was here, he checked out my Raleigh and said it was in good shape.

After Vermont Con, came three people all of whom have been excellent hosts to me when I visited them at their homes so I had a lot to live up to. Luc Dodinval of Belgium became the first European ever to visit in my home. I took him to see Chucalissa, an Indian village near here, the movie Crocodile Dundee and he got to eat at my parents' home, meeting them and my grandparents. I was very surprised at the rapport he developed with my 82-year-old grandfather who asked him many questions about Europe and had him speak French for him.

Back home, I used Luc's French ability to fully understand some movies I had on tape like The Court Jester (Danny Kaye's French wasn't all real) and Grand Illusion (Erich Von Stroheim spoke perfect French but with a German accent) and even off my Edward R. Murrow album I Can Hear It Now from World War II. So now I know what the Belgian and French broadcasts said as well as the Dutch (Luc speaks that too).

The next day, Mark Frueh and Nancy Irwin who were on their honeymoon drove into Memphis. That night we went on a tour of Beale Street where great blues music had its heyday in the 1920s and is being revived. I had earlier taken Luc to see Elvis's home rightly guessing that Mark and Nancy weren't Elvis fans (see page 19)

The young Austrian Emperor Charles (who was also the King of Hungary) contacted the brother of his wife, Empress Zita, in order to achieve a separate peace for Austria from the Allies. The brother's name was Sixtus and he was an officer in the Belgian Army. A letter, called the Sixtus Letter, was secretly entrusted to Sixtus, written by Charles, in Switzerland to be delivered to the French Government. In it, Austria agreed to recognize the "just claims" of France on Germany, i.e. Alsace-Lorraine, and to work for peace. If Germany proved unwilling, Austria would make a separate peace. All of this was unknown to the Germans but doesn't it sound just like some of our modern-day Diplomacy players?!

And poor Mata Hari gets arrested in this time period!

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 so you can easily tell the days of the week and hopefully make this more alive to you.

FEBRUARY 1917

1- New York Times headlines say: "Germany Begins Ruthless Sea Warfare; Draws 'Barred Zones' Around The Allies; Crisis Confronts The United States--A Ship A Week For Us"; The Germans stated that one US steamer per week could go to Falmouth, England provided it arrived there on a Sunday and left on a Wednesday and provided it had vertical stripes three meters wide painted on its sides and carried a large flag of checkered-red and white at the mast end and the American flag at the stern; Germany had 111 U-boats (she had had 28 at the war's beginning in 1914), 21 were at sea and 28 were based in the Mediterranean (see February); Russian lines are broken near Halicz (see 2-11); Richthofen gets 19th kill, sw of Thelus (see 2-14); England's food department calls for voluntary rationing; Beginning on this date, the French Army stops giving leave to its soldiers; Lawrence of Arabia leaves Suez for Arabia (see 2-4), returning from Cairo.

2- President Wilson asks his Cabinet: "What shall I propose? I must go to Congress. What shall I say?" (see 2-3); The Hearst papers carry the following editorial in US papers: "If we must fight, well, let's fight alone, with our own means and our own soldiers, without anyone's help or advice..."; English Prime Minister Lloyd George in the face of the German U-boat warfare states: "Saving of food means the saving of tonnage, and saving tonnage is the very life of the nation at the present moment."

3- USA breaks diplomatic relations with Germany, but it is not war as President Wilson tells Congress: "I refuse to believe that it is the intention of the German authorities to do in fact what they have warned us they will feel at liberty to do. I cannot bring myself to believe that they will indeed pay no regard to the ancient friendship between their people and our own or to the solemn obligations which have been exchanged between them and destroy American ships and take the lives of American citizens in ~~the~~ wilful prosecution of the ruthless naval programme they have announced their intention to adopt. Only actual overt acts on their part can make me believe it even now." (see 1-31, 2-26); USS Housatonic torpedoed; Teddy Roosevelt states: "Yesterday I wrote to the War Department asking permission to raise a division if war is declared and there is a call for volunteers. In such event I and my four sons will go."; German Foreign Minister Zimmerman tells the US ambassador: "You will see everything will be alright. America will do nothing, because Wilson is for peace and nothing else. Everything will go on as before."; The Tsar's brother Michael asks the leader of the Duma "Do you think there is going to be a revolution?"...Our family realizes how harmful the Empress is. She and my brother are surrounded by traitors...But what to do?--Rodzianko replies: "Describe the exact situation to the Tsar. Tell him that the people regard her as Germanophile, working against the interests of Russia." (see 2-15)

(4)- Lloyd George comments on Wilson's speech to Congress: "And so he is not going to fight after all! He is awaiting another insult before he actually draws the sword."; Lawrence of Arabia boards the Arethusa in the Red Sea (see 2-6); A new cabinet under Talât Pasa is formed in Turkey.

5- The Kaiser approves a German pullback in France to prepared lines (see 2-23); US pulls Pershing and his American troops out of Mexico (see February); New constitution takes effect in Mexico; ((continued on page 2 |))

Zimmerman sends telegram urging Mexico to ally with Germany in event of war with USA; English Secret Service agent Admiral Hall informs his government of the telegram his department intercepted from Zimmerman in January(see 2-24); Helen Keller escapes from a fire in her Alabama home(see February, 3-11).

6- Spain protests Germany's resumption of U-boat warfare(see 1-31); England tells the US that she will give the departing German US ambassador "safe conduct" if he proceeds home by the most direct route(see 2-14); The Germans detain US ambassador Gerard "officially" until Bernstorff is safely returned. Bernstorff was the Germans' US ambassador(see 2-11); Lawrence arrives in Wejh, Arabia(see 2-20); Hungary's Count Károlyi insists that only a new Parliament elected by universal suffrage could carry out social reforms which the war was exacerbating(see 2-8), (February).

7- English liner California torpedoed off the coast of Ireland

8- In Hungary's Parliament, Count Andrássy announces that his views on universal suffrage had changed and he desired it. Count Tisza states that "as long as I have any strength left in me, I will do everything to save the nation from the threat of a reckless and radical suffrage."(see February, 4-28); Charles Vopicka, US diplomat in Denmark is prevented from sailing from Copenhagen because Danish ships did not want to go through the war zone and England objected to their going any other way(see 3-1).

9- China protests Germany's resumption of U-boat warfare(see 1-31, 3-1,3-14); English explorer Shackleton's ship Aurora arrives in Wellington, New Zealand with the survivors of the Ross Sea Party in McMurdo Sound he had rescued in January (see March).

10- Admiral Hall receives from Mexico a copy of the Zimmerman Telegram that Bernstorff had sent Germany's Mexican ambassador. The English wanted to make the Germans think, when it was revealed, that they had gotten the copy in Mexico and not that they had broken the German code; American diplomats leave Berlin by train for the Swiss border(see 2-11)

(11)- Germans driven back near Halicz(E)(see 2-1); American diplomats arrive at the Swiss border(see 2-10,2-14)

12- Teddy Roosevelt writes to Senator Lodge: "I don't believe Wilson will go to war unless Germany literally kicks him into it.";

13- French police arrest Mata Hari in her Paris hotel (see 2-15). Her arrest was kept secret; After gathering many facts, Lloyd George asks the English admirals about getting a convoy going--they all say no; Mexican President Carranza calls upon all neutrals to embargo all war supplies to belligerent nations(this would help Germany and harm the Allies).



14- English penetrate to 3rd German line near Arras, France; Richthofen makes 20th and 21st kills, west of Loos and SW of Mazingarbe(see 3-4); Cubans revolt against their President but are put down; Bernstorff sails from New York on board Danish ship Frederik VIII(see 2-16); American diplomats from Germany arrive in Paris(see 2-17)

15- Lloyd George decides to try to place the English Army in France under French control for the upcoming offensive(see 2-26); A German attack in Champagne captures a French divisional order giving details of the planned attack on the German lines in April; Mata Hari's first full interrogation(see 2-21); Duma President Rodzianko tells the Tsar: "Your Majesty must find a way to remove the Empress from politics. The idea spreads that everything is done that harms Russia and benefits the enemy..There is not one honest man in your entourage; all decent people have either been sent away or have left." The Tsar replied: "Produce your facts. You have no evidence to support your words."(see 2-27)

16- English intern Bernstorff ship at Halifax, Canada(see 2-22); England cuts the production of beer and spirits by 30%; England agrees to support Japan's claim to Tsing-Tao, China(captured from the Germans) after the war(see 1-27, 2-20) saying that England "will support Japan's claim...it being understood that the Japanese Government will in the eventual peace settlement treat in the same spirit Great Britain's claims to the German islands south of the equator."

17- Berliner Zeitung Am Mittag denies that Germany detained the US ambassador before he left Germany(see 2-21)

(18)- Germany forbids work in all Belgian factories and workshops except by special permission. Work on all public works are stopped(see February, 3-21,7-21)

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19- English completely decipher the Zimmerman Telegram(see 2-24); US ambassador to England Walter Page who is passionately pro-English, writes: "I am now ready to record my conviction that we shall not get into the war at all."

20- Russia agrees to support Japan's claim to Tsing-Tao(captured from the Germans) (see 1-27,2-16); Lawrence of Arabia sails in the Arethusa, headed for Egypt(see 2-22)

21- American diplomats from Germany arrive at the Spanish frontier(see 2-27); Mata Hari has her second interrogation by the French police(see 2-23)

22- Germans torpedo 7 Dutch ships outside of Falmouth, England, sinking 3 of them(see February); English confiscate gold from the German diplomats interned at Halifax, Canada, giving them other currency instead(see 2-23); Lawrence arrives back in Cairo(see 3-2); English bring their code book to the US embassy in London so the Americans can decipher the Zimmerman Telegram themselves so, if challenged, the US could say it had been deciphered by Americans on US territory(see 2-23)

23- Germans in France begin their withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line(see 2-5, 2-24, 3-16); The English formally present the Zimmerman Telegram to the Americans in London(see 2-24); Mata Hari's 3rd interrogation(see 2-24); The English examine the baggage of the German diplomats in Halifax, Canada(see 2-24); Lloyd George in speaking to the House of Commons, says: "I want the country to know our food stocks are low, alarmingly low--lower than they have been within recollection."; English pin Turks near Kut in Iraq(see 2-24)

24- The US embassy sends the Zimmerman Telegram to Wilson, saying that the English asked he keep his source secret but that it could be printed. The US ambassador to England, Walter Page writes: "This would precipitate a war between any two nations. Heaven knows what effect it will have in Washington." Wilson expresses "much indignation" at the telegram(see 3-1); English tell the French that they think the Germans will continue to maintain their present lines in France(see 2-23,3-4,3-16); English capture Kut, Iraq from Turks; Mata Hari's 4th interrogation(see 2-28).

