

Dear Larry,

Saturday
April 18, 1987
Memphis

After 6 years of publishing (since January 1981), I have decided that it is time to fold EUROPA EXPRESS. I no longer have the energy or the time to devote to making EE the kind of zine that I want it to be, and that you, I hope, have come to expect. During 1986, when I switched from doing 10 issues per year to only 5 issues per year, I still found publishing the zine to be exhausting and too time-consuming. So, I want to stop publishing before I burn out.

This is not a sudden decision and it is the right decision for me. Of the 15 new zines that came into being in 1981, only EE and Sleepless Knights remain. Of those 15 new publishers only Dave Carter, Scott Hanson and I still publish. I have enjoyed these 6 years as a publisher tremendously and publishing a zine has made possible many more friendships for me than if I had not published.

I enjoyed having a part in establishing links between the North American and the European hobbies, in helping to make game maps a common feature in Diplomacy games and having creative subbers who inspired the picture contests, became players and Malmborgers, sent me editorial cartoons (like the one about Western Europe from Porter and Linda Wightman on the back of Humboldt), wrote EE's letter column for me, gave me articles and furnished the multitude of subzines that helped make EE what it became. (I'm enclosing Nelson Heintzman's Only Yesterday and Kevin Tighe's Humboldt along with this letter. Please read both sides of all sheets. The cartoons are not part of Humboldt.)

EE was always very much a subbers' zine, full of your participation, so I would be very offended indeed if this brief letter and 5 humor items were construed as an issue of EE. For my part, the final issue of EE was #55 published in December 1986. So, since the Runestone Zine Poll instructions clearly state that an eligible zine is one which has published "at least two issues since April 1, 1986 and which has been published in 1987", EE should, quite rightly, not be in this year's poll. I am in full agreement and complete approval of this. (However, Only Yesterday and Humboldt are being mailed by me, in 1987, and hence are still eligible.) I am emphasizing this point because I don't want anyone who has voted for EE to be upset when the zine does not appear in the 1987 rankings.

I will still be GMing "Chocolate Soldiers" ("House of Bourbon" ended in a win for England), I will maybe GM a SPQR game (I haven't fully decided) and I still intend to subscribe to many of the zines that I have been getting which brings us to...money matters...

I always admired the way Konrad Baumeister folded his two zines--everyone was immediately refunded their subscription money upon his fold announcement. That's what I am doing also. Americans are receiving a check of your remaining sub money (please cash it as soon as possible so my checkbook can be straightened out!); Canadians and non-publishing Europeans are being refunded in US dollars. Every trader will be getting either a check, US dollars or British pounds (via the International Subscription Exchange) for the issues of your zine that you have sent me since the beginning of 1987, as soon as I get another paycheck (which will be May 1, 1987). Please continue to send me all issues of your zine through May. After that I will make further arrangements and everyone should receive word of EE's fold by the end of May at the latest.

The important thing is that no one is going to lose any money for having traded with or contributed to EE. If you feel your refund is not correct or that I owe you more money for our trade, please let me know! I want to end on a good note, with no complaints or hard feelings.

Now for the wrap-ups...The answers to the Christmas quiz are on the back of this page and the winners were Ty Hare, Christoph Schunck and Kevin Tighe...The last picture person was Larry Peery.....It's costing \$650.00 to refund EE's subscriptions...If you ever come to Memphis, please let me know and I'll meet you at the airport and give you a place to stay... ..From April to August, the Ramesses the Great Exhibition from Egypt will be in Memphis... ..I was going to vote for Massachusetts Governor Dukakis but now I'm supporting Tennessee's very own Senator Albert Gore (both Democrats of course!)...Many of you will eventually be getting all these newspapers clippings that I've been saving for you...If you ever get stuck playing Austria, just remember what Sigmund Freud said when World War I broke out (really!) "All my Libido is for Austria-Hungary."And emulate King Frederick the Great of Prussia who "one day, when England had put an embarrassing question to him." wrote his minister "I do not want to bother with that. Reply like an Austrian in polite but completely vague terms, which are neither negative nor affirmative but simply incomprehensible." The king finally wrote "20-line note in German, which contained a single sentence, so cut up into clauses that it was impossible to expect to find a main verb and a subject in it."...Adios.... Larry

