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SUBHEADING

Alice looked about her and wondered. She certainly wasn't in Kansas anymore. She was in some strange and magical land--all in black and white. "What is this place?" she asked out loud. "Are we in television in the 50s?" "No, little girl," a voice said behind her. "Heh heh heh. You have entered the generic issue of Irksome." "Generic Irksome? What is that?" "Oh, it's just like any other Dipzine, but it has no colors, no frills, and no taste."

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GAME OPENINGS ARE AVAILABLE! First off there is BLIND POST CARD DIP; I still have four signed up...I need three more. No game fee, just send your orders on a stamped post card...I'll drop it in the mail with your successful moves circled, and you have to guess where everyone else is. I also have two games of regular DIP. Four week deadlines for a game fee of \$3, and two week deadlines (to begin when one of my other two week games end) for \$5. Also, Mark Lew has openings in BENZENE for variant Dip. Check inside for details on that one.

Note that my phone number did not change when I moved. It took me a week to work it out with Northwest Bell, but my phone is in now. I apologize to those who have tried to call.

YES, the Frauke is in. My girlfriend and possible fiancée from Germany has been here for over two weeks now. She'll be here for a couple more months, until Aug 7. We will both be at ORIGINS in Baltimore in July, staying in the Byrne/Caruso suite. Frauke will be in the Diplomacy tournament--since she has never played before, this should reduce the average female standing considerably.

Now for the LUCKY TWENTY-ONE! Yes, these folks have seen the light and have voted to SOAK KATHY'S HEAD: MARK COLDIRON, BOB BERKELY, ROD WALKER, EVANS GIVAN, BEN ARNOLD, JOHN CHEDCHIA, BILL HIGHFIELD, RUSS PASLEY, STEVE (SLIME) HEINOWSKI, DICK MARTIN, MIKE EILI, MARC PETERS, TOM SWIDER, MARK KELLER, STEVE ARNWOODIAN, ERIC KANE, MARK LEW, BRUCE LINSEY, JOHN MICHALSKI, KEVIN TIGHE, PAT HART; However, seeing as I have over 60 subscribers, there are many of you reading this who haven't yet voted for me. DO IT NOW, OR FOREVER BE ON MY BLACKLIST. I understand that Kathy has been trying to buy votes by promising kisses to those who support her. But come on, you can kiss an American anyway...vote for me and you shall receive a hot, exotic, foreign kiss from the famous FRAUKE PETERSEN herself. You have not tasted love until you have tasted the kiss of a foreigner. Make ORIGINS an experience you'll never forget...send me a post card reading SOAK KATHY'S HEAD today! You'll also get IRKSOME #14 for free.

Inside are 76NF, 61CK, 81IN, 82C, 82S, and 82T.

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Price

name of Zine
(western style- "Irksome")

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Benzene, not to praise it. The evil that subseens do lives after them; The good is oft interred with their bones; So let it be with

G G E E E E N N N N Z Z Z Z E E E E N N N N P E E E
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That title was for the Sigwalt toadies even though it's sure to come out ugly. Ma, yah Benzene is back from vacation; this is NOT the "revived Benzene" because it was never dead (nor will I bury it, despite the lead-in), moribund (as Bob Olsen says) perhaps. For those of you who forgot, Benzene is an erstwhile roving & intermittent subseene which is now established and regular and has always been put out by Ignatz Jerome ("Mark") Lew who has for the last 11½ years resided at 3120 W. 79th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99502, and probably will for another 1½. Until a few minutes ago I believed that SE was not a "Class of '81" subseene but I looked it up and the first one came out in January 81 so it is. Still, I suspect it's the oldest subseene which hasn't appeared in Mahain Nacha (even though some fools voted for Bereag & Snake Pit in the "Class of '81" poll). Anything you read here may or may not be true; sometimes I like to tell obvious lies as a joke. I say this now so I don't have to later. I don't even think it should be necessary, but there are those who might disagree.. The reason I said up there a ways that Benzene is now regular is because I have to be now because by some freak of nature, I now have a game opening. Yeh, it's that one variant, Deviant Dip (the one where players propose deviant rules and vote on them each turn). 2 wks ago I sent out 14 copies of 1.s #11½ which included complete rules along with complete HIs. I don't have free copy so if anyone wants them I'm charging 20¢, + a SASE if I don't write to you anyway. But don't waste your money because some of the people who got them have threatened to print it in some seen or another. The lineup looks like something out of a I'All, and for more than one reason, this game will be named

IRREGULAR

FRE-SPRING 1901

AUSTRIA: Scott Hanson, 817 12th Avenue SE #202, Mpls MN 55414 (don't ask why I bothered to print
 ENGLAND: Tom Swider, 1183 Robinson Hill Rd, Mendwell NY 13760 that address)
 FRANCE: Mykey Barne, 2811 Robins St, Endwell NY 13760
 GERMANY: Julie Glass/Dick Martin*, 7400 #4 Columbia Ave, College Park MD 20740
 ITALY: Bill Becker (who?), 810 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo MI 49007
 RUSSIA: Bot Oeuch, 3417 S. Paulina, Chicago IL 60608
 TURKEY: Bob Olsen, 6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita KS 67226

Deadline is JULY 81

I hate to stick Olsen with Turkey because I know he gets it in every deviant he plays, but a random drawing is a random drawing. Oh yeh, pref lists were not used because not enough people asked for them nor anything else, so it's by my rules.

*- This is listed as Glass/Martin because Julie plays in the spring seasons and Dick plays in the fall seasons. I don't know what they plan to do in winter, but we'll have that cleared up by next turn. By then it won't be Glass/Martin anymore--it will be Martin/Martin because Dick & Julie will be married; about 2 wks from now which probably means about 5 days from the time you read this. I kid you not. Okay kiddies, orders are due when my mail arrives on the day 6 days before whatever Scott lists as deadline for the next IEX (or 6:00 pm my time if it's a Sunday). That's spring 01 and your votes on the following rules:

- Land bridge connecting London to Belgium running along the current Nth/Eng border. Movement still permitted Eng-Nth as well as Lon-Bel ((double)s are my interpretations; GM gets to clear up ambiguities; FLon-Bel is allowed, not just armies))
- Nth Sea becomes a land-sea space - passable from any adjacent space by both A's & F's
- Eng Chan becomes a land-sea space - ditto ((to the best of my knowledge, these were not planned to be similar like this))
- Sea provinces are combined into mega-provinces, i.e. Atlantic - NAO+NAO+Iri; North Sea - Nth+Eng+Mtg+Bar; Mediterranean - Eng+Aeg+Adr+Ion+Lyo+WMed
- Technology: Units started with (Winter 1900) are always worth 1.0 in combat, those built W'01 are worth 1.1; and so forth, adding a tenth of a point each year. ((That's going to be a bugger to keep track of))

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- F) Each player can order another player's MTH once during the game.
 G) Prior to the spring moves, players may order (along with spring orders) any coastal unit to convert from army to fleet or vice versa.

The voted-in rule(s) don't take effect until after spring so, for instance, if Tommee orders A Lon-Bel, it will fail, even if rule A goes into effect.

Clarification of rule I.F. The same principle applies to rules which don't contradict, but affect each other, for instance B & D. I'll randomly determine which one came first. If B comes first then the entire mega-Nth becomes land sea with rule B, but if D comes first, then Nth is no longer a sea province so only Eng, Mug & Bar compose the new mega-Nth. Note that in the latter case, there will be two North Seas, and you'll have to specify which one in orders; and the larger one will be discontinuous but, for instance, F Stp(nc)-megalth, F megalth-Bre is legal. End of Game Report

I read in reader's digest (something I rarely do) about this college student in Maryland who took some quaaludes and then committed suicide. Naturally, his parents were outrageous, but I don't think there's anything wrong with what he did. No more than if he, say, took a trip to France and while he was there fell in love with some girl and decided to stay there and eventually got married and never came back to the U.S. (What a witty analogy!)