(25)- Gunard liner Laconia is torpedoed and 2 American women die; German destroyers bombard Broadstairs and Margate, England(see 3-17).

26- Wilson asks Congress to allow the arming of US merchant ships to "employ any other instrumentalities or methods that may be necessary and adequate to protect our ships and our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas." --the German U-boats were keeping hundreds of vessels in harbors as they were afraid to sail(see 2-3, 3-5,3-9); Allied Conference in Calais has the French asking if the English commander Haig could be placed under their General Nivelle during the upcoming battle(Lloyd George thought it would be better if the suggestion seemed to come from the French(see 2-15); Hearst informs his editors: "Our editorials should be patriotic without slightest criticism of administration. I guess Germany is going to sink every ship that tries to run the submarine blockade and this means three things--first, that we will get into the war; second, that England will be starved into submission in less than six months; third, that Germany will then have time to devote to us, and this country will soon be in a condition similar to warring European countries. We must prepare in every way. Can we say these things editorially?"(see 3-2)

27- Secretary of State Lansing shows Wilson the message that Bernstorff had got via the State Department cable in January and how it tallied with the Zimmerman Telegram. Wilson says: "Good Lord! Good Lord!"; 11 Senators decide to filibuster Wilson's armed merchant ship request(see 2-26,3-5); English halt about 50 miles from Baghdad(see 2-24,3-11); German diplomats in Halifax, Canada are allowed to proceed on their sea voyage(see 3-10); The US ambassador to Germany leaves for the US from Corunna, Spain headed for Havana(see 3-5); In the Duma, socialist leader Kerensky states: "The ministers are but fleeting shadows. To prevent a catastrophe, the Tsar himself must be removed, by terrorist methods if there is no other way. If you will not listen to the voice of warning, you will find yourselves face to face with facts, not warnings. Look up at the distant flashes that are lighting the skies of Russia."(see 3-8); German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg broaches the subject of more power for the mass of Germans by quoting a poet's words "that Germany's poorest son was also her most loyal."

28- President Wilson releases "unofficially" the Zimmerman Telegram to the Associated Press(see 3-1); details on the Laconia sinking emerge(see 2-25) as one woman tells about the sub surfaced near her lifeboat: "We could only see the beast dimly but it was a huge black shape, dwarfing us as it rose."; Mata Hari's 5th interrogation(see 3-1); John Connally born, Floresville, Texas. (22)

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--in February 1917: General John Pershing, leader of the US expedition to Mexico(see 2-5) on returning to the US tells news reporters: "We have broken diplomatic relations with Germany. That means that we will send an expedition aboard. I'd like to command it. Each of you must know some way in which you can help me. Now tell me how I can help you so that you can help me."---He would become the US commander in World War I and today's Pershing missiles in Europe are named for him.

American sentiment during the month still remains pacifistic but Wilson's cabinet, much of the press and many public leaders were demanding that US merchant ships be armed for self-defense(see 2-26,3-1). Hundreds of ships still remain clogged in US harbors afraid to sail because of U-boats.

U-boats sink 259 English, Allied and neutral ships(about 781,500 tons). 105 of these ships were English and 86 of those went by U-boat which was 313,486 tons, up from 153,512 tons in January(see March). The Allies are only able to sink 4 U-boats(see 2-1); Germans sink 6 Dutch grain ships; Helen Keller writes to her teacher who is vacationing in Puerto Rico: "I hate to have you so far away while we're on the verge of war, and those dread submarines are scouring the oceans for whatever they can destroy....[but] I can't see the difference between a German and a British blockade, except that one is under the sea and the other on top."

By this month, the Turks had been cleared out of the Sinai Peninsula completely and from the Red Sea up to the Gulf of Aquaba. Lawrence and his men were carrying out large and small raids on the Turkish railway to Medina(see 3-2, March).

Russia and France, in secret treaty, give France her 1814 frontiers, including Alsace-Lorraine and the Saar, with an independent buffer state to be set up on the left bank of the Rhine. Russia was to get a free hand on her western frontier. All of this was to happen once Germany was defeated and was unknown to England. February turns out to be a month of extreme cold in Russia with snow blocking long sections of railways and the cold bursting locomotive boilers--in Petrograd, supplies of flour, coal and wood dwindle rapidly(see 3-8)

Bulgaria compels the enrollment of all Serbian men within the Serbian territory that it is occupying(see March); The Flemish separatists in occupied Belgium send representatives to Berlin to achieve the separation of Flanders and Wallonia within Belgium(see 3-21).

In German East Africa(Tanganyika), heavy rains stops big battles. Belgium evacuates Tabora(see 9-19-16) and 1/3 of its German East African holdings(see May). The English decide to increase their strength in GEA from 13 battalions to 20.

A wave of strikes hits Hungary as debate in the Hungarian Parliament continues over granting voting rights to fighting soldiers over 20 years old(see 2-6, 2-8) although the real battle was about universal suffrage. The US ambassador to Austria-Hungary, in Vienna, tells US about serious coal and food shortages in Austria.

Stalin is sent into exile at Achinsk, ^(see 3-35) 150 miles west of Krasnoyarsk on the Trans-Siberian Railway; Mussolini is wounded by a howitzer shell; Ho Chi Minh arrives in Paris from London and would stay in Paris for the next 5 years; James Joyce has eye surgery in Switzerland; Margaret Sanger is sentenced to 30 days in a workhouse for running a birth control clinic(see 1-29,3-6); English author W. Somerset Maugham is in Tahiti and buys a native's door which artist Gauguin had painted. Maugham bought it for 200 francs----he sold it to Sotheby's in 1962 for \$37,400.(see March, 3-12).

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1- New York Times: "Germany Seeks An Alliance Against US; Asks Japan And Mexico To Join Her; Full Text Of Her Proposal Made Public"---this was carried in all newspapers and sparked the first nationwide US demand for war with Germany; The House Of Representatives passed Wilson's armed merchant ship bill 403-13 but all Senators filibustered and asked Wilson to reveal all the information he could about the Zimmerman Telegram--many frankly thought it a plot of the English to get the US into the war as England's ally; Senator Lodge(a Wilson enemy) says of Wilson: "He does not mean to go to war but I think he is in the grip of events."; US diplomat Charles Vopicka leaves Copenhagen for Malmo, Sweden(see 2-8,3-2); In a secret Franco-Japanese note, Japan promises to pressure China into breaking diplomatic relations with Germany(see 2-9,3-14); Bread rationing is introduced to Petrograd (see 3-8); Mata Hari's 6th interrogation(see 3-6) ((continued on page 26)) (23)

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Adolf Hitler back with his old unit in France(see 10-7-16, January, December); Dinah Shore born, Winchester, Tennessee; Poet Robert Lowell born in Boston(he had a nervous breakdown in Bloomington, Indiana in April 1949--well, wouldn't you?!!)

2- Japan, Mexico and the German ambassador to Mexico all deny that the Zimmerman Telegram is real, and many Americans--even some pro-Ally such as the well-heeled Round Table Dining Club in New York, doubt its authenticity(see 3-3); Anglophile former US ambassador to England, Joseph Choate, states that the Telegram was a forgery; Hearst tells his newspapers: "Zimmerman note all probability absolute fake and forgery...The object of the Zimmerman forgery was to frighten Congress into giving the President the powers that he demanded..."; Lawrence of Arabia boards the Lama in the Red Sea(see 3-3); Charles Vopicka sails from Christiania(Oslo), Norway for US(see 3-1,3-17); Germany, in secret, halts its deportations of Belgian workers to Germany; Puerto Ricans become American citizens; Desi Arnaz born in Santiago, Cuba.

3- German Foreign Minister Zimmerman admits that he sent the Telegram and that it is accurate, immediately silencing Germany's defenders in the US and further enraging the American people; In a raid, the Germans capture the original memo sent to Allied commanders about the upcoming Allied offensive in France(see 2-15, 4-6); Small strikes in Petrograd result in the lock-out of 30,000 workers(see 3-8); Lawrence lands at Wejh, Arabia(see 3-10)

(4)- The 11 Senators filibuster Wilson's armed merchant ship request to death although the majority of the Senate wanted it(see 2-26,3-1) prompting Wilson to say that "a little band of willful men representing no opinion but their own" had made the US Government "helpless and contemptible"(see 3-9); French General Nivelle tells the English he agrees with their view(see 2-24) that the Germans won't voluntarily abandon French territory(see 2-23,2-24, 3-10,3-16); Richthofen "the Red Baron" makes his 22nd and 23rd kills at Acheville and north of Loos, France(see 3-6).

5- Wilson has his second inauguration, saying: "We stand firm in armed neutrality since it seems that in no other way we can demonstrate what it is we insist upon and cannot forego."; In the new Congress, Jeannette Rankin of Montana becomes the first woman to serve in Congress--from Alabama, new representative Will Bankhead comes to Washington, D.C. with his family, including 15-year-old Tallulah Bankhead; Germans made attack near Verdun(W); US ambassador to Germany, Gerard, arrives in Havana, Cuba(see 3-12); The French tell Sixtus, brother-in-law to the Austrian Emperor their terms for a separate peace(France to get Alsace-Lorraine and for Silesia and Bavaria, if possible, to go to Austria)(see 3-24)

6-7-8 The English Government sends peace advocate George Bernard Shaw to the Flanders Front to do a report(it was reprinted in his "What I Really Wrote About The War" in 1931).