I. TRUE OR FALSE:

1. TRUE: Perm was known as Molotov for many years.
2. TRUE: Venetian glassworkers were confined to the island of Murano. Any worker who left was immediately placed under a sentence of death in absentia.
3. TRUE: "Nanook" is Eskimo for "polar bear".
4. TRUE: Vietnam is a member of Comecon, the Soviet Bloc's counterpart to the EEC.
5. TRUE: "Storm Warning"(1951) starred Ronald Reagan, Ginger Rogers(whiplashed by the Ku Klux Klan), and Doris Day(shot to death at a Klan rally).
6. TRUE: The US has faced terrorism on its home soil before now. Bombs were in the Mayor of Seattle's mail, one blew off the hands of a Georgia senator's house servant, another was mailed to Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court. A bomb exploded outside the Washington home of the Attorney-General. A huge explosion at the corner of New York's Broad and Wall Streets killed 38 people and injured hundreds of others. These events occurred in 1919-1920.
7. TRUE: In 1938, Ingrid Bergman left Sweden to make a picture in Nazi Germany for the UFA studio. While there the director took her to a Hitler rally. In Ingrid Bergman, My Story, she wrote: "An enormous stadium, floodlights, bands, steel-helmeted storm troopers, Hitler marching in, and dozens of little girls running up all carrying bunches of flowers...you still see it all on old newsreels on television. And there's Hitler beaming and kissing them. Then the Sieg Heil with their arms stretched out in the Nazi salute. I just looked round in amazement."
8. TRUE: Benjamin Franklin often went to prostitutes and had love affairs in his 70s.
9. TRUE: On at least 3 occasions, the Vichy French bombed Gibraltar from their African bases as retaliation for British attacks on French possessions. On July 3, 1940, the British navy attacked French ships in Oran, Algeria. On July 5, 1940, the French bombed Gibraltar. September 23, 1940, the British made an unsuccessful attack on Dakar(Senegal). The French then bombed Gibraltar twice on September 24 and 25, 1940.
10. FALSE: The Liberty Bell has often left Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. It went through the South and to New Orleans in 1885, to Charleston in 1902, to Boston in 1903 and San Francisco in 1915. During these travels the crack in the Bell expanded and fears for its condition put an end to all trips.

II. MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. (c) --Lord Byron swam from Europe to Asia in 1 hour, 10 minutes in 1810.
2. (d) --in Venice today there are about 400 working gondolas. They last about 10 years. 20 new ones are needed each year but only 16 can be turned out each year by the supplier.
3. (d) --Pamplona in the Basque language is "Iruna".
4. (c) --the last U.S. veteran of the War of 1812 died in 1905(the last widow of a U.S. veteran of the War of 1812 died in 1938!). The last U.S. veteran of the American Revolution died in 1854.
5. (a) --Scarlett O'Hara was 19 years old when Atlanta was burned. From interpolation, she was born in 1845, her father came to America in 1822 from Ireland and won Tara in a card game in 1834. Her mother Ellen was about as old as Rhett Butler.

III. FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. The full name of the author of Lord Of The Rings is John Ronald Reuel Tolkien.
2. 24 Sussex Drive is the address of the official residence of Canada's prime minister.
3. The German name for Attila is "Etzel". The German name for Arminius is "Hermann".
4. Flimnap and Bolgolam were 6 inches tall and ministers in Lilliput. Glumdalclitch was a 9-year-old girl who was 40 feet tall and from Brobdingnag. All are characters from Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift.
5. A Georgian in 1866 would have said his state's capital city fell to the Yankees as "Milledgeville fell on November 23, 1864." It was the state capital 1844-1868.

IV. THE OPTIONAL QUESTION: From 1781 to 1850, Uranus was known as The Planet Ceres.

- V. The Finnish cartoon: (1) Good morning, Pitko(Fred)..(Oh, boy! So lively and cheerful that step of authority...(2) So different from the ordinary Monday morning... (3)"Aha! Today he has angled a day off."

Hand the test to the person on your right. They'll correct it and hand it back. If you score above 80% you should run for President in '88.

I'm out of here,

Kevin

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Q: I'm a woman in despair. All I want is a man that is strong and firm yet sensitive to my needs and in an important way soft, intimate and caressing? Is there such a man anywhere in the world?

A: Unfortunately not, but there are several brands of toilet tissue that fit your description perfectly. And they're nice to look at (providing you have no colour prejudice) and hygienic too, so you're less likely to catch anything nasty.

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In more modern times, the British defeated the Spanish Armada not by waiting for troops to land, but by attacking the fleet on the high seas. But if just one Spanish galleon had been able to launch a nuclear weapon, the course of history would have been changed.

T. Johns (*The Nugget, North Bay, Ontario*)

PUNCH April 27 1983

GONE WITH THE WIND: Searing Civil War documentary drama in which the plight of black slaves, any one of whom might well have been a distant relative of Alex Haley, is ruthlessly exposed as an indictment of old American values.

GONE WITH THE WIND: Romantic, lush Hollywood musical (remember *Tara's Theme?*) with Vivien Leigh at her most unforgettable as she waltzes through the great ballrooms of the pre-Civil War South.

GONE WITH THE WIND: Will Scarlett marry dashing moustachioed Rhett or quiet poetic Ashley? Or is Ashley really a closet queen? Will they really let Atlanta burn to the ground, and if so will she mind? Was Olivia de Havilland always as boring as that? One of the greatest pre-*Dallas* soap operas of modern times is now brought to the small screen in a single marathon instalment, after which Barry Norman and Philip Jenkinson will be in the studio to discuss why it is that most of the cast now seem to be dead.