One examples of how dungeons&dragons has an adverse effect on culture--occasionally you'll hear gamer's refer to "6-sided dice". Of course, by definition dice HA 6 sides. These other polyhedral things simply aren't dice.

Can anyone explain to me what is meant in the Constitution by "in order to form a more perfect union"? How can something be MORE perfect. Either it is or it isn't.

Why does everyone insist that Picasso was Spanish? Do people think that Kissinger is German? No, he's American.

Quote: "It might be well to reduce the "flukes"...by mandating compulsory sterilisation for miscreants like yourself who render the whole thing meaningless by voting great masses of 10s and is" --Dave Marshall. Yeh, it's Leader Poll time, and if you haven't heard about it by now you have no business voting. But if you've been putting off the task, like I have, then you better do it now or it'll be too late. I still don't know if you're supposed to vote on how good the seed was during the time period, or on your impression NOW of any seen which existed during the time period. Last year I did the former, but this year I intend to do the latter because it's less work. I'm inclined to agree with Mark "Mark" Borch that rating subsems separately is a bit silly, but I AM a subsem, so in the spirit of Robert E. Lee, I'll say yeh, vote subsems separately.

Feature Article: This is for those of you who see absolutely no sense in unilateralism. It was written by Friedrich Nietzsche whom I tend to disagree with, but I like this:

"No government will now admit that it maintains an army to satisfy occasional desires for conquest; rather, it supposed to serve a defensive purpose. As their advocates they summon that morality which justifies self-defense. But this means; assigning morality to oneself and immorality to the opponent, because he must be considered aggressive and eager for conquest if our state is necessarily to consider the means of self-defense. In addition, one declares him --who no less than our state denies aggression and claims to maintain an army for defensive purposes--a hypocrite and cunning criminal, who only too gladly would re-act upon a harmless and unskilled sacrifice without a fight.

"Thus do all states face each other now: they presuppose bad intentions on their neighbor's part and good ones on their own. This premise is, however, an inhumanity, as bad and worse than war; indeed, it is already at root the invitation to and cause of wars, because, as I say, it brands the neighbor with immorality and thereby seems to provoke hostile intentions and deeds. The doctrine of the army as a means of self defense must be as thoroughly renounced as the desire for conquest. And there will come, perhaps, a great day, on which a people, remarkable for wars and victories, for the highest development of military order and intelligence, and accustomed to make the heaviest sacrifices for these things, cries out of its own free will: "we shatter the sword"--and dismantles its entire armed forces to their foundations. To make oneself defenseless, while one was the most defensible--that is the means to real peace, which must always rest upon a peaceful disposition. The so-called armed peace, as it prevails in every country at present, is that disquieted disposition which trusts neither itself nor its neighbor and, half from hatred, half from fear, will not lay down its arms.

"Better to go under than to hate and fear, and far better to go under than to make oneself hate and fear--this must also become the highest maxim of every individual sovereign society! Our representatives should know that they are laboring in vain when they work for a 'gradual reduction in the military budget.' On the contrary: only when this burden is at its greatest

will the God who alone can help be at hand. The tree of military glory can only be destroyed at a single blow, by one stroke of lightning; but lightning comes, as well you know, from the clouds--and from on high."

I didn't think that'd go off the last page; so what do I do with another page? For those of you who didn't know, Nietzsche died at the turn of the century so that's at least 82 years old. The guy had foresight.

Things I don't like to see in zeens: maps, reports of FIFcons, the word "dipdom", the name "Scoop", exclamation points.

Hobby census: Everyone is telling pubbers to mail their sublists to somewhere so that everybody in the hobby can be tallied. May I speak? I think the idea is horrible. Perhaps I'm whining and being a Robert Brynlipton toady, but it seems to me that the hobby becomes grosser with each new "hobby service", Supernova included. The only things I appreciate are Boardman #s and Orphan services, and even those I could live without. But this census I think would be a really nasty blow. How do YOU feel to know that somewhere there is a list of everyone who ever played postal diplomacy and you're on it. Next thing you know they'll put little information about everyone--addresses, sex, age &c so people can try to correlate things, and they'll probably make it available to hobby members for whatever deviated purposes they might have (God help us if it leaks out to some junk mail company)... So maybe you're not all upset about it like me, but perhaps you are indifferent. Then think about the rest of us; don't fall for that "You have to, because the project requires everybody's participation to be any good" line. You don't have to participate anymore than you have to go to chiconocon. If it's not worth the 20¢ then don't bother. And when it does come out, don't say I didn't warn you. I'll stop now, no letters, because I've got to leave in an hour and that'll be my last chance to get this to the post office today and it's already going to be going special delivery. I don't want to have to use express mail. (Yeh, subpubbers waste tax on you guys too, though not as much)

You may have wondered, when someone writes as scussy as I do, what sort of penmanship is it that he admires? Answer:

and very apparently, yourself, friends. I find them with seeking peace. I find Carter's conduct reprehensible. I wish you would not associate yourself with it. Obviously he seeks to quit a game he has given blood with without getting the approval of quitting. A smart tactic, but a less responsible. See all its smartness.

→ Alright, I'll get down off my pulpit now. Here is my position. Firstly, Turkey occupies 9/16 of the world, but 7 is an acceptable minimum figure. If you and Carter want out of the game, I will not stand in your way. All I want is 7 centers. When it's all over, if Turkey drops below 7, she will not enter for peace, even. That in that unfortunate circumstance, I will order Turkish units to fight on to the bitter end. Turkey would probably in the end be overwhelmed by the blooded peacekeepers, but not until 4-5 game years have passed as a minimum. Figure out at least one real time year.

→ However, if after Fall 1992 Turkey possesses 7 centers, I will withdraw all Turkish proposals including Turkey in the relevant. If all goes well, Fall 1993 should be the last turn.

Sincerely,
A. R. P. L.

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Scott

76NF Fall 1918

E/TORAU VOTE FAILS; ITALY CRUMBLING

1 non-vote counted as Yes; but one no vetoed draw

ERROR in S '18 A Lon is in BEL, maybe for a long time, read on.

ENGLAND (Hippa): F FIN S F Stp(nc), F STP(nc) h, F BAL S A Ber,

A BER S A Mun, A KIE S A Mun, A RUH S A Mun, A Bur-MAR,

F SPA(ac) S A Bur-Mar, A BEL-Out, A MUN S A Bel-Bur.

F Mid-NAF, F LES S F Mid-Naf, F Por-MARIO, F Nth-ENG, F BRE h.

Italy (Carter): A PAR-Out, A PIE-Mar, F TUN-Ugg, F Tyh-GOL.

TURKEY (Hickey((has EOA))) F Ion+TYH, F NAP S F Ion-Tyh, F Eas-ION,

F Agg S F Eas-Ion, F APU S F Eas-Ion, F Van-ADR, A Tri-VEN,

A SIL-Mun, A BSH S A Sil-Mun, A TYO S A Sil-Mun, A WAR-Sil,

A PRU-Bar, A ~~NEW~~ LVA-PRU, A ROM S F Nap.

Centre chart

England (16) home, den, spe, por, sue, bre, nuy, bel, hol, kie,
atp, bar, mun, nap. Build one.

Italy (2) ~~had~~, tun, ~~had~~, par, ~~had~~. Remove 2.

Turkey (16) home, bul, sew, bud, moa, ser, rum, gre, tri,
van, vie, war, nap, rom. Build 2.

Comment by El-Merhan: England Reveals All! See Next Page 1976NMF.