6- Richthofen"Red Baron" makes his 24th kill at Souchez, France(see 3-9); The French interceptors on the Eiffel Tower pick up a radio message from Germans in Spain to Berlin which asks if agent "H 21"(which was Mata Hari) had been informed that she was to use invisible ink and return to Holland via Switzerland(see 3-7, 3-8); Margaret Sanger, birth control advocate, is discharged from the workhouse in New York(see February)

7- On hearing that the Tsar was planning to leave for the Front(see 3-8), Prime Minister Golitsyn says: "How is that, Your Majesty? What about a responsible ministry? You intended to go to the Duma tomorrow." The Tsar replied: "I have changed my mind." The Minister of the Interior Protopopov tells the Tsar: "The time is such, Sire, that you are wanted both here and there...I very much fear the consequences."; Within Austria-Hungary, committees representing the Czechs and the Croat-Slovene peoples agree to co-ordinate their strategies and tactics in the Austrian Parliament, the Reichsrat; The French doctor to Mata Hari states that she is "crying all the time" and suffering from headaches and that her "nervousness is very accentuated."(see 3-8)

8- The Tsar leaves Petrograd for the Front; sporadic riots break out in Petrograd with the cries "Down With Autocracy", "Down With War" and "Give Us Bread"--several bakeries are looted(see 3-9); At the French Embassy in Petrograd, dinner guests that evening argue over which was the best of the Imperial Ballet's ballerinas--Anna Pavlova, Tamara Karsavina or Mathilde Kschessinska; Germans in Spain inform Berlin that "H-21" had already left Spain(The Germans meant for this to be picked up by the French in the Eiffel Tower(see 3-6,3-12); Count Zeppelin, 78-year-old creator

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of the Zeppelin, dies. German officer Herbert Sulzbach in France writes of him: "Count Zeppelin, the inventor of the Zeppelin airship, has died. What a crowd of memories his name brings back to me! I've been an enthusiastic Zeppelin fan since 1905! Nearly all the Zeppelins used to make their first run to Frankfurt-am-Main when completing their trials over Germany, and I never missed a single occasion when one of them arrived. At home, I've got the most splendid photos, which I took myself, of nearly all the Zeppelin airships." (see March)

9- Larger demonstrations in Petrograd and the Cossacks are sent in, however they are not issued whips (which were traditionally used to control disorders) (see 3-10); English ambassador to Russia writes: "Some disorders occurred today but nothing serious."; Tsarina Alexandra writes to the Tsar: "Yesterday there were riots on the Vasiliev Island and on Nevsky, when the poor raided the bakeries. They demolished the Filipov bakery and Cossacks were sent against them."; President Wilson, using his executive authority as commander-in-chief, orders the arming of merchant ships so they can fight U-boat attacks ~~and the Congress to a special session on April 2 (see 3-12-14)~~; Richthofen makes his 25th kill between Roclinourt and Bailleul (see 3-11); Austrian Foreign Minister Czernin tells Hungarian Count Károlyi: "We are faced by only one danger at present, and that is the Germans. I shall do all that lies in my power to maintain our economic, political and military freedom of action, but unfortunately it is very difficult!" (see 3-22); Paris's mass murderer Henri Desire Landru places another loveorn ad in the paper which is answered by a Madame Jaume, who will become another victim of "Bluebeard" (see 4-12)

10- In Petrograd, all trains, trolley cars and cabs stop running and no newspapers appear, most workers are now on strike. Many carry banners saying: "Down With The German Woman" (the Tsarina), "Down With Protopopov" and "Down With The War!"; The Tsar's ministers telegraph him to return to the capital at once and that they must resign; The Tsar telegraphs back: "I order that the disorders in the capital, intolerable during these difficult times of war with Germany and Austria, be ended tomorrow."; The Tsarina writes the Tsar: "The strikers and rioters in the city are now in a more defiant mood than ever. The disturbances are created by hoodlums. Youngsters and girls are running around shouting they have no bread; they do this just to create some excitement. If the weather were cold they would all probably be staying at home. But the thing will pass and quiet down, provided the Duma behaves."; Allies begin to notice that the Germans have been withdrawing in France (see 3-4, 3-16); Germany's US Ambassador Bernstorff arrives in Oslo, Norway (see 3-12); Lawrence leaves Wejth, Arabia for Abdullah's camp at Abu Markha (see 3-11); In London, Alice Wheeldon is sentenced to prison for plotting to murder Prime Minister Lloyd George

(11)- Petrograd Military Governor General Khabalov forbids all public gatherings and says all strikers ~~off~~ back on their jobs would be drafted and sent to the front; Soldiers refuse to fire on any demonstrators and, unit after unit, goes over to the workers. However, the police and gendarme do fire and street fighting takes place which kills 200 people. Crowds storm police stations, law courts and free prisoners from jails; The Tsarina writes the Tsar: "The whole trouble comes from these idlers, well-dressed people, wounded soldiers, high school girls, et cetera, who are inciting others."; Duma President Rodzianko telegraphs the Tsar: "The situation is serious. The capital is in a state of anarchy. The government is paralyzed; the transport service has broken down; the food and fuel supplies are completely disorganized. Discontent is...on the increase...troops are firing at each other. It is urgent that someone enjoying the confidence of the country be entrusted with the formation of a new government. There must be no delay. Hesitation is fatal."; English capture Baghdad, Iraq from the Turks; Richthofen makes his 26th kill near Viny (see 3-17); Helen Keller in Alabama receives a Tauchbootbrief (U-boat letter) from her German publisher thanking her for donating her German royalties to aid German soldiers and sailors blinded in the war (The French had criticized Helen Keller for this to which she replied: "If any of my books were published in France, I should unhesitatingly give the royalties from them to the French blinded.") (see 2-5, March); Tsar orders Duma suspended.

12- 190,000 men of the Petrograd garrison revolt and side with the strikers; The French ambassador to Russia writes: "The army was fraternizing with the revolution."; Tsarina writes the Tsar: "Concessions inevitable. Street fighting continues. Many units gone over to the enemy."; Duma President Rodzianko tells the Tsar: "The situation is growing worse. Measures should be taken immediately... The last hour has struck, when the fate of the country and dynasty ((go to page 25))" 27

"is being decided."; 3 of the Tsar's children come down with the measles; the Duma refuses to dissolve; Allied Conference in London works out relationship between Generals Nivelle and Haig for the upcoming offensive on the Western Front; French win some success in Champagne(W); Lawrence in Wadi Kitau, has boils on back, heavy fever and dysentery--he shoots Hamed for the murder of a man so there will be no Arab blood feud(see 3-13); Mata Hari's 7th interrogation(see 3-21); Bernstorff arrives in Copenhagen, Denmark(see 3-13); US Ambassador to Germany Gerard arrives in Key West Florida(see 3-14); Maugham play Our Betters opens on Broadway, has the lines: "You damned fool! I told you it was risky." and "The slut!"(see 3-13)

13- Duma President Rodzianko wires General Ruzsky: "His Majesty and yourself apparently are unable to realize what is happening in the capital. A terrible revolution has broken out. Hatred of the Empress has reached a fever pitch."; The Tsar leaves the Front headed for Petrograd; US grants de jure recognition to the Carranza Government in Mexico(see October 1915)(2-5); Lawrence and his men eat sheep over a huge pile of buttered rice(see 3-14); English deny that they inflicted indignities upon Bernstorff and the Germans in Halifax(see 3-14); Some of the reviews for Maugham's Our Betters(see 3-12) are: "morally sordid", "offensive" and "Even if it were not one-half as repellent and bitter as it is, the bluntly spoken vulgarity of the end of its second act would be enough to ruin it." ((It ran for 112 more performances!)); Sir Robert Mark, English tyre salesman, born in England.

14- Duma forms a provisional government headed by Prince Lvov as Prime Minister and Kerensky, a socialist(and vice-president of the Soviet) as Minister of Justice; China breaks diplomatic relations with Germany(see 2-9,3-1,8-14); German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg urges voting reforms upon the Reichstag saying: "We can carry on such a policy of strength, at home and abroad, only if the whole people, every class of it, including its broad masses, enjoys such political rights as to enable it to take an equal and willing share in the work of the State."; English attack Turks 20 miles north of Baghdad(see 3-11), forcing them to retreat(see 3-19); Former German ambassador to the US Bernstorff arrives in Berlin; Former US ambassador to Germany Gerard arrives in Washington, D.C.; Lawrence's clothes are full of lice and fleas(see 3-15).

15- Tsar Nicholas II abdicates for himself and his hemophiliac son in favor of his brother Grand Duke Michael(see 3-16) after approving of the new Lvov government in Russia; Petrograd Soviet issues "Order No. 1" which calls for sailors and soldiers to form committees to take over the Russian armed forces; Lawrence arrives at Abu Markha, staying there for 10 days suffering a "bodily weakness" (see 3-27)

16- The main German withdrawal takes place in France(see 2-23,3-10) and they give up a bulge of 600 sq.miles for a strongly fortified "Hindenburg Line". The 600 sq miles was a scene of destruction whether of houses, wells, trees and was booby-trapped(see March)(4-5); U-boats sink 3 US merchant ships, the Illinois, the City Of Memphis and Vigilancia; French air ace makes 3 kills near Auger; Austro-German conference on war aims is held in Berlin(see 3-26); Grand Duke Michael refuses the Russian crown.

17- Lenin, hearing of the Russian Revolution in Switzerland, frets that "it will not be possible to get away early from this damned Switzerland."(see 3-19); Briand Government falls in France(see 3-20); English take Baupaume(W); Russians take Van(T); Russians take Kerind, which is only 150 miles from Baghdad(see 3-11, 5-18); German destroyers raid English Channel(see 2-25, 4-21); Richthofen makes 27th and 28th kills at Oppy and west of Vimy(see 3-21); American diplomat Charles Vopicka arrives in Halifax, Canada.

(18)- Germans leave Peronne(W); Pravda reappears in Petrograd with Molotov as its editor--the first issue is dated March 5, Old Style. Isaac Asimov in his Book Of Facts says: "Apparently because it could not locate a copy in any of its libraries, the Soviet Union was obliged to ask the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, at Stanford University, for a microfilm copy of its original edition of the first issue of Pravda(dated March 5, 1917).