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Daily Republic, Sunday, April 15, 1866

SPRING.- The blue-birds expressed the opinion that spring had returned, some weeks ago; nor have they deigned to reconsider the matter, though winter has frequently refused to relinquish his occupancy, and threatened every bud with annihilation, if it dared to unbutton its calix. The robins, who are more cautious, because more tender than the blue-birds, have hitherto refrained from any positive declaration of sentiments; but they too, have at length united with their less timid neighbors, and commenced gathering materials for spring operations.

Some of the vegetable tribe, hearing the songs of confidence so fearlessly and melodiously carolled by Blue-Jacket and Red-Breast, have commenced loosening their winter robes and mixing their green paints and fancy tints, preparatory to making a respectable appearance in the Court of Flora. We hope none of them will be victimized by the fitful vacillations of the envious tyrant, and be made to pay for their temerity with their lives.

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, April 13, 1866 ?)

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INQUEST-POSSIBLE MURDER-

The Coroner was called this morning to hold an inquest on the body of an unknown man found dead in the mouth of the ship canal in this city. The deceased was of light complexion, hair a little gray, about 35 or 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches in height, had on a blue broad cloth dress coat with figured gilt buttons and velvet collar, blue mixed pantaloons, dark valencia vest, a good pair of calfskin boots, fine cotton shirt and a light colored figured silk neck kerchief. A small sized "anchor escapement" silver watch with gold key, was found in his watch pocket, a penknife and two keys were also found in one of his pockets, indicating that he has a trunk or two at some place in this city or elsewhere. There was quite a contusion on the front part of his head over the left eye, but whether from a blow or fall, did not appear. The most probable conclusion is as he had no papers or money about him, of any description, that he came to his death by some foul means. He appeared to have

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lain in the water for some two to four weeks.

Verdict of the jury—"found dead in the ship canal, and came to his death by some causes unknown to the jury."

(Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, May 13, 1847)

THE PESTILENT ABOLITIONISTS

The Abolition ring-leaders, female and male, had their annual pow-wow at the Tabernacle in New York, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. At the Anniversary meeting of the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, resolutions were adopted, denouncing slavery as unchristian, protesting against its introduction into new territories; calling upon the people in the free States to treat every man according to his worth and moral character, irrespective of color; rejoicing in the opposition of the Germans in this country to the Nebraska bill, and thanking the Canadians for their treatment of the colored refugees from this country. Lewis Tappan read the report, detailing the different rescue cases which have occurred, and the progress of their principles and mentioning the successful performances of Uncle Tom's Cabin, as an important sign of the Times. The conduct of J. Mitchell and T. F. Meagher, against the cause, is contrasted with that of the Germans who arrayed themselves against slavery. The Nebraska bill was alluded to as an infamous plot. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. Goodell, Fred. Douglass, and Rev. Dr. Willis, President of the Canadian Anti-Slavery Society.

The American Anti-Slavery Society held their 20th anniversary at the Rev. Mr. Chapin's Church, Wm. Lloyd Garrison presiding. Abby Kelly Foster, Lucretia Mott, &c. were present. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Garrison, Rev. H. Turness (sic ?), of Philadelphia, and Abby K. Foster, and A. T. Foss, of New Hampshire. Their remarks were of the same joner (sic ?) as those of former occasions, and fully as violent and offensive to decent white people. Garrison was awful; intending to be earnest and severe, while he blasphemed and howled as no one but a genuine abolitionist can. He was 'down' on the North and the South, the Constitution, Union and every thing else. "We know," said he, "and you know, and the slaveholders know, and all in the world and in heaven above and in hell beneath, know that we are in the right."

But the great gun of the concern this year was a Mr. Wright, who out-winded Garrison, and carried the crowd entirely with him. The Bible, in his estimation, was as bad and even worse than the Constitution. His speech was so remarkably pointed that we re-publish the concluding portion of it; (to be concluded, ed. note)

(Buffalo Daily Courier, May 16, 1854)

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE—On Friday evening last, one of those wonderful aerial displays of the Aurora Borealis transpired, by which the heavens, from horizon to zenith, were stained, as it were, with hues of blood. The same night, the Express saw the light of a terrific fire in Canada. We anxiously await, from our cotemporary, news of this conflagration.

(Buffalo Daily Courier, April 16, 1860)

NEW PATENTS.—Among the patents issued for the week ending April 10th, are the following to Buffalonians;

ROLLIN GERMAIN, of Buffalo, for improved paddle-wheel.

EDWARD LYNCH, of Buffalo, assignor to himself and James I. McCool, of the same place, for improved churn.

(Buffalo Daily Coureir, April 16, 1860)