Dimsdale Sues for Libel!!! 'That's Not Me In Earmuffs!'

Hickey Changes Address: Barry C. Hickey, 657A St. Clair Ave. W.,

Toronto, Ontario M6C 1A7 CANADA; moves down $\frac{1}{2}$ block to

the New Toronto, Megalopolis of the Greater North!

((Scott, the pubber, here. Five weeks from now would be July 17, but I would have to mail it out on July 24, and that's ORIGINS weekend. So I'll do this. If all orders are in by JULY 10, Vic will have it to me by July 17 and I'll mail it then. If all orders are not in by that date, the deadline will be moved to JULY 31, and the results will be in IRK #15 dated Aug7.))

DIMSDALE's Report

Libell! As Phyllis Byrne is wont to say, "There can be no thought corresponding to a name that is not the name of something real." Take that, you dualists! We turn the remainder of the column over to ENGLISH press: "England-Italy:"

"YES, You certainly did hesitate to attack Turkey, but you didn't hesitate when it came to attacking me. You entered the game in Spring 1916 and immediately attacked my units, the same ones that had been supporting Italy up to that point. I then pulled back -- as you misad your Fall 1916 moves -- thinking that might win your cooperation. You responded by attacking again (a mar a par-bur) in Spring 1917. I can't hold Munich with a hostile unit in Burgundy and I saw no reason to let you give the victory to Turkey. You have certainly given him enough already (all your home centers). In fact, through Spring 1918, the only centers you have lost have been the ones Turkey took from you. I have yet to take any supply centers from you, altho now I must start doing so to stop Turkey from winning. I guess that I will never understand why, when you had a chance to share in a three-way draw, you chose to be a puppet for Turkey."

El-Merhani's Wrap-Up: It will be a long hot summer in Tunis, also Spring and Fall unless we get another draw proposal. Barring that possibility, it remains to be seen what Italy will take down & if either of the 2 gents. will get 2 more for a win. Seriously, tho, who would touch up a pix of Dimsdale. And why quote P. Byrne when you can quote Parmenides? Uh, sorry Dimsdale.

Tim D.

IRKSOME!

JUNE 1, 1982 MID MONTHLY GAME REPORT FOR GOPHER HOLE, TEENAGE WASTELAND, & GREAT WHITE NORTH

Sorry, folks, this is late again. Hopefully it will be in the mail by Wed, 6/2, which means that the next deadline will be MONDAY, JUNE 14. These past few days have been most hectic for me. Franke arrived safe and sound last Thursday. This weekend we had an old friend of hers and mine in town and we had a good time. And I moved a few days earlier than I thought I'd be, namely today. And the end of spring quarter at the U is upon me. So I have not typed this up until now. I had no time to make any NMR Insurance calls...I would now but my phone is not hooked up yet, which brings me to this:

NEW ADDRESS: SCOTT HANSON
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DEADLINE FOR THESE THREE GAMES IS JUNE 14.

SLICK GOPHER HOLE SPRING 1909 ITALY DOESN'T BOTHER TO BREATHE AS WOOLSE TIGHTENS

ENGLAND(Killie) A yer-NMY(C F NTH); F eng-MID; F nwy-BAR; F per-SPA(SC); ~~YEMPU~~
F spa(sc0-WES.
GERMANY(Ieller) A SWE Szwengl A yer-owe; F den-BAL; F bel-FOL; A bar-SIL(S A HUN);
A pio-BRE; A pie-TUS; A van-APU; A tyo-VEN; F naf-VEN.
ITALY(P Byrne?) ~~WRII~~ A sil h(d,r pru,boh,OTB); F con h(d,r ank,bul, OTB); A alb h(d, ann);
F IOW H.
RUSSIA(Noto) A vis-TRI(S A BUD); A mos-WAR; A sev-RUM; F STP(NG) H; A gal-VIE;
A war-GAL.
TURKEY(Iverson) F tri-ADR; ~~EZEEF~~ blz-CON(S A SMY); F gre-AIB(S A SER); F AEO-ion.

The EORT failed by a vote of 1-Y, 2-N, 2-NVR. Russia wants it publicized that he voted yes. Proposed for next time are EO, EOT, and EORT draws. NVR on the 4-way means yes, NVR for the other two means no. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Iversen had a temporary OOA, but it's only until June 5, and you should have this by then. Press is held over until next deadline. Would SLICK MARTIN, 7400 Columbia Av #4, College Park MD 20740...please submit retreats for Italy...and moves, too.

*****you'll be happy to know that Franke just unpacked the white-out*****

SLC TEENAGE WASTELAND SPRING 1904 and WINTER 1903 NO HUM IN HICKSVILLE; RAMBLERS RAMBLE ON

ENGLAND(Woodson) new GM ret F nth-OTB; A HOL, F CLY H.
FRANCE(Slaughter) Bld F WAR, F BRE; A lon-ION; F eng-LON; F bro-ENG; F war-SPA(SC);
A bur-RUH(S A BEL); A gas-BER; F LVP-cly.
GERMANY(Noto) Rem a ruh; A kie-BER; F NTH-hol.
ITALY(Palter) F ION-adr; F TYS-ion(S F TUN); F VEN S F tri; A TRI s A bud;
A VIE s A bud; A bud u,h(d, ann).
RUSSIA(Michalski) F NMY S F ska; F SKA S den; A mun-KIE(S A DEN); A war-SIL; A GAL-vis;
A rum-BUD; F stp(nc)-BAR; F SEV votes for Scott.
TURKEY(Owuch) F ADR-tri(S A AIB); F GRE-qeg; F EAS-qeg; A BUL S A ser;
A SER S russ A rum-bud.

Despite James Woodson's NMR, I know that he's moving to 5680 DOROTHY WAY, SAN DIEGO CA 92115. next week (June 6th maybe?). I'm asking LARRY MCLOUD, 520GEARY, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94102 to submit stand by orders for England.

825 GREAT WHITE NORTH FALL 1902 GEE, I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE DEADLINE OFF TOO!

AUSTRIA(Y McCloud?) NMRI A TYO, A VIE, A TRI, F ADR H; F gre b(d, r alb,OTB).
 ENGLAND(Frueh) F eng-IRI; F ETH-may; A my-SWE; F swe-BAL; A den-KIE.
 FRANCE(?????????) NMRI A man r OIB; F PAR, F BRE, F POR, A SPA, A PAR ALL HOLD. (/NSO.)
 GERMANY(Kane) A RUH S A min; A MUN s A Ber; A ber s A man (d,ann); F BEL S engl F nth-end
 ITALY(Arnwoodian) F ION s turk F aef-gre(NSO); A VEN-tyo; A ROM-van(S F APU.)
 RUSSIA(Rusnak) A SFP-may; A ukr-PDS; F RUM H; F bal-BER(S A PRU); A SIL-pun.
 TURKEY(Tighe) A bul-GRE(S F AEN); A con-BUL; F SMY S F aeg.

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS home ser del	4 rom 1*
ENG home my den KIE SWE	7 bld 2
FRA home spa por del	5 even(1 ann)
GER del del bel hol MUN	3 even (1 ann)
ITA home tun	4 even
RUS home del rum BER	6 even
TUR home bul GRE	5 bld 1

WINTER 1902 and SPRING 1903 are due JUNE 14.
 would SCOTT DAILEY, WTCO BOX 159 CORY STN,
 PENSACOLA FL 32511 please submit orders for
 France...the position is his if he does. Would
 JEFF NOTO, 1001 SW 16 AVE, GAINESVILLE FL please
 please submit stand-by orders for Austria.