19- English force Turks on the Euphrates back beyond Al Fallujah(see 3-14, 3-26); French battleship Danton sunk in Mediterranean by torpedo(see 3-23); King George V of England cables to Tsar(who never got the message): "Events of last week have deeply distressed me. My thoughts are constantly with you, and I shall always remain your true and devoted friend as you know I have been in the past."; Russian emigres in Switzerland discuss approaching Germany((see page 27))

a: a way of returning to Russia. (Germany had been funding Russian revolutionaries for years); Lenin in Switzerland sends 3 notes out: (1) to Ganetsky, one of his friends in Sweden: "I cannot wait any longer. No legal means of transit available. Whatever happens, Zinoviev and I must reach Russia. The only possible plan is as follows: you must find two Swedes who resemble Zinoviev and me, but since we cannot speak Swedish they must be deaf mutes. I enclose our photographs for this purpose." and (2) to Karpinsky, the Bolshevik Librarian in Geneva: "I am carefully considering from every point of view what will be the best way of travelling...Please procure in your name papers for traveling to France and England, and I will use them when passing through England and Holland to Russia. I can wear a wig..." and (3) to a group of Russian Social Democrats in Sweden preparing to return to Russia: "Our tactic: absolute distrust, no support for the new government..."

20- Wilson ^{decides} on war with Germany (see 3-21); his cabinet and most of the American people and press ^{agree}; Ribot succeeds Briand as French Premier; Russia grants Finland autonomy although by this time most Finns wanted independence (see 7-18); Austrian Emperor draws up the 1st Sixtus Letter which he tells the French that he would "support the just claim of France to recover Alsace-Lorraine with all means at his disposal and with all the personal influence he could exert on his ally" and would call on Germany to restore Belgium (see 3-24); The new Russian Government votes "to deprive the deposed emperor and his consort of their liberty" for their own protection; Kerensky states: "I will not be the Marat of the Russian Revolution. I will take the Tsar to Murmansk myself. The Russian Revolution does not take vengeance."; Lenin writes: "The Provisional Government can give the people neither peace, nor bread, nor freedom...a government for war, a government for the continuation of the imperialist slaughter, a government of plunderers, determined to plunder Armenia, Galicia, Turkey, to seize Constantinople and to reconquer Poland, Courland, Lithuania, etc. This government is bound hard and fast by Anglo-French imperialist capital."; The Brooklyn Dodgers vote to end close order drills. Other American League clubs followed soon. It had been part of a war preparedness. They were re-instituted when the US entered the war to avoid criticism of baseball players not being in military service.

21- Wilson calls for a special session of Congress to meet on April 2 to discuss "grave matters of national policy." (see 3-20, 4-2); New York World, one of the leading Democratic papers calls for war with Germany; Germany divides Belgium into 2 linguistic regions, one for the Flemish and one for the Walloons (see 2-18, 2-11-18); The Russian Government asks the English if "the king and His Majesty's government would at once offer the emperor asylum in England." (see 3-22); Tsarevitch Alexis, the Tsar's son, asks: "But if there isn't a Tsar, who's going to govern Russia?"; Richthofen makes 29th kill, north of Neuville (see 3-22, 3-24); Mata Hari is refused hospitalization by a French doctor (see 3-26).

22- US recognizes the new Russian Government, the first country to do so; Tsar returns to his family at Tsarskoe Selo, 15 miles from Petrograd; Russian soldiers exhume Rasputin's body, drench it with gasoline and set it on fire; England agrees to allow the Tsar have exile in England (see 3-21, 3-2); Petrograd Soviet opposes the Tsar's leaving: "The Republic must be safeguarded against the Romanovs returning to the historical arena. That means that the dangerous persons must be directly in the hands of the Petrograd Soviet."; Swiss Minister for Foreign Affairs Hoffmann cables the Germans that: "outstanding Russian revolutionaries desire to return to Russia via Germany since they are afraid to go via France on account of the submarine risk." (see 3-25); German raider Möwe arrives back in Kiel after capturing 22 steamers, 5 sailing craft and 580 prisoners of war; Richthofen is promoted to 1st lieutenant (see 3-24); Hungarian Count Károlyi has audience with Austrian Emperor Charles who says: "I am firmly resolved to bring the war to an end in 1917." (see 3-24)

23- French admit the loss of the Danton (N) (see 3-19)

24- England, France and Italy recognize the new Russian government; The Russian government promises the Petrograd Soviet that the Tsar will remain in Russia; In Germany, the Kaiser and the Army are in favor of transporting the Russian revolutionaries through Germany back to Russia (see 3-25); Austrian Emperor Charles meets with his wife's 2 brothers, Sixtus and Xavier at Laxenburg and gives them his letter (see 3-20) to take to the French government in Paris (see 3-19); Richthofen makes his 30th kill near Givenchy (see 3-25); Karen'Out of Africa' Blixen writes about the German commander in German East Africa: "You should hear how they talk about von Lettow out here." (continued on page 29) (29)

"As the greatest genius of the age. It is really interesting to have known him. They say that his tactics are based on the sole aim of keeping the war going out here until peace is made in Europe so that Germany can press demands for German East Africa--and that he is maintaining this with incredible brilliance and perseverance."

(25)- German High Command sends telegram to German Foreign Office: "No objections to the transit of Russian Revolutionaries if effected in special train with reliable escort." (see 3-27); Wilson calls up the National Guard; The Russian government informs the English ambassador that for political reasons they cannot deliver the English King's telegram to the Tsar; Stalin arrives in Petrograd from exile in Siberia (see February, 3-27). By this time exiles were pouring into the capital from all over Russia; Richthofen makes his 31st kill at Tilley (see 4-2); Canadian pilot Billy Bishop makes his 1st kill (see 3-31); Trotsky gets Russian passport

26- English attack Gaza in Palestine (see March, April); Austro-German conference is held in Berlin to discuss war aims and the possible effects of the Russian Revolution; ~~Second French Air Force refuses hospitalization to Water Hart~~ (see 3-21)

27- Petrograd Soviet recognizes Poland's right to independence (see 3-29) and calls for "a peace without annexations or reparations."; Stalin writes a Pravda article which says goals are to "strengthen the Soviets...to link them under the guidance of a Central Soviet...as an organ of Government by the revolutionary people."--this became the gem of "all power to the Soviets" (see 3-28); Trotsky, with his first authentic Russian passport (see 3-25) leaves New York for Russia on board the Norwegian ship Christianafjord (see 4-3); The Germans send an agent to meet Lenin in Switzerland to discuss crossing Germany (see 3-25, 4-3); Lawrence's left hand is stung by a scorpion, it swells and the arm becomes stiff and sore (see 3-29); Cyrus Vance born, Clarksburg, West Virginia (was Jimmy Carter's Secretary State who resigned following the Iran raid of 1980)

28- Stalin becomes one of the editors of Pravda when 27-year-old Molotov is kicked out. Stalin, who was a member of the Central Committee, wrote: "Land for the peasants, protection of labor for the workers and a democratic republic for all the citizens of Russia." (see 3-29)

29- Russian Government recognizes Poland's right to independence in agreeing with the Petrograd Soviet (see 3-27) but insists that Poland maintain a military union with Russia; Lawrence and Arabs attack the Turks at Aba el Naam on the Turkish railway to Medina taking 30 prisoners, a mare, 2 camels some ~~sham~~ while killing and wounding 70 men and burning the station. Lawrence's side had only one man slightly hurt (see March); Russian exiles in Switzerland discuss whether it is wise to accept the German train offer (see 3-27). Lenin says: "When the revolution is in danger we cannot pay attention to silly bourgeois prejudices. If the German capitalists are so stupid as to take us over to Russia, it's their own funeral. I accept the offer. I go." (see 4-3); Stalin writes in Pravda that the Russian government "must come out openly and publicly in an effort to induce all the belligerent powers to begin peace negotiations immediately on the basis of the right of nations to ~~self~~ defense." (see 3-31)

30- Noting the unpopularity of the Tsar inside England, King George V sends a message to the English foreign secretary saying: "But His Majesty cannot help doubting, not only on account of the dangers of the voyage, but on general grounds of expediency, whether it is advisable that the imperial family [the Tsar] should take up residence in this country." (see 3-17)

31- US acquires control of the Danish West Indies (see 1-17), known now as the American Virgin Islands; Canadian pilot Billy Bishop makes his 2nd kill (see 3-25); German Chancellor holds a meeting to discuss "the effects of the Russian revolution on internal political feeling in Germany", deciding that the German press must be used to influence the Germans against revolutionary ideas; In Pravda, Stalin calls for the formation of a Super-Soviet, using the word "rossilisky" rather than "russky" implying not only Russia but also all her pre-war non-Russian possessions.

--in March 1917; U-boats sink 330 English, Allied and neutral ships. 127 of these ships were English and 103 of those went by U-boat which was 353,478 tons. The Allies were only able to sink 4 U-boats (see 2-1); Germans sink 66 Norwegian ships; English Admiralty estimates that shipping losses to U-boats could rise to 700,000 tons by June (see April); During the months of February and March, neutral ships' arrival and departures in England was only about 25% of the same 2 month period in 1916--fear of U-boats.

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On the Western Front, 178 Allied divisions now face 129 German divisions(see January 1918). During March the Germans pulled back to more defensible lines, wrecking the area of France they had abandoned. German officer Herbert Sulzbach writes: "Our withdrawal is a strategic masterpiece, as the Swiss press calls it, and while we occupy a beautifully-prepared, new defence position, the French have to sit in a shell-torn wilderness, where there are no roads and hardly any water."

Early in March, the English instructed Lawrence of Arabia to block the Turkish railway so the Turkish troops would remain in Medina and thus not move into Palestine where they might tip the balance against the English forces there. They were to constantly harry the Turkish communications. Lawrence rode to Abdullah who was in charge of the Medina district to urge him to assist. (see 3-10, 3-26, 3-29).

Viviani is no longer the French Minister of Justice in the shake-up of the French government(see 3-17,3-20); Imperial War Conference is held in London among the nations of the British Empire; Estonia is granted autonomy by the Petrograd Soviet(see 3-20,3-29,4-12).

Bulgaria suppresses Serbian uprising near Kursulje with 2,000 executions (see February); The left-wing of the Socialist party in Germany breaks away to form the Independent Social Democrats, or USPD(Unabhängige Sozialdemokratische Partei); In England, the House of Commons approves of women's suffrage at the close of the war; England bans newspaper posters owing to the paper shortage.