GREAT YELLOW SOUTH PRESS FOR THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

ENG-GER: I didn't get any mail or information from you so I had to play on a hunch on Russ would try for Kiel. If not I look bad and you feel bad. If true, I look good and you don't feel so bad. I hope you feel OK. Sound dumb--but true.
 ENG-FRA: Please a short note please?
 GM-ENG: CD powers as a rule don't write.
 TURK-AUSTRIA: Speak, so that we may salute you who are about to die.
 ENG-RUSSIA: Sweden is yours, come and get it! Your welcome, but I couldn't let you walk into Kiel. Let's bounce, shall we?
 WHITEHALL-NAPLES: Hey, what's the matter with you? You no like Riveria maybe? I know you want wienerschnitzel/ Good luck to you big guy.

TEENAGE WASTELAND MID MONTHLY PRESS

GER-GM: If you had sent the results to the correct address, I might have submitted some press. You should be thankful you got my orders!
 GM-YX NY FL: New York, Florida, it's all out east to me.
 QUOTABLE: "I might be wrong, Scott, but I don't think you've had a position where you've had more than four centersmen have you?" — Russ Russnak to Scott Hanson after observing Scott's five games at Chicon.
 GM: No comment.
 ITA-FRA: Dis you egg sucking dog.
 GENERAL "WOODY" MAC ARTHUR-WORLD: You have won this battle, but I SHALL RETURN!!!!
 GM-WOODY: Is that a threat or a promise?
 FAMOUS DIPLOMACY INTERVIEW # 41: DAVID D PERLMUTTER

BERCH: You've been accused of irresponsibility for the way you left the Diplomacy hobby.
 How do you feel about that?

DDP: Rat-faced git.

BERCH: Huh? What kind of answer is that?

DDP: Thank you, Mrs. Baumliester.

BERCH: Let's talk Turkey. How do you justify returning to a hobby where you were obviously not wanted?

DDP: Bob Osuch: God

BERCH: Come on, now, don't you have anything constructive to say?

DDP: I recommend Rely brand tampons.

BERCH: I give up. First Palter, now this! Controversy be damned!

Next time: Dick Martin, "A Return to Normalcy."

WOODY-EX AUSTRIA: So long, schmuck!

OSUCH-GM: Why should we write press? You just edit it out and print all your own stuff anyway.

GM-OSUCH: Oh yeah? Take that, you rat-faced git.

PRESS FOR GOPHER HOLE MID MONTHLY

LONDON-ST. PETE: If Germany's with me, you have my condolences. If not, I have my condolences!
GER-ITA: What will it be...down to one or out this year?

RUS-ITA: Bye bye Phyl!!

MOS-FUR & GER: I hope you don't intend to stab me. It wouldn't be nice after all I've done to Phyl.

GM-MOS: I think you may have addressed your plea to the wrong countries!

WAR-UNCLE OMER: Hal Hal Hal

LIVERPOOL-BERLIN: I agree. A 4-way draw does seem a bit crowded. After Italy's gone...

EDINBURGH-ANKARA: How about a 3-way draw, good buddy?

O'VILLE-MPIS: It's 2:00 pm and do you know what's on WRUF FM? "I Want Candy" by BowWowWow. Guess your station manager doesn't want to corrupt the students.

MPIS-O'VILLE: Not our station manager. Our student station has "Candy" on our top rotation. It's the commercial stations in the Cities that are so slow.

MOS-OM: "Don't You Want Me" will be the single of the year!!! Whatsa matter BIMBO, haven't heard "Still in Saigon" yet? That statement just gained one vote for Kathy Byrne.

GM: Hold your fury and look at the charts. "Don't You Want Me" will be in the Top 10 through the summer. "Still In Saigon" is a great song, the best I've heard about Viet vets. But a great single it isn't. Can you dance to it?

GRAMPS-LIL' PHIL: Boy does it feel great to be able to call you "Lil' Phyl" and have the supply center chart agree with me. "Yep," it says, "Italy is indeed 'Lil' Phyl' now." YAHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.

GM-GRAMPS: Only 16 O's, but it wasn't worth an extra line. Take any complaints to Mark Berch.

GRAMPS-WORLD: If Germany didn't move into position to attack Russia this season, I wish you all farewell.

STRANDED IN THE NIGHT -or-

NAKED CAME THE SOUTHERNER

an episode of the popular TV Series THE TWILIGHT ZONE broadcast April 31, 1961

(you all know how the introduction goes...the door spinning in space, Rod Serling saying "You are about to enter the world of another dimension," the theme music, etc. We'll start with the opening shot after the first commercial break)

(The camera is in tight on a small parcel postmarked FLUSHING, NY being held tightly by two small hands. It backs up to show GARY COUGHLAN in his cluttered trailer, having just awakened at 1 pm and checking his mailbox.)

GARY: Gohhhhhhhhhly, it's a package from Kathy! (he comes inside and rips open the parcel like a kid on Christmas morning.) Fancy that, it's a ring. A black onyx ring. That'll look mighty fine on mah hand. (He removes the finger knife ~~same~~ she uses at work and puts on the ring). That's a right fine piece of metal. I wonder why Kathy sent it to little ol' me. (He hold up his hand admiring the ring.) Oooh, there's something inscribed on it. But it's some language even Ah have never heard of. (He reads the inscription) (He squints as the the ring glows red and revolves around his finger.) Ah, the letters are changing. It says, "One ring to rule them all, one ring to bind them...."

(Even as Gary utters these words his trailer begins to fill with a thick black smoke, pouring from the back stone on the ring. Soon Gary is only faintly visible, but the ring still glows bright red. He begins spinning, and lets out a blood curdling scream as the trailer interior disappears altogether. He hears what sounds like a...)

VOICE OF DOOM: Gary Coughlan, Gary Coughlan, you hear and must obey.

GARY (Still spinning): Kathy? Kathy, that's you. That's a might pretty ring you gave me, thank you kindly!

VOICE OF ~~DOOM~~ KATHY: You fool. You must help me in my campaign to defeat the white knight Hanson and give me rule of the hobby once and for all.

GARY: White knight Hanson? That little wimp? Rule the Hobby? I thought it was just a freindly little game?

KATHY: (very angrily): Frindly little game? Frindly LITTLE GAME!!! I'll show you what happens to those who play frindly little games!

(find out on the next page)

(The smoke begins to clear. Gary finds himself on the floor of some cave. It is lit only dimly, and he is surrounded by shadows. A huge green Armenian frog hops into view. It is Woody.)

GARY: Woody! You're looking better than ever.

WOODY: BRUX!! BRUX!! You fool. Don't you know where you are?

GARY: Actually, no.

WOODY: This is, BRUX!, the lost cave where Kathy keeps her, BRUX!, toadys!

GARY: No, it can't be!

WOODY: Yes, it is. Actually, I'm surprised it took her so long to get you here.

(WOODY disappears into the blackness. the noise of something heavy on wheels, and a bathtub comes into view. It is PUDDIE, very naked and very large.)

GARY: Ha, I knew this is why you missed Chicago-con.

PUDDIE: Gary, you fool. This isn't a game game anymore, this is REAL.

GARY: You mean you always roll around in your bathtub?

PUDDIE: You imbecile, you dumb even for a Southerner. This is the Bloodsucker's doing.

GARY: You mean Kathy? That short lady from Flushing.

PUDDIE: Of course, you numbskull.

(THE BATHTUB rolls away. A ragged man wearing sackcloth and ashes walks in. It is the once proud BLACK JACK.)

BLACKJACK: No, not you Gary. I thought you'd never be here.

GARY: Blackjack? Is it you. Number one in the Leader Pol last year?

BLACKJACK: Yes it is. And I was. But never more. And you could be like me sooner than you think.

GARY: Huh?

BLACKJACK: Yes, I once thought I could defy her power. I thought that once on top of the heap, I could print things as they were. I tried, and she put me here. This year you are on top. But number one means nothing to her.

GARY: You mean Kathy put you here for that?

BLACKJACK: Yes. And I'd hate for you to have to go through what I did.

(BLACKJACK disappears, and you can now hear chains clinking as he walks. In walks TRO, ten years old and clutching a broken down toy fire engine.)

GARY: Not you too.

TRO: Yes, it is. I tried to stand up to her. But now I must forever be half my age.

(A light flashes and TRO sits on the floor by GARY'S feet, playing with his fire engine and ignored for the rest of the show.)

GARY: This is impossible. No one could take a silly game this seriously.

KATHY'S VOICE: Now, will you help me. I must have your assistance, and you, heh heh, must give it.

GARY (yelling): Help you! Help you! After what you've done to all my friends, putting them in this wretched cave. Never!

KATHY: How would you like to be number one in the Leader poll.

GARY: Number one. (His ~~light~~eyes light up) Number one? Can you do that?

KATHY: I can arrange anything. I gave Blackjack his honor. But he was ungrateful, and now he suffers. But you will not be ungrateful, will you Gary?

GARY: Number one? Sure Kathy, anything you say....

(The scene fades to Gary's apartment. He sits at his typewriter, putting the final touches on the latest EROTICA EXPRESS. It is a masterpiece, his finest issue ever. We can see, however, as the camera swings in front of him, that his eyes are glazed over, blank, and the ring on his finger is glowing as brightly as the sun. The camera swing up to show...)

ROD SERLING: Submitted for your approval, one Gary L. Coughlan, Southern Gentleman, Postal worker, and talented writer. He takes an interest in a game called Diplomacy and begins publishing a amateur gaming newsletter, a fanzine. But his talents become too well known, and evil powers lurk in the world of Diplomacy. He finds that he has fallen into...the Twilight Zone.

GARY:(as camera fades): And I urge that you send Kathy a card to SOAK SCOTT'S HEAD.

((NOW, folks, can you really support such evil. She has even taken the fine Gary Coughlan into her spell. But there is something you can do. Just send me a card to SACK KATHY'S HEAD. We must rescue those poor souls from Kathy's cave.))

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BACK IN THE U.S.A.

By Frauke Petersen

This time I don't have to put up with the inefficiency of postal services in order to get an IRKSOME report in; as a matter of fact I get to type it on the very IRKSOME typewriter. Actually I don't have the foggiest idea how to bullshit my way through this yet blank page, but since Scott has threatened ~~me~~ to kick me out if I don't help him finish up this issue I figured I better come up with something.

Maybe I should share ~~off~~ some of the excitement of my stay with you. I got to Mpls. about 2 weeks ago. Before I even was on American soil I lied to the charming immigration ~~officer~~ officer at the customs checkpoint. I see, I was in possession of 1.5 l (.396 gal) precious German beer and at that time I still happened to be underage for something so immoral. Therefore I said with the most innocent look on my face that I had no alcohol with me. After that adventure I met Scott and his friends. The surprise was nice. I hope you are considerate not to want me ~~to~~ go on with any further details of that night. enough

There actually are a few details I can tell you about without getting explicit. I got to see the inside of a hospital emergency room. It was made possible by the broken toe Scott ended up with after kicking me (right, this is a land with justice for all!). While in the waiting room I swiped a specimen container from the mens bathroom so that brutal handsome would have an appropriate device for drinking American beer out of. Speaking of beer again, would you believe that I had to come all the way from Germany in order to find a German beer that is not sold in Germany? For you insiders, it's Beck's Dark.

I decided to obtain a driver's license in Minnesota, because it would cost me around \$.750 in Germany. I've already got my permit but finding a car for practice could get interesting because the last time we borrowed our friend's car we ended up with a broken rear window. Apparently someone didn't like the bumper stickers and created a fancy design. Thankfully insurance covered the costs.

Other things we've managed to wreck: This morning Scott broke his glasses in the act of sitting down. Of course, if he had had them on he would've seen them sitting on the chair. But what can you expect at 5:30 in the morning. Oh, you know what I got from Scott for my birthday yesterday? 24 Band-Aid sheer strips and 1 1/2 oz. Bacitracin antibiotic ointment. I certainly wouldn't have needed that if I hadn't stepped on the buckle of Scott's belt. But then again, what can you expect at 9 in the morning???

Stay tuned and find out what will be left of the two of us and Mpls. and surroundings by the time I am to leave. Well, too bad I didn't come up with a condensed re-evaluation of U.S. culture. Maybe next time. Hope to see you in Baltimore.



510 BACKHOE LOADER



862 SCRAPER



850 BULLDOZER



890B EXCAVATOR



544C LOADER

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SWING INTO SPRING
with WOODY the FROG



WOODY SAYS:
"BRUX! Brux-brux-brux-BRUX!"
but everyone else calls this

MOS FISLEY SPACEPORT

You'll never find a more wretched height of scum and villiany then.....
Mos Fisley an illiterate, ~~corrupted~~ irregular mess, put out by a gross dirty
old man by the name John MILK-AL-SKEE! Rt. 10, Box 526Q(*Please take note
Rod Walker - q stands for queer!), Moore, OK.

All comments and contributions will be equally discredited.

I view all foreigners and anyone not from Rt. 10, Moore, OK., as a pure
shithead whose views are to be totally ignored. And if anyone has the balls
to question my opinions they'll feel the butt end of my M16 on their head,
unless it's Woody then he'll feel the butt end of BRUX 81.

Damn, Sissy, Limeys why don't they just Nuke the Falklands and then proceed
to Nuke Argentina and all the rest of Spic America! Figures that a govt.
run by a woman would wimp out and just go for a couple of half-ass islands.
Why doesn't Maggie just go back to the bedroom where she can spread her
legs and let her husband explode inside her! Forget that, what do you
expect from a fag European Country.

Now I've really had it, I just heard that now the pussy liberals in this
jackass country are giving finacial aid to blind students. Do you really
a blind person can contribute anything to this country? They should all
be taken to back rooms and smothered. I mean did you ever see one of

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them become an eye witness or worse yet, can you imagine them as soldiers! I mean they can't shoot with accuracy, can't throw hand grenades in the right direction, can't spot for planes, I mean they are more worthless then the fat old Welfare Indians!

I recently got a game start where Pops Osuch and I had a chance to wipe out Buddyfucker. Oh, was that fun. The only thing more fun then that would be a date with one of those loose German fraulein.

I see Woody is now agreeing with Berch. I guess that means he has taken over Brux's job as head ass licker! Hey fuddybucker, write and tell me which cheek you prefer.

Here's some fan mail from some of my best friends - we'll start with the one and only Mark Berch:

Dear John,
A secret scoring system is a total waste for the ratings player who must figure out to win by getting the most points for the effort and negotiation which he has undertaken and prepared for most of his adulthood, not to count his childhood, and to be denied the chance of acquiring the knowledge of the scoring system would be and is an injustice and an infringement on his constitutional rights, that's exactly how things started in Nazi Germany - first they entered secret scoring systems in the Munich Olympics, then next came secret services, and then there destruction, all because they wouldn't tell now the scoring worked.
((Well, Mark, with deranged "thinking" like yours we'll never get back to the good old days like we had in Nazi Germany!))

And now my good friend Dick Martin:

So how you been John, where is BB, Julie and I were thinking the other day, we haven't seen BB in at least 3 months. I see you come out as often as I do. If your having trouble getting money for repro, I can put you in touch with Carlo enterprises, where you can control your finances, instead of your finances controlling you. I'm doing it, you can do it too.
You know I haven't had a good joint lately with the government crackdown it's becoming harder and harder to find a pusher. This has caused me to be in a depression lately, so I feel now is the time to legalize drugs. Julie wants to open an LSD factory so we can make millions, to support her pretty expensive habit. It's ridiculous that you can't smoke a joint for your private enjoyment, and yet any lunatic can buy a gun to blow away John Lennon.
((It wasn't the gun that killed him it was the asshole liberal who pulled the trigger! So, now we have liberals killing liberals - big shit. A few years in a forced labor camp would show you the true value of guns over drugs.))