Helen Keller in Alabama writes: "I am neutral, uncompromisingly neutral. I have never at any time espoused the cause of Germany or the cause of any of the belligerent nations...I am opposed to all wars except those that are really fought for freedom. I do not object to war merely because it takes life. The French Revolution cost thousands of lives, and history has justified the French Revolution. I object to the kind of war Europe is fighting and the kind of war America is getting ready to fight--a war for trade and a place in the sun.

"In one of the Braille papers for the blind from Paris, La Revue Braille, I read this: 'We are fighting for our morals, our faith, our civilization. We shall fight until we conquer, we shall never turn back until we are the first Military Nation in Europe. There is a consensus of opinion among the thinkers and literary men of France in this matter.' I read these words many times before I could believe my fingers. Not a word of defense could I find. It was an avowal of militarism, and militarism is Germany's unpardonable crime against humanity."

English Antarctic explorer Shackleton leaves New Zealand for Australia which he reaches by mid-March(see 2-9, 4-9), W. Somerset Maugham leaves Tahiti and heads for San Francisco(see 4-18)

((And that's World War I up through March 1917 and all we will see for 1986. I hope you are enjoying it. It is my favorite part of EE.))

GARFIELD

By Jim Day



TUMBLEWEEDS



***** Only Yesterday... *****
Number Ten; Special Con Report Edition ***** N. Heintzman, ed.



ARREST OF A CANADIAN BURGLAR.— A letter was received yesterday by Chief BEST from the police authorities of Hamilton, Canada, requesting him to look out for a burglar who had committed pretty extensive depredations in that city, and had made his escape in this direction, it was believed. A description of the chap was given, from which a police detective might recognise him, although to any one else it would seem to offer no assistance whatever. The officers of the Chief's squad were put on the alert, and Officers MARVEL and BURTON soon spotted and arrested a man whose identity with the Hamilton burglar there can be little doubt. A six-shooting revolver was found in his pocket, loaded, capped, and primed for instant use, and his whole demeanor after his arrest, which was cool and impudent, with occasional displays of malignancy, showed him to be a hard, desperate fellow. He refused to give his name, but acknowledged himself an Irishman. His age we should judge to be about twenty-five.

It is conjectured that he may have been concerned in some burglaries committed here not long ago. He will be held to wait the demands of the Canadian authorities. Most of the goods stolen at Hamilton have been recovered.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 18, 1860)

THE BURGLAR.— The burglar arrested by our police on Tuesday, is named George Madden. The amount of goods stolen from the hardware store of HILTON & BROTHERS, is about \$300—mostly in cutlery and plated ware, a part of which has been recovered here. He is a burglar by profession, and he has all the appearance of being an ugly customer. He confesses to the burglary at Hamilton.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 19, 1860)

THE BURGLAR, MADDEN.— The Republic gives the following recent exploits of the burglar, MADDEN, arrested in this city a few days since: "He committed a burglary in Williamsville, in this county, in April, at which place he broke into a jewelry store, and obtained about two hundred and fifty dollars worth of jewelry. He then on the 18th of March ((sic)) broke into a store on Commercial street, and obtained about one hundred and fifty dollars worth of clothing. The next operation was in a shoe store, just above Huron street, where he gained entrance and stole about one hundred and fifty dollars worth of shoes. He then on the 10th of March ((sic)) broke into Renner's clothing store on Main street, from which he obtained eighty-one dollars worth of cloth. Last Tuesday night he broke into two stores in North Buffalo, and obtained a lot of pennies. On the last occasion he had an empty trunk, which he concealed at the back of the building he was going to rob, and was to fill with the stolen property; he was frightened off, however,

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and the trunk was found by officers BURTON and MARVEL, as we have described. He had paid the ferryman at Black Rock a dollar in advance to take the trunk across."

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 21, 1860)

Only Yesterday... (late October, actually) - SPECIAL CON REPORT (Twentieth Century!)

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It was my very special pleasure indeed to attend BRUXCON/TOMATOCON '86 at Paul Gardner's father's rustic home in the forest covered mountains of Vermont this past October 24-27. Co-sponsored by Paul himself (Not New York) and Bruce Linsey, this Con proved itself to be one SMOOTH blast. Although I missed the beginning of the Con - arriving late Saturday afternoon, the 25th - once there every minute was a moment of joy and pleasure.

A sincere thank you goes to my folks with whom I hitched a ride in their RV for the weekend. We left Buffalo - my folks and I and their German Shepherd, Autumn - about 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Taking a rather leisurely cruise across New York State on the Thruway, we made it to Albany, the state capital, in fairly good time; however, the winding, mountainous thoroughfare to Brattleboro, Vermont takes longer to traverse than it looks upon the map. Hence the entire trip lasted about 10 hours. My folks were gracious enough to amuse themselves in the New England hill country that night and all day Sunday, so that bright and early on Monday morning we all returned to Western New York. My stay then lasted Saturday evening, all day Sunday, and Sunday night; my, what a grand time it was!

I was looking forward to meeting old hobby friends such as Bruce and Mike Barno, both of whom I'd met face to face several years before. I was also looking forward to seeing the faces attached to such familiar and friendly voices over the phone as belonged to Paul and Gary Coughlan - our editor host! Other compatible spirits included Steve Hutton, Alan Stewart (take away his politics, of course), and several people who I knew postally, but had never met; Jeff Zarse, Dave Lincoln, Steve and Linda Courtemanche, Simon Billenness, and last, but certainly not least, Russ Rusnak. And then there were those who I was aware of only through reputation; Bruce McIntyre, Ron Krukowski, Peter Mateunas, etc.

When I first arrived late Saturday afternoon, I committed my first (but last!) faux pas. Three people were standing outside Paul's dad's house. When the lanky, long haired blond man with the high cheekbones spoke, I immediately recognized Paul's voice. Exuding a certain quiet competency, it wasn't hard at all to see the strength of Paul's Viking forebears within him. Recognition came swiftly; likewise, seeing one of only two females who I thought might be there, I was right on the money recognizing Linda Courtemanche. However, the third member of the trio for some sub-conscious chauvinistic reason, undoubtedly, I publicly assumed to be Linda's husband, Steve. Well, it turned out to be no other than Simon Billenness!! Well, since I hadn't heard him speak yet, and thus had not detected his British accent, I plead that the mistaken identity was perfectly understandable! Anyways, within minutes I'm entering Mr. Gardner's great house (built in sections over the years by different individuals with different tastes - some parts dating back to the late 1700s! - the two story house contained so many rooms, partitions, stairwells, entrances and exits, that I still don't have the plan of it straight in my mind. And I know there are still hidden rooms unvisited by the multitude. As I told Paul, that house would make a GREAT Halloween House!), and am immediately bombarded with a flurry of activity; cooking in the kitchen; Simon Billenness and his vegetarian chili with all the strange and peculiar herbs and spices - English witchery in a New England haunt, no doubt! But, of course, talking about a poison brew - there was Linsey's infamous spaghetti sauce bubbling on the stove as well! (smile) Actually, I sampled both and they were both delicious. Simon, by the way, what was the name of that grain or barley or whatever which soaks up the sauce and then swells thereby forming the consistency of meatless chili? Anyways, also in the kitchen stood this smooth shaven, relatively shorthaired

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individual who looked me over and remarked: "You're Nelson Heintzman? Well, I'm the person you called a Neanderthal." Well, actually, I believe the term I once used to refer to this person was "antediluvian," but close enough.... Anyways, the unusual introduction worked as I immediately then realized that this was none other than THE Russ Rusnak! As it turned out, while we didn't get into any games together, he being a Civilization and Maximus Circus freak, while I fell hopelessly in love with Survive! and tried my hand at Clue, we did have several light conversations together and he proved quite a pleasant and amiable fellow.

Saturday evening, after finally getting semi-orientated with the rooms, the people, luggage in its proper place, etc., I settled down to several games of Survive! and Clue. Bruce Linsey turned me onto Survive! which I initially played with his personable cousin, Gary, Bruce himself, and I believe Rebecca, Dave Lincoln's daughter. Between that night and the following Sunday, I would play Survive! with Dave Lincoln, both his children, Bruce Geryk, Alan Stewart, Mike Barno, and Gary Coughlan. Linda Courtemanche would play, too, although she became even more involved in Saturday night's Clue games - as did we all including - most ominously - Bruce Linsey! The following is a free message: DO NOT PLAY CLUE WITH BRUCE LINSEY (unless he uses only the note pads provided for and only 1 column at a time). This is TRUTH!!! A number of us settled down to play Clue: Bruce, myself, Linda Courtemanche, Tom de Graf, Gary, Dave Lincoln's son, Bryan. Bruce immediately draws this complex, multidimensional matrix which charts not only what people show him, but all of the ancillary possibilities which occur when others were showing their cards to others. It was absolutely mind boggling; the last time I played Clue was when I was a kid; and I sure as hell never played it that way! Keeping track of everything not shown everyone else made each move a 10 minute operation. Not only that, but Bruce kept track and made notes on the direction in which people moved their markers. Moving down the righthand corner of the aisle toward a certain room had some sort of significance than if one moved down the lefthand side of the aisle. Unbelievable! And, of course, he won the first game! So, everybody else gets serious and starts drawing these copious charts keeping track of everyone's showing and nonshowing of cards. Why it soon got to be serious work!!! And, in the second game, Bruce outfoxed himself anyways and blew it (smile). So, when it comes to Clue, just be careful. Bruce is a real MONSTER and needs to be controlled.

Saturday night I bunked with Simon Billenness and the next morning we enjoyed a quiet talk together involving Stonehenge, socialism in Britain, the prosperity of even the poor in America, and why aren't there any elevators in British medieval castles (Simon said that the British don't like to pamper their tourists). The rest of Sunday and the evening I spent mostly getting to know Gary and Paul better, hanging out with Mike Barno (always a good idea), playing more Survive!, riding into Brattleboro and setting foot in New Hampshire (Gary insisted), and finding out that I'll never play Scruples again as long as I live.