Dear John, Howdy pardner, I'm just started my 4th Heineken and that's after drinking a quart of Amaretto and Cognac, oh, boy am I feelin good. I could even be Dick Martin's friend right now. Even though he still has that DIAS rule which destroyed my win in R3, you remember, the game where you messed up as ombudsmen. Next time side with good over evil, in other words me over Martin! Now I'm really in trouble, I think Elsie has a problem - she gets sick every morning. Do you think she's pregnant - by the way, when were you in Memphis last!?
((Sounds more like Woody's doing to me, I only hang out with Sheep. As for being an ombudsmen, it sure as hell wasn't my idea. I hate dealing with wimps and assholes like you and Martin, why don't the two of you go suck up to Mark Berch. And whoever sucks best might get an extra star or two.))

And now a letter from the one and lonely - Fuddybucker.....
 Dear pal, Thanks for all that great mail you've been sending me. I didn't want to waste such a great catalogue on myself, so I forwarded it to Claudine and circled the items I thought you needed the most to help you out in bed, if anything can help. How about a Mos Eisley for COA or are we too classy for you? I'm not sure whether to give you a 2 or 3 in the Leeder Poll, any suggestions? What's with Mark Larzelere - giving us Eng. and Austria, how the hell are we suppose to attack each other? I say we should get an ombudsmen, who the hell is Mark kidding, since when does he use preference lists? I say we go to Coughlan since he's the only one dumb enough to take this, in fact, he'd be honored!
 By the way, when are you going to give me another nickname, I think it's been 2 months since the last one.
 ((Okay, shithead, how's that for a nickname? I have had enough dealings with Coughlan, besides he'd rule against me because I ruled against him. I suggest we go to a real idiot - how about Caruso?
 Thanks for the catalogue but we already own all those products which make for a fun night life in OK!!
 Mos Eisley is too classy for anything that NM Ring Mainardi has a hand in. As for the Leeder Poll, vote with your conscience and just remember I'll have an M16 at your door step.))

I was feeling really good the other day, so I went out and wasted a few rabbits, I even managed to get myself a pregnant one. I know it's not as good as wasting a liberal....but what the hell, Mills was in N.Y.. Just think, every rabbit I kill off, is a victory for our side - those damn rodents are over running the country, put two of them together and soon there is 26 of them! I mean they populate faster than the Chinese! What is it with the Americans? We go for population control, and we get overrun with every half-breed in the world. The Cubans, a bunch of filthy, rotten, Communist, creeps, row there way here in rafts and infest us. Do we stay at the docks and shoot them - no we aren't allowed - our hunting season is only for dumb animals - not all the dumb foreigners, who come here to ruin this country. That's what you get for not voting for rule by the rifle - eventually you'll all get yours and don't come crying to me to borrow a rifle!

Well, Scott, I have had enough of this crap - talking to a bunch of pussy whipped men - you can finish this page - nothing reaches these wimps.....



gm
 ((OK, here's a picture of our ever lovin' MINNESOTA STATE BIRD! With all the ~~high~~ moisture last winter, there have been many more bitings, er, I mean sightings of these creatures than ever. So the Star and Tribune printed this picture for us, suitable for framing.))

ROAD TO RUIN SLIN WINTER, 1903/SPRING 1904 IS AUSTRIA FINALLY FINDING OPPOSITION? 15

winter 1903 AUS bld F TRI; ENG bld A LVP; FRA bld A MAR (had annihilation in S'03);
GER rem a lvn; RUS F swe r BOT.

AUSTRIA(L McCloud) A KIE H; A RUH s A kie; A BER-man; F tri-ALB; F GRE-ang; F ion-EAS;
A BUL-man; A CAL-man; A sil-MAR.
ENGLAND(Sherwood) F BAR-stp; F NWY-swe; A lvp-YOR; F lon-NTH; A SWE-fin; F HOL-kie;
F den-BAL.
FRANCE(Keller) A mar-PIE(S F LYO); F was-NAF; F spa(ac)-GEB; A BEL-ruh; A BUR-man.
GERMANY(Osog) A UER-gal.
ITALY(Palter) A pia-mar(d,r ven,tyo,OTB); A naf-TUN; F TUS S F tys; F TIS S F tus.
RUSSIA(Tighe) F ANK-con; A ara-SMT; F BOT-fin; A STP H; A MOS S A stp.
TURKEY(J Ellis?) NMR! F AEG & A CON(not in swy as reported last season) H.

Deadline for FALL, 1904 is JULY 8, 1962. World MARK LEW, 3120 W 79th, ANCHORAGE AK 99502
please submit stand-by orders for Turkey. COA: Keith Sherwood, 4332 Sycamore, Los Alamos NM
87544.

PRESS:

HOL-KIE: Just cutting possible support of your Russian friend.

PARIS-UKRAINE: This and that, mainly guessing wrong against Italy at every opportunity.

ENGLAND: I think we sent Flowers to his grave...

ENGLAND-GM: Nyah nyah nyah. We'll work this pun 'til we have to send Flowers to its grave.

GM-ENG: Have you no mercy? You already drove him from the game. One more time and I'll call
irritation of the GM!

RUSSIAN STANDBY-GM: Well am I Russia now or did Flowers pay his fee to stamen the game?

GM-NEW RUS: This is your last warning as well!

AGS COPS-LIV: That's crossgawding without a license, boh-oy, I'm taking you in!

LONDON TIMES: Tsar Flowers dead?***Was he a lilly or just a pansy? Sources report a complete
and utter routing of Russian forces in Sweden last season. All of Russia's military was plunged
into chaos and disarray when the British secret service made an attempt on the Tsar's life
while he was hunting Osogs in the Urals. The Tsar has not been seen nor heard from in six
months, and rumors abound that he is indeed dead. More in a season when more facts are known
about exactly which running dog is in charge of the puny Russian junta forces.

GM-TIMES: And that press read backwards says "I buried Paul."

TIGHE-GM: I'm going to need the names and addresses of these distinguished gentlemen. Just
include a list when you mail Irkome.

GM: Okee-dokie.

PICTURE PRESS: (from the front) Candid shot of surprised Russian troops relaxing at hot
spring before being machine gunned down by glorious British forces.

GM: Are they Russian or Argentinan? Viva Las Malvinas!



a couple errors: the German army in Mar was unordered and omitted last season, and the German F north africa moved to TUN, not ven.

ENGLAND(R Ellis) A may-SWE; F bar-NWT; F MID-bre; F nth-HOL; F spa(so)-MAR; F wes-LYO.
 GERMANY(Keller) A swe-LVN(C F BAL); F hol-HEL; A mar-PIE; A VEN a turk F adr-tri(NSO);
 A APU S A ven; A tas-ROM; F TUN S engl F wes-tye(NSO); A MUN-bar;
 A ail-BOH; A BRE H&.
 ITALY(B Byrne) A sil r PRU, F con r BUL(SC); F bul(so)-gre(d,ann); A PRU-ber; F ion-MAP, --
 RUSSIA(Noto) A TRI-ven; A gal-SIL(S A WAR); A vie-TIO; A rum-UKR; A bud-vie; F STP(MG) H.
 TURKEY(Iverson) F ADR S russ A tri-ven; A ser-BUL(S F CON); A swy-GRE(C F AEG, S F ALB).

Deadline for WINTER 1910/SPRING 1911 is JUNE 29, 1982. All draws were defeated, the EU(2-y,2-n), EOT(2-y,1-n), and EERT(3-y,1-n). Nearly forgot the chart.

1910 CENTERS

E home spa por my HOL SWE MAR	9 bld 3
G home bel den par bre ven ROM TUN	10 rem 1
I nap ser gre CON	1 rem 1 (2 ann)
R home rum bud vie TRI	8 bld 1
T any ank bul ser gre CON	6 even
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PRESS:

MDS-MUN: So! Now we show our true colors! Well, I'm sorry pal, but I'll be damned if I gave you your 18th center. You're about to find out that when I get stabbed, I get even (and also angry!) En garde!

MDS-LON: You worthless piece of slime! After all I've done for you, you go and stab me! I did what you asked me to against Forman and now you give me the knife!! Well it seems that you're now playing for 2nd place. You won't get it, buddy. I'll yield my centers to Iverson first before I let you get second. Oh, by the way, you can ignore all this if you pulled back like you said you would.

GM: I think he'll ignore it.

GRAMPS-UNCLE JEFFY: See, I told you Gramps was nice!

LIVERPOOL-GM: How'd my stab rate? 5 centers-A; 4 centers-B, 3 centers-C, 2 centers-D, 1 center-F. Well?

GM: Kathy always told me never to believe a stab in the spring. Actually, it's stupid to stab for 5 centers...you can only build three and you'll be hopelessly spread out. I'll give you an 63-it's got a good beat and you can dance to it.

TEENAGE WASTELAND aka PRESS LESS WONDERS 820 FALL 1904 A MOST UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION

ENGLAND(McCloud) F CLY-ed; A HOL H.
 FRANCE(Slaughter) F eng-MID; F lon-ENG; A TOR-ed; F LWP-ely; A bar-MUN(S A RUH);
 A BEL S A ruh; F SPA(SC) H.
 GERMANY(Noto) A bar-rum(d,r pru,OTB); F nth-ed(d,r lon,hal,OTB).
 ITALY(Palter?) NUN; F TUN, F TIS, F VEN H; A vie h(d,r boh,tyo,OTB); A Tri h(d,r tyo,OTB);
 F ion h(d,r nap,apu,alb,aeg,OTB).
 RUSSIA(Michalski) F bar-BWI; F nwy-NTH(S F SKA); A DEN S A kie; A sil-BER(S A KIE);
 A gal-VIE(S A BUD); F SEV-bul(inp.)
 TURKEY(Osach) F ADR-ven; F eas-ION(S F GRE); A alb-TRI(S A SER); A bul-RUM.

1904 centers

E edi hol	2 even
F home spa por bel lon lvp MUN	9*(8 if germany r to lon) bld 1 (or even)
G den par bre ven ROM TUN	0*(1 if F nth r LON) rem 2 (or rem 1)
I home tun nap ser gre CON	4 rem 2(1 ann)
R home swe may den rum bud vie ber	11 bld 2
T home bud gre ser TRI RUM	8 bld 2

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WASTED THINGS ROUNDED UP

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Deadline for WINTER 1904/SPRING 1905 is JUNE 29, 1982. France, make sure you make your moves conditional on Germany's retreat. Kathy Byrne, please standby for Italy. #160-02 43rd Ave, Flushing NY 11358.

PRESS:

CON-GM: SIC: That's not too bad.

ITALY-FRANCE: Help!

GERMANY-82C: Goodbye.

GM-ENG: Green green post card? I didn't get any green post card. Will I be?

RUS-ITALY: Slime.

KIE-SCOTT: How'd your "surprise" for Frauke go? Too bad she's already here. I had a good one for you. I heard Jim Williams looks almost exactly like you. He could've flown up from Des Moines and pretended he was you. Then see how long it would take for Frauke to figure out it was now you.

GM: Ha ha

GREAT WHITE NORTH 828 WINTER 1903/SPRING 1904 MEET ME OUT IN THE STREET TONIGHT
 AUS rem f greg ENG bld A EDI, F LON, TUR bld A CON.
 AUSTRIA(Moto) A SER H(S A TRI); A via-BUD; F adr s A tri(d,r alb,OTB).
 ENGLAND(Fresh) A edi-WMT(C F NTH,S A SWE); F lon-ENG(S F IRI); A kis-bar(d,r den,OTB);
 F BAL S A kis-bar.
 FRANCE(Dalley) F mar-LYO; A spa-GAS; F por-MED; A par-PIC; F BRE-eng.
 GERMANY(Kane) A rem-KIE(S A RUH); F bel-MOL.
 ITALY(Armaswoodian) F apu-ADR(S F ROM); A ven-TTO; A rom-VEN. ((Finally made it!))
 RUSSIA(Rusnak) A STP-guy; A MOS-stp; F BER s germ A ruh-kie(NSO); A PRU & A SIL S A ber;
 F RUH H.
 TURKEY(Tighe) A GRE-par(S A BUL); F AEU-gas F SMY-eng; A CON S A bul;
 A syv-larcal(d,r Beirut,otb).

Deadline for FALL, 1903 is JUNE 29, 1982. I goofed last time by giving Austria a A tyo—it should have been in SER instead. But we got it straightened out. Kane & Tighe, your orders arrived a day late. Had I not had a night class begin on Monday, you would have both NMRd. England's press below is explained by the fact that he was in Nple this weekend. You can come any weekend if you want to write press in response to everyone's moves.

PRESS:

ARCATA: I still say the Falklands are not so important that we should lose any sheep over it. MUNICH: Gosh! What a sad position this is! Anybody wanna buy three blocks real cheap. Only used twice before. Once by a real Ozog lover, a flower boy of some sort, and the second time by necromancer-one-standby, Ericane.

MUN-MOSCOW: See, I told ya you'd get it this season. Why am I always right?

FRUSH-DALLEY: You fool, why do you dislike me? Trying to go to the Channel. And putting your Army in Gascony—real swift. Not to mention A Ploardy. Let's see what you're planning? England invasion perhaps? Nah, not Scott, he knows better I hope.

GER-ENG: I knew all those dots would be a temptation! Too bad, things might have worked out well between us, Maybe next time, eh?

ENG-RUSSIA: Thanks for going to Norway. Really thank you. It means a lot to me.

Major the Horrible / By Dick Brown



OZOG'S BASEMENT



AUSTRIA(Rusnak) A ser-BUL(S F ORS); A BUD-rum; A VIE a germ a mun-boh(NSO);
A TRI S A vie.
ENGLAND(Frueh) A lon-NWT(G F NTH); F nwy-BAR; F lvp-WAL.
FRANCE(L McCloud) F ENG-bel; A BUR a F eng-bel(d, w pio, par, gas, OTB); F bre-MID; A spa-MAR.
GERMANY(Spink) A ruh-BUR(S A MUN); A HOL-bel; F DEN-swa; A ber-SIL.
ITALY(Pasley) A apu-ALB(G F ION); A van-TYO.
RUSSIA(Dalley) A sev-WKR; A GAI-bud; A BOH-vie; F HUM-bla; F BOT-swa; f bla-sev(NSU.)
TURKEY(Ehli) F CON-bla; A SMT-ara(S A ANK); A bul h(d, ann).

Deadline for FALL 1902 is JULY 8, 1982. No NMRs in this game...how boring.

PRESS:

MAD TURK-CRAZY RUSSIAN: I don't want to make these moves, you know. I just got paranoid when my neighbors build armies on my back doorstep.

FRA-ENG: You're a better man than I, Ganga Din.

SCOTT-SCOTT: The shithhead has been accusing you of being a front for the USPO. I won't let him get away with that sort of thing.