Sunday morning started out slow. I had gotten up rather late and everyone else had eaten pancakes (which I don't eat anyways), so a ham sandwich sufficed for breakfast. I do believe a Survive! game or two or three were played. I made an attempt to watch the Buffalo Bills game being telecast to New England as Buffalo was playing in Buffalo - true - but they were playing the New England Patriots. Unfortunately, that Sunday the Bills chose to be totally dismal. Earl Gardner, Paul's father, got to chatting with me and we had an interesting discussion concerning the possibility of alternative economic systems for the United States, which Mr. Gardner has spent a great deal of writing and thinking upon. By mid-afternoon, however, I was ready for some fresh air, so I joined Gary and Alan Stewart in piling into Paul's pickup as he drove Simon to the bus terminal in Brattleboro. This was highly fortunate for me as I sat in the cab with Paul and we had a nice talk both into and away from town. This was really the major opportunity for us both to talk together as he was either preparing food or playing some interminably long game in which I had no interest. Also, at some point that afternoon, I had played in a Scruples game with Bruce, Steve Hutton, Alan Stewart, Linda Courtemanche, Simon, Gary (?), others? It had gone all right; I'd never played before. But, later on

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In the evening, Gary, myself, Mike Barno, and Alan Stewart tried Scruples by ourselves. Without going into specifics, certain questions came up and certain discussions ensued which left me feeling rather disquieted for awhile. After much thought, I now think that this game requires what I call a "diffuser," i.e., someone who can bring some levity or perspective to the potentially charged questions and answers which can crop up during the play of this game. Someone who can diffuse the emotional explosiveness which can be engendered by the game. Probably the more "diffusers," the better! In any event, after consideration, I think I'll just leave that game for those who like to argue and debate and discuss.... In any event, Gary, Mike and Alan (and myself) settled our differences and settled into several Survive! games late Sunday evening. Then Gary, who had the best room in the house; wood paneling, two beds, lamps, etc., invited me on so graciously to bunk with him my last night. I was quite happy to accept. Monday morning, I made my goodbyes and left....

This account is being written in late November, a month after the fact. So, much material has been forgotten and thus left out, unfortunately. And I apologize to those who have been slighted through lack of remembrance in this account. On the other hand, what has been remembered after all this time, must have really stuck in my mind and made an impression.

Overall, I spent most of my time with Gary - who is very, very mellow - as well as with Mike Barno, who I've always been able to relax well with, and Paul himself - primarily in the truck ride/excursion to Brattleboro (and New Hampshire where Gary got out of the car and walked off the parking lot pavement to stand on true grass and dirt in the State of New Hampshire) as well as in scattered conversations throughout the Con. Alan Stewart proved a most pleasant gaming companion although I made a point to stay clear of any political/philosophical discussions with him. I was into strictly a mellow experience and that's exactly what I got!!! I enjoyed meeting Jeff Zarse with whom I've had several fateful postal game experiences; Steve and Linda, Ron Krukowski, Bruce McIntyre, Dave Lincoln and his children, Steve, Bruce Geryk, Peter Mateunas, etc. were all people with whom I either passed a few moments or at least noted as being there, although I may not have had a whole lot of dealings with them. Steve Hutton, of course, was always ready with a good quip or two. I do hope to see you more often than every two or three years, though.... Last but not least, I'd like to thank Mr. Gardner, Paul's dad, for having all of us in his house. I enjoyed talking to him and I hope he enjoyed having us.

And, special thanks - this time around anyways - goes to Paul and Gary - the former for making me feel so at home and welcome, and the latter for proving to be one with whom I felt totally relaxed and whose company I enjoyed tremendously especially in the later stages of my stay. Both my folks met Paul and Gary at various times and were impressed. They seemed particularly taken by Gary's gracious manners and charm, although I personally think it's just the accent.... In any event, I thank everyone for a SUPER con and a SUPER time, especially those with whom I spent the most quality time, and each of us knows who that is without public acknowledgement. A lot of good people were in Newfane, Vermont that weekend of Oct. 24-27; hope it can happen again....

This cartoon is not part of Only Yesterday Nelson has better taste than this!



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Artwork By
Keith
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EUROPA EXPRESS'S ADDRESS LIST

(Oooo!! The train is soooo small!) Ever since EE #6, I have used Keith Sherwood's artwork of a train representing EE, and each time it has correspondingly shrunk. Maybe a new one Keith?! Since there hasn't been an address list printed since EE #46 in August 1985, guess what begins on this page? Yep, who reads EE besides you, that's what. If a subber publishes a zine or subzine, it appears after his name. Canadians have a "C" and Europeans are asterisked, as *. The topic this time is...theatre, plays, musicals and the like. If you have () around your name it means the play that you appeared in, every-one thought you were well-cast or perfect for it. If (appears, you've never been in a play but you know a part that you could perform extremely well if ever the chance comes up. a) means that, with your singing voice, it's musicals only for you! And nothing at all around your name means you hated your acting experience and you want no more of it ever! I am a ()--I was Sid in Tom Sawyer and Mr. Gladhand in Westside Story, a bloodthirsty page in Camelot and the non-drinking(Ha!) brother in That Championship Season(that was while in Korea!). Statistics about us are on page 39 . OOPS, Robert Acheson should be first but see 3. Sorry!

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- (87) Jerry Lucas: 3902 Lakemead Way Redwood City, California 94062 USA
- (88) Mark Luedi: PO Box 2424, Bloomington, Indiana 47402 USA(30 Miles Of Bad Road)
- * (89) Uwe Mannherz: Goethestrasse 29, 4322 Sprockhövel 1, WEST GERMANY
- * 90) John Marsden: 17 Church Road, St. Leonards, Hastings, East Sussex,
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- 91) Mark Matuschak: 44 Garden Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-3713 USA
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- * 93. Peter McDonald: 22 Hipley Close, Holme Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire,
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- (94) Dave and Sooki McIntosh: WHERE DID YOU MOVE?????
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(Costaguana)
- * 97. Paul Michel: Boele van Hensbroekstraat 73, 2522 Hk Den Haag, THE NETHERLANDS
(Je Maintiendrai)
- (98) Mike Mills: 47 Mayer Drive, Suffern, New York 10901 USA (Savonlinna)
- (99) Conrad Minshall: 4106 Thain Way, Palo Alto, California 94306 USA
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WEST GERMANY (Sauris Allstar Unlimited/Genesis)
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ABOUT US: EE's subber list breaks down to roughly 150 subscribers, when the couples are added in and 97 of these are Americans, 14 are Canadians and there are 39 Europeans. We come from 30 of the United States; 3 Canadian Provinces and one Territory; and 9 European countries.

21% of you are either players or Malmbergers. 50% of us publish in some way. I have personally seen 71 of you and have talked to a further 24 of you which is approximately 63% of the subber list. Since last time (August 1985) fewer of you publish and I've seen more of you. Could there be a connection, ha ha?

The largest number of EE subbers come from California with 19 calling that state home, closely followed by 17 Britons. Then there are 9 from Ontario; 7 from Illinois; 6 each from Germany, The Netherlands, New York and Texas; 5 from Maryland; 4 each from Michigan and Oregon; 3 each from Alabama, Arizona, Belgium, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey and Wisconsin; 2 each live in British Columbia, France, Georgia, Manitoba, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia; and one each are from Colorado, Connecticut, Finland, Hungary, Iowa, Maine, Norway, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Switzerland, Utah, Vermont and the Northwest Territories. Truly an international group!

ARLO 'N' JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson



DICK TRACY



THE LETTER COLUMN....

Well my Smith-Corona typewriter, Old Faithful, conked out on me right in the middle of the address list, right after it did World War I for me. I don't know what has happened to it but this is definitely not the time of the year to get it repaired. So the rest of the zine is being typed by an IBM Selectric that I have rented for a week, and I think it will spoil me except I miss my changeable type. So let's get to it.....

Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "I was changing planes in Memphis early in July and tried to call you, but only got a busy signal. I was only there for about a hour and a half, with the half hour spent on the plane waiting to take off."

And another one escapes the Elvis-Graceland tour! If my phone is busy during the weekday, I'm either not at home or I'm typing this zine. I tried to call you when I had a layover in Detroit when I was headed for Vermont Con but didn't get a answer. In both cases we were probably at work I'll bet.

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Jeff Hoffman(New Jersey): "I received EE #53 and, following your note on page 1, turned to page 13 "at once". I couldn't quite figure out why I was to study Blunk House of Bourbon' but I did. E/G breaks up with E having, for now, the upper hand. R is out of it. T NMRs! Looks grim for non-English-speaking countries. Well, maybe you meant to look at a different page. So I looked at them all. So here is my first letter to EE."

Well what happened ~~is~~ that when I got EE #53 back from the printer I realized that I had made a mistake on page 13. The letter column did not continue on another page and it had been left blank where it said, on page 13, "(But see page)". So, instead of telling y'all where to look by putting a note on page 1((For North Americans I usually try to scribble a note--I can't do that on European copies because that would turn European EEs into first class mail and cost mucho extra bucks)), I had everyone go to page 13 and marked the page that they should see on page 13--I think I even did that such on the European copies and wasn't it in red ink?

Darlene Baker said she thought I was playing the old hymnbook game where you have to constantly flip from page to page. Since I went to Vermont(see page 14), I couldn't scribble any notes like I try to. I hope I make up for that on this issue! Now Jeff, go back to EE #53, p.13 and go to the page mentioned on page 13!

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Olivier Montbazer(France): "Would you like to trade between our 2 zines? Tiens Il Pleut was created by your old friend(who is also one of mine) Georges Lebigot."

Bruce Geryk(Illinois, USA): "I don't know what your policies are regarding trades, but whether by trade or mutual sub, I'd like to exchange Blunt Instruments for EE."

Rory Noble(Oregon, USA): "Just a quick note to introduce my new zine, The Volcano City News, and say that I'd like to possibly trade for a copy of Europa Express."

My policy has always been to trade with anyone but, since EE is now only published 5 times a year and when this issue here goes out, the next one will be seen in March 1987, I don't think that is fair to those of you who put out 10-12 issues a year. So what I usually do is trade for half your year's production, and pay for the other 5 or 7 issues. Hokay?

With European zines it's straight trade, whatever you do for whatever I do. Olivier, any friend of Georges is a friend of mine--after all he named a game of Diplomacy in his zine, the Gary Coughlan Game, and you kept that name so I am proud to trade with you also.

Bruce's zine is described on page 5. Rory's zine will feature a letter column, quizzes(the first one is on music) and of course Diplomacy. And he lives in

* St. Helens, Oregon and his zine is thus aptly named. Address is on page 38 .

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Geoff Challinger(United Kingdom): "Thanks for EE #54. Sadly I think it's going to be the last EE I'll see(for quite a while).

I'll resist the temptation to tease you by suggesting that my reasons for breaking our trade deal are a symptom of European anti-Americanism, blah blah blah, but in truth it is simply because I'm finding my response to EE is a little stale these days. That's not too clear is it...

I think we've been trading since Home 1/EE 4? 5? and I thoroughly enjoyed EE in all its forms up to the half-century. I even found the feuding phase an interesting read and I think the stuff in the lettercol on the US/Europe relationship enjoyable, if that's the right word. But 5½ years and 110+ zines exchanged is a lot of water under the bridge. I just think it's time to try something new.

The other influencing thing is your new schedule which I am afraid is killing my interest in the lettercol. It keeps you publishing when you might otherwise be caving in, but to my non-playing viewpoint, it means that to say something in a letter, get other people's response and then reply to that is a process which can take 6-7 months. If you're on topics such as the best beans to use in a chili, or what sauce to use when frying your chameleon, then that's no big deal. But when your lettercol is endeavouring to tackle more serious subject matters, it's a big problem.

To take an example, we went from Danilooff being arrested, the US denying he was a spy, an exchange being arranged, arms talks being held, broken off, resumed and continued under-the-counter; all within the space between two EEs. How can we chat about that and in particular, where will the world be when people respond to those remarks?

All that sounds unnecessarily harsh, because I don't want you to get the impression that I'm opting out on any principle other than a desire to seek fresh trades. Glover might not care much, but I want to leave amicably. You never know when I'll turn up in downtown Nashville!

In terms of new trades, I'll probably be trying out Magus(I've got relatives just north of Sacramento so I identify with the area) and Hugh Christies's Over There(on Conrad's commendation). Any other suggestions? Not that I'm looking to acquire lots of new trades. Having won the Zine Poll(yeah!) and with a baby due next spring, Home is going to be a less palatable product anyway, so I'm looking to keep trades down to 20.

Having grumbled about slow response time, let me clarify one point you raised in response to Wallace Nicoll's letter last time, the British hobby is lop-sided in its political leanings. By and large. The editorial and high-profile subscriber part of the hobby is intellectual left-wing and as such, tend towards Labour/Liberal views. Hence that part of the hobby was fervently anti-Falklands war and were horrified by the Libyan bombings. It's that part of the hobby which you have the greatest exposure to. There are editors who make Michalski look like a pinko wimp, but they tend to be a minority and either keep their politics on a low level or are outnumbered by their left-wing brethren.

Subscribers are different. I suspect they are pretty much evenly spread 'as with the rest of the population, maybe more slanted towards centrist policies. But they are not really interested in such things as wars and bombings. Their wars are more importantly centred on the Diplomacy board. Probably a majority of the UK hobby would have been pro-Falklands war, but you wouldn't think so judging the hobby coverage it got.

The reason we were irritated by the absence of US tourists was that it seemed that the US was taking the offensive action, with the end result of making Europe (not the US) a more dangerous place. That US tourists then used that as a justification for not coming to Europe kind of implies that the US makes a foreign policy move and Europe becomes more dangerous and economically penalised as a result. I know your absence has more to do with European attitudes and not by the element of danger (and probably mainly to do with the economics of paying for it!), but most non-travellers cited fear of terrorism as their reason.

No space, no space. All the best and thanks for all those EEs."

And thank you for another, in a long line, enjoyable, thought-provoking letter! When I end trades with someone, I hope I do it just like you have. Magus is a good

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choice, I don't know Over There or what you already sub to. Zines which are open to European trades are Conrad von Metzke's Costaguana (which it seems you already get?), Scott Hanson's Pommes Mit Mayo, Cathy Ozog's Cathy's Ramblings and Bruce Geryk's Blunt Instruments. And Alan Stewart's Praxis. All of these zines either have or plan to feature, in Bruce's case, active letter columns which I think Europeans would enjoy. Scott's zine is specifically geared to Europeans and Cathy adores Britons especially. I highly recommend all of these zines and their addresses can be found in this issue's address list on page 36.

If I didn't have this new schedule of publishing 5 times a year instead of the 10 that held till issue 50, I would have folded.

This is as good a spot as any to tell you that your zine Home of the Brave achieved a first with me recently. I work for the post office but never have I personally come across a piece of my own mail (others have handed me zines before, fellow co-workers) until Home #61 fell into my hands September 11. Since it had not been "delivered", I was told, it was still "in the system" so I could not take it home. It came in the mail on September 16, after being in Memphis for 5 days!

Congratulations on a well-deserved first place showing in the U.K. Zine POLL and the upcoming new baby. And especially for not trying to savage me when you ended trades as Glover did in EE #53.

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Glover Rogerson (United Kingdom): "I hope this will be the last letter that I write on the subject of terrorism, because it seems that all that's happening is that people are getting worked up with each other, rather than working on the question in hand. First off, a couple of apologies.

(1) Yes, you did note that politics was "one of the reasons" I cancelled trades. You didn't specifically mention the others, but did imply they existed, and I apologise for my over-reaction.

(2) You are correct that EE 49 and 50 didn't have any "feud" material in them, and I apologise for my badly set out reply. The decision to cut trades was not sudden, and part of the reason was that over a period I had been finding EE less fun. I did not, and do not, find EE "objectionable". I apologise for accusing you of "tak(ing) (me) out of context" --my fault.

Now for a couple of general points. (3) In my first letter I "cast stones" at the USA. I was not, in my second letter, "attempting to mitigate" this. The USA is an economic and military bully. In my opinion. The fact that I view other countries in the same light does not mitigate that at all, so far as I am concerned. My presentation in the second letter was an attempt to explain my rationale for my opinion, and to show that I apply my criteria in (I hope) a logical fashion.

(4) Being sympathetic to the USA in general, and thinking it is a wonderful country (which I do) does not prevent me from being unsympathetic, on an issue with a view held by a percentage (even if it is a majority) of the USA!! Nor does it mean I can't be sympathetic to/for other peoples and countries.

Nor does it prevent me from trying to understand and explain why the USA is a target for terrorists. I think you were unfair in that comment. ((Note 1))

(5) The comments you picked from Denver ((Glover's zine)). First off, I don't see what the standard of debate in Denver has to do with debate in EE. I can say "x is not good". You can say "Y is not good either." Well, that's very useful, isn't it?

In addition, you picked four very nasty comments, and then tagged on an edited comment of mine as if they directly related to the above four. Obviously, you feel that those comments are indicative of the general level of debate in Denver. To be honest, if that is your opinion, I'd have thought I was doing you a favour by cancelling trades.

I thought your comments unfair, Note 2,.

(6) You say I sound "almost delighted". Here's why: (a) I felt the USA lost some of the moral high ground by bombing Libya. (b) I felt they lost more in justifying civilian casualties because they--the Libyans--have not overthrown their corrupt government.

I always thought that this was the argument "terrorists" used for attacking "innocents": it's their fault for not overthrowing their corrupt government. For the USA to take this position struck me as hypocritical--hence "I like it, I like it". Yes, I laughed. It was either that or cry. ((Continued on page 43)) (42)

AT THE EVENT, HE WAS AWAY FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS, AND AMONG OTHER EXCITING THINGS HE GREW A BEARD.



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.....Well, I doubt I've convinced you, but I thought I owed you--and me--one last throw. I feel that you are very set in your views, (and that's not meant as a criticism) and that debate is not going to change them. Further, you don't seem to be willing to try and understand other's views: so the whole exercise seems guaranteed only to get people upset--and I'd rather do other things. Note 3.

Note 1: Currently, I disagree with virtually all the Reagan Administration's foreign policy, and most of its domestic as well. But the great strength of America is that in a couple of years you'll have a new leader, and new policies.

Note 2: Because I think the overall standard of debate in Denver is better than those four comments imply. I also think that debates in Denver are, in general, "friendlier" than those currently going on in EE--but that is only an opinion.

Note 3: I just realised I did not mention the "preferred anti-American sentiment". As I mentioned above, I am against a lot of current US actions. I was not, per se, against bombing Libya. I just wasn't convinced it would work.

If you perceive this sentiment, perhaps you ought to be asking why? But I also think you ought to discriminate between an anti-Administration feeling, and an anti-American one.

Note that all four of the comments you picked were anti-Reagan...I can guarantee each of those four thinks much the same of Thatcher--but that does not make them anti-British."

I left out your terrorism argument. It is not the reason I'm printing your letter. I don't care how or why I am trashed in this hobby but you'd better damn well have the facts on your side when you do it. I accept your apologies. And if your comments are merely "anti-Reagan", why do your letters say "USA"? And as for the standard of debate being "friendlier" in Denver than in EE, I doubt you have the mix of nationalities that EE has---might one ask how many non-British European subbers Denver has? And just how many non-Anglophile Americans sub to Denver? And you still didnt give me the addresses of the four guys so I could send them a copy of the EE that mentioned them, as a courtesy. Glover's letter was written before the Iran scandal broke.

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Steve Howe(England): Last month I was all in favour of US troops in Europe being sent home. This had nothing to do with my view of NATO, but a fit of pique as there were a lot of US servicemen watching the Bears-Cowboys game at Wembley, and I couldn't get a ticket.(I did find a tout, but he was asking £125 for the cheapest ticket, and I simply couldn't afford it). One autumn(hopefully '87) I intend to fly over and watch some games stateside."

I've read a lot about the English fascination with US football(and Luc from Belgium shared this also(see page 19) in the UK zines I've gotten. I keep seeing this word "tout" ~~is~~, a very descriptive word for guys who hawk tickets for sale. We call them "scalpers" over here, because they cost so dear you might as well be scalped!

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Mark Fassio(Virginia, USA): "Spread the word--Margie is pregnant! FazChild #1 is due out of the chute around 24 April, God willing! I'm torn between "Elvis" and "Bradley Abrams" as names for a boy, and "Gonorrhoea" and "Prascilla" for girls (believe THAT, and I've got a bridge I want to sell you). Anyway, submit me your name recommendations--I'm curious to hear your suggestions!"