SCOTT-HANDSOME HANSON: While your at it kick out Spink, Frueh and Rusnak; real people do not have names like these. This is deceptom of the GH at its worst, and I'm putting the finger on McCloud. That leaves only Pasley, and I'm taking him out myself. At least I think I can... better "lose" his orders one more time to make sure.

CON-FOM, LON, & BER: Look, I know we aren't neighbors, but I'd like to hear from you a little more often. Especially you, Mr. Pasley. I haven't heard from you since you sent that photo-copied intro letter in W'OO.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Well, well, my dear good old friend--why are you so upset? Did your commander make you swab the deck with a toothbrush again? Or was it that your sailor friend was not able to bunk in with you last night? It's a rough life isn't it Russ? Here I am in Madison while you want to go back to San Diego (where your male friends are, and only a short drive to San Fran where you break out the leather). Frueh is pronounced (Free) so yes Virginia it is a real name. Better Eastern Page Page than San Diego any day. With that thought better Mad town than San Diego (where all the he-mans are-right?) Keep writing...

GH: Oooops--should have had that piece of press last, I suppose. Don't think that reading the press beofre it's printed is a right reserved for Frueh...you can too if you visit me on deadline day...

FRUEH AGAIN: I'm not going to Eastern Page Page to work-Darn!

AUS-TURKEY: Your handwriting is terrible. What kindergarten did you escape from?

??? This is me, Germany. I'm just put here to spread the seeds of confusion. All you serious Dip players be sure to attack me accordingly. He that is without sin among you, cast the first stone.

EHLI-HANSEN: Here's a suggestion: since there is always a one-week delay in publishing anyway, for one reason for another, why not move the whole schedule up a week.

GH: I did. Or didn't you notice.

RUS-WORLD: I want you to know that I've given all your names and addresses to the Navy's Enlist-A-Friend Program. Recruiters should be hounding you soon enough.

FRA-WORLD: More diplomacy quotes brought to you! Name the sources of all three and win my undying love and affection:

- 1) THE DIE IS CAST. (Good for turning away pleas of mercy.)
- 2) WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE. (Useful for telling an ally to fuck off.)
- 3) YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE. (A real toughie. Not effective against players like Ozog (SLIN) who can't do either.)

Answers next month...



With typical unique title and graphics, Frank Zappa has done it again, this time scoring a mega-hit in Sunland. While the vast majority of this album is typical Zappa-esque electronic doodlings and overuse of xylophone (title track) plus unbearable vocals and lyrics ("Teenage Prostitute"), Zappa has slipped one masterpiece into the bunch, arguably one of his all time best songs. With lyrics and vocals by Zappa's daughter Moon, "Valley Girl" is the single of the summer. A "Val" is a young gum chewing rich bitch from the San Fernando Valley just north of Los Angeles, and this song rips them apart. Ten times as fun as anything from the frozen McKensy brothers. This semi-novelty song may never make it out of Southern California due to the rest of the world's ignorance of just what the San Fernando Valley is. Call up your local radio station now and request it, or, hopefully, you've already heard it. (Has it been heard outside Southern California yet?)

I've been telling you about Californianisms, and this song proves me right, totally. Moon says:

So like this guy asks me if I'm into S & M
I AM SURE! Can you picture me in like a LEATHER TEDDY?
I'm sure, like HURT ME HURT ME.
I'm so sure, TOTALLY
Like he called me like a BEASTY, I'M SURE

or

Enoino is like so BITCHEN
There's like the Galleria
It's like so BITCHEN because like everyone is so nice
I'm sure, totally

and

Like my mother is a total space cadet
She like makes me do the dishes
And clean the cat box
I'M SURE it's like so GRODY
GRODY TO THE MAX

and on and on, while Daddy Frank sings in the background

Valley girl she's a valley girl
Valley girl and there is no cure
She flips her curls and tosses her hair
She's got a whole lot of nothing up there
The last idea to cross her mind
Has something to do with where to find
A pair of jeans to cover her butt
And where to get her toenails out

Of course, reading them does no justice. You have to hear Frank's little Valley Girl Moon, 14, recite them. You can just see her chomping on gum and tossing her hair back. What "Great White North" did for "Rosehead" and "Beerhunter," "Valley Girl" will do for "I'm sure," "Totally," and "Bag that face!"

It's tubular to the max.

I'm sure.

((Response from the management: Sounds like Frank has come up with what has been his trademark lately...the single with 7 B-sides that sells for the same price as an album. But people who are both rich girls and from Southern California? What an unbearable combination...and easy target. No I haven't heard the song...are you kidding, the Twin Towns has the 2nd least progressive rock station in the country (don't laugh, Jim, the worst one is in Des Moines!) and the number one Adult Contemporary FM station in the country...you expect them to play Zappa in this market? Anyway, with albums at \$9.98 a crack, I expect more than one song and a side and a half or filler. Now if he wrote a song about "Edina Girls"....))

PERSONAL NOTES

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Man, has it been a busy month. Chicago-con, Frauke's arrival, graduation of my exchange-student brother, moving, finals, work, and now summer classes. Wow.

Chicago was a blast. Stayed with Bob Osuch and his wife (and kid and dog and cat and salamander). A most gracious host. Rita Osuch hates Diplomacy, but would be a whiz at the game. She was lying to Dick and Julie all weekend (like buying heroin in Chinese restaurants?) Dick and Julie and Mark the Lousy were all at Osuch's as well, only a 1 1/2 hour drive for them. Dick and Julie figured they had graduated while they were in Pennsylvania. Much alcohol was consumed. The playing was in Eric Osog's basement, we had four games going and weren't crowded. I won't talk about my games, but I did finish one with 8 centers. So take that Russ! I had opportunity to meet the infamous Bill Becker. He and I are a lot alike, that is we spent more time laughing than negotiating (and really Bill, you can keep Sweden!) Russ Ruznak was an interesting experience. A most extreme player and person. He makes Michalski sound like a Kennedy-clone. Anyway, Bob managed to get lost driving back from Eric's, after all, it was only his town. Was it his fault the expressway kept moving? Next day (Sunday) was gunboat at Andy Lischett's. I didn't do much better at that, but I thought I'd stick around for a few extra hours so I changed my flight to Monday morning. Perhaps I'll have a complete report next issue.

Frauke's welcome didn't go exactly as planned. The benjo was in the shop and we were all in rotten moods, so it wasn't quite as festive as it should have been. That weekend was hectic. Frauke arrived on Thurs, and I had to move by the next Tues. And we had company all Memorial weekend. We moved early since we found someone to take my old room on June 1. No use waiting the 50 or so bucks it would have cost. Our new place is nice, kitchen A/C, much closer space. Nice for two of us.

I think I'll wind it up now with some stats.

THE NAUGHTY LIST: These people have all NMR'd out of Irksome games. To play again in Irksome they will have to pay a NMR fee. Bobby Stephens, Tom Mainardi, Mark Cummings, Paul Flowers, James Woodson, Leary McCloud.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS: Bill Becker, Tom Swider, Thomas Coveney, Evans Givan.

SIGNED UP FOR GAMES

BLIND POST CARD: McCloud, Ehli, Palter, Woodson

TWO WEEK: Palter(pd), Slaughter //Givan, Coveney, Jurkowski, Woodson, have all expressed an interest in playing, but haven't told me which game(s)
FOUR WEEK: None They will receive first priority if they let me know by next issue.

STANDYBY LIST: With all the NMRs lately, my standby list has been devastated. Standbys receive 3 free issues when they sign up and 3 more when they complete a game. You can ask for positions of only 3 centers or less if you wish. Please let me know if you want on or off.

McCloud Carter Sherwood* Keller Slaughter Martin Woodson Woody PByrne* Dailey Kane Note
Thank you all.

Goodnight

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