Congratulations! It's good to have good news like this during the holidays. I've always been partial to Guthbert and Morticia. And with this we will end the

letter column for 1986. I'd rather have pages of cartoons to share with you! (43)



"That's what I call an autopsy..."

OF COURSE, WE LIED ABOUT CADWALLI. BUT WE DIDN'T MEAN TO LIE TO THE PRESS.

PROMOTER

YOU JUST TOLD US YOU LIED.

YES, I DID.

IS THAT TRUE?

I JUST TOLD YOU.

YES YOU DID LIE?

NO, TOLD YOU.

TOLD US YOU LIED.

YES.

BUT NOT TO US.

YES, TO YOU.

YOU LIED TO US?

WELL, YES, NO, NOT ME, SOMEBODY ELSE.

SOMEBODY LIED TO US.

I DON'T KNOW WHO, WE'RE LOOKING INTO IT.

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CIA Involvement Is About U.S. Involvement

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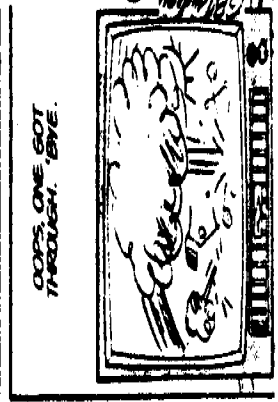
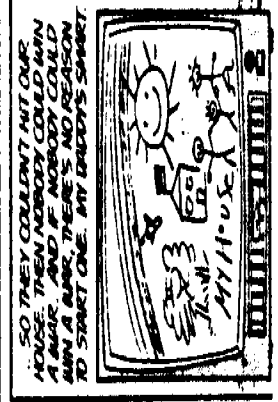
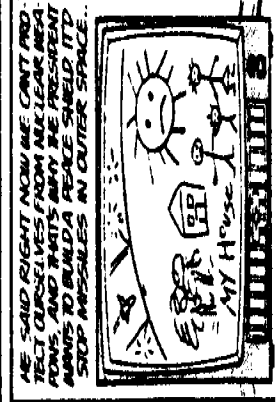
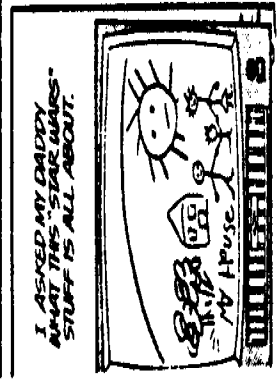
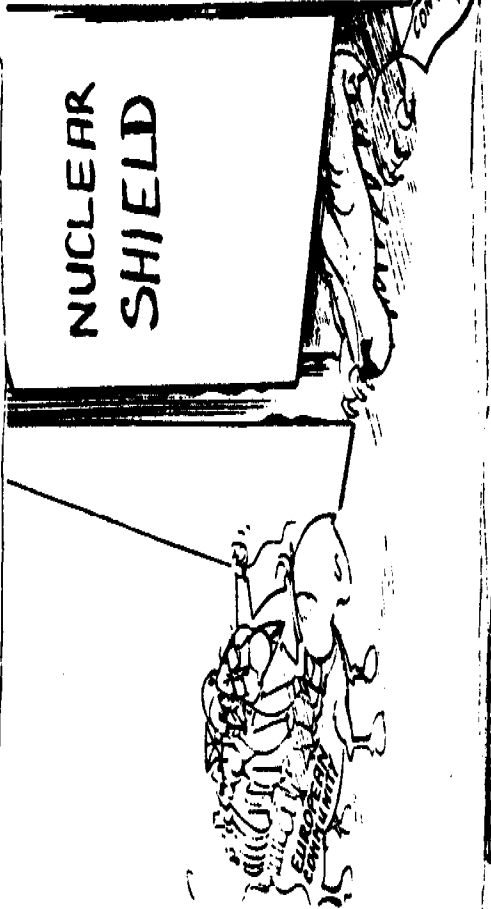
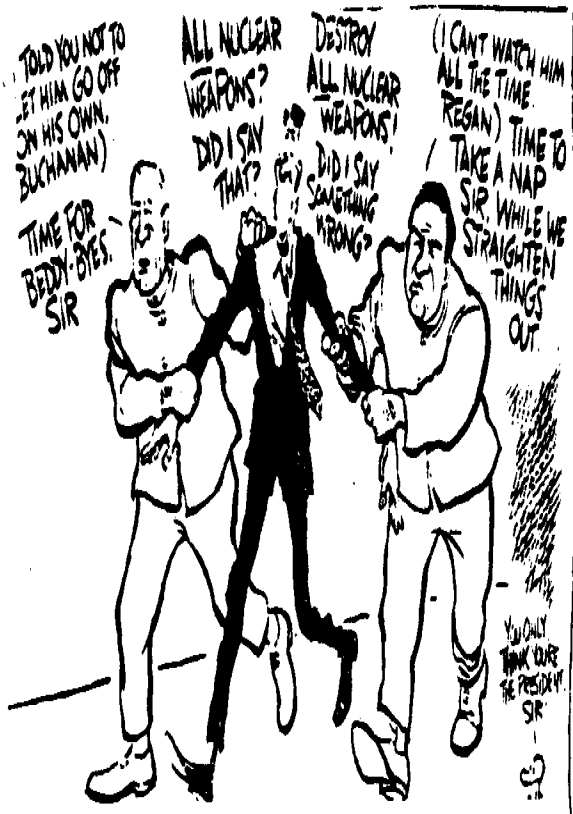
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"About those MODERATES the Americans were trying to contact — don't worry! They BOTH fled the country long ago."

There He Goes Again: "Make sure that I was telling you the truth."

RONALD REAGAN'S REIGN OF ERROR

Mark Green & Gal MacCull



"REPENT, BROTHERS"



Look for the 'Made in the USA' label...



BRACKINS

Debi's Filler #11
By: Debi Peters

Since the last time we visited, Marc and I have had a streak of bad luck with what businesses call "customer service." As episodes began to build up, I decided to get my revenge through the following editorial. Almost everyone reading this will recall a similar experience and hopefully, I have accurately expressed the feeling of frustration when coping with these situations.

If We Are a Service-Oriented Society, Where's the Service?

This is being written while waiting on the phone for a computer. And it's just one example of how the service has left our "service-oriented society." During the past week, several such horrors have befallen our household.

Our van was taken in because we received a notice that the steering may go out due to a fault in the mechanism. The manufacturer reassured us that the danger was minimal, but if the mechanism failed, we would have no control over the vehicle. The notice continued to inform us that we should take it into the friendly local service dealer...just to be safe...and it would gladly be repaired at no charge. While the van was in the service shop, we decided to get several other things checked and were pleasantly surprised to find the brakes still had "braking power" and the electrical system was not going to stop making electricity. This was at no cost to us because there only a minor adjustment to the electrical system. Ha! The next day we waited 30 minutes while the friendly service department tried to find the paperwork and we were handed a bill for \$30.00 for brake inspection and a electrical adjustment. Thanks much-local friendly service department.

Phones and computers have reached the top of my most annoying list this week as I waited 15 minutes to get through to our protector of society the local newspaper. It was not a business call so I will not complain too much. However, during the breaks in the muzak, I kept wondering if some programmer working late one night had written a program to check phone numbers that are often personal and then instructed the computer to have those numbers receive the "Thank you for waiting" message at least six times.

Phones and computers even plagued us at home. Friday night we discovered our phone was dead and this was not from non payment of our bill. The friendly repair service promised the problem would be fixed no later than Monday at 6:00 pm. Lisa, my 17 year old sister, probably suffered most that weekend, but we kept promising her "it would all be better on Monday." However, Monday evening we found a note on our front door and not a dial tone on our phone. The note read "Sorry, we missed you. Please call to make another appointment." I had not made an appointment so I thought this was rather presumptuous and I thought twice about calling again. Since someone had to be in the house, the service person was to come on Saturday, but the phone company would have a deduction on its bill for the week we did not have service! That little act of revenge fell through when by divine intervention, the phone began working again Thursday night. It had to be divine intervention because no human body walked through our place to fix it.

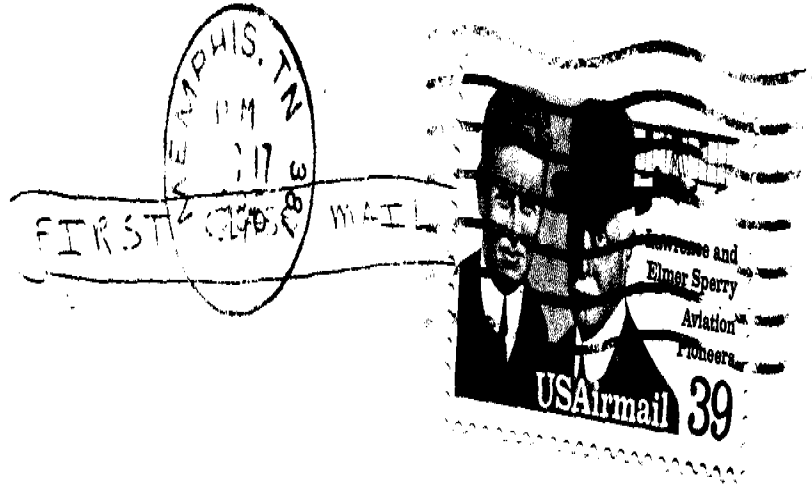
Our very friendly, always available cable tv service company disconnected our cable this week. Now this time, the call was business and I still waited for 15 minutes. This program didn't select certain numbers for the "Thank you for waiting" message six or more times; it did it to everyone. After explaining the situation, I was told disconnection can be done with no one at home, but alas there must be someone in the house to reconnect. October 1st was the big day. The cable company's motto of consumer service is a bit ironic because it does not trust the customer to pay for services rendered; it believes in billing a month in advance. In reality, we were three days late in paying our bill. Our credit cards give us more credit than that!

Oh sure, I realize this may have been just a bad week...but when people mention our "service-oriented" society, I really would question whether it is "service-oriented" toward the consumer or the business.

If anyone has any comments about this subject or some good, juicy stories, please write me at "Debi's Filler," 1814 Cameron Drive, #3, Madison, WI 53711.

One last note the contest I entered to win a helicopter or a silver nugget came through. I won a real felt-tip, silver colored pen. Till next time, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for all you readers who celebrate these holidays.

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