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SOAK KATHY'S >>>>> HEAD!

Yes, folks, if you were able to see the light and sent me a post card asking me to SOAK KATHY'S HEAD, you can really enjoy this issue since you are getting it ANNOUINCED FROM OF CHANCE! And, of course, you all get your names on the front page. What publicity!

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That's a total of 63 votes, for you who can't count.

If you haven't voted yet, you still can...but time is fleeting. I'll be leaving town on July 16, so send those last minute votes to SOAK KATHY'S HEAD, 31 Woody, ONE HUNDRED 06, LANSING MI 48206.

This is HUNTER, a course of insanity that springs eternal from SCOTT HANSON, 617-22th Ave SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. Phoebe (612)623-4240. We do have some openings! HUND POST CARD DIP is nearly full, no game fees, you know only how your own water do. We also have openings in 1-week and 2-week deadlines. Game fees are \$3 and \$5 respectively. Sub to the mine are 50¢ per issue.

I was quite overwhelmed with material for this issue. No less than 4 sublines. Articles and silly attack galore. Therefore, several things have to wait. The Springfield issue is put on the back burner...but before the end of the year I will do an issue dedicated to the Boon. That's any appropriate material. Also a Minnesota's issue. My report of Chicago-ooch was also bumped out. Just today I got DIPLOMACY BY MONTAGNE with all the gory details, w/ pics. All true. It's so great, my own meager story would pale in competition. I'll wait one more issue.

Al Pearson forgot to ignore the controversy about the Leader Poll and Diplomacy World, so I guess I'll have to do it for him.

Brian Runkel, a very extreme person, is holding a Runkel-con on July 24, for those of you who wish you could be at Origins, but can't. I hear there are experiences that can't be missed. If you're in the area, he's at 9002 S Maple, Burbank IL 60459.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS AUG 7.

FRANK PETERSEN & SCOTT HANSON LOOK FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU AT DIPLOMACY WORLD '82.

from David D Perlmutter...."Frankie's Scott, how could a smart Mississin((ed)) boy like you be completely tricked? This female is not the innocent future Mantram you imagine. No, indeed, if my suspicions are correct, 'Frankie' is really an international terrorist on the MHIEM. Let me explain. During March I spent two weeks visiting some friends in Cologne. These people told me that the rumor going around the youth of West Germany was that Ulrike Meinhof, leader/founder of the Rote Armee Fraktion (Beader-Meinhor Gang) did not commit suicide as was widely publicized. It seems, she escaped, but the West German police were so embarrassed by this fact that they announced she was dead. The story goes she had plastic surgery and is trying to become an American citizen by tricking some Koppish American college kid into marrying her. King a bell. Scott? If the woman standing next to you really is Ulrike Meinhof, then you must do something. I suppose you should turn her in to Interpol. But then again, she may just be your average German teenager. Only one way to find out. Get into a conversation about politics or in Marxist-Leninist theory. If she speaks in long rambling left-wing nonsense volumes, then she is Ulrike. Good luck....

((You know, you could be right. Frankie does speak in long rambling left-wing nonsense; in fact, she did that just the other day to Michael. And there is that one bag of hairs she's never let me look into. And all those phone calls in the middle of the night. "Frankie" says that she's surprised you found her out so quickly, but you misappellated her name...it's Ulrike Meinhof, and don't worry...a hit squad has been sent to Pennsylvania and the problem will be taken care of.))

from Scott Dailey... "Hey where did they dig Law up anyway? His last letter...do you actually know him? Seen him? Is a real person with basic motor skills or does he just babble into a tape recorder and have the doctors transcribe it. Mfied. "Fear and Loathing in Anchorage Alaska." Coop, forgot the sip-cant forget any details....

((Hey, I think he's really after all, I have talked to him on the phone, but he didn't say anything about doctors in white coats or strait jackets or anything. Why don't you ask him yourself?))

from Minnesota Grad Don Ditter... "On my last visit back (to Minnesota) I was surprised at the many changes (on campus)---Coffee Union was practically unrecognizable, as was the new medical complex. But basically the campus was pretty much as it was....even some of the old haunts on West Bank are still there. I have many vivid memories of the U of M---the wind across the Misisissippi in the winter, the underground hallways, Coffee Union---being teagruamed EEE during demonstrations---roadblock of Washington Ave, Beagan-Brewer Winfield pitotling and busting, Antorovich and Company skating---getting creamed every year by Ohio State and Michigan in football, partying with friends and just plain having a good time...."

((I don't know why I printed that...after all only Don, I, and a couple others will know what he's talking about. The names change, but the place stays the same.))

from Tre "I visited Michael and survived" Sherwood... "Things as rough as Michael's elatus in the fake Irksome? I just went out to Tennessee for a week ((maybe I should have called him Tre "I spent a week in Tennessee and survived Sherwood)) and on my way visited with John Michael and Gary Coughlin. Enjoyed meeting them. John was ranting about the fake Mos Riley. He just thought his arrived too late and you faked it. But I hear it was a conspiracy....Thanks also for printing my audio review of the Zappa piece. It's all over the country now, apparently. I'm waiting for the video tape....

((Yes, the Mos Riley in #13 was a fake. No, the Irksome Michael sent out was not a fake. I had typed up a cover of my own for it, but he got impatient and did his own. That cover and Michael's version of his fateful meeting with Sherwood appear here. Yeah, West added Valley Girl's last week and I even heard it on the Top 40 station once. But before that "Don't You Want Me" is number one now...just like I said it would be. You saw it here first.))

SOAK KATHY'S HEAD!

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Madtown Madness

from Mark Frueh

Good evening, and here's the news..... Major new outbreaks of violence, crime, and pestilence occurred throughout the world today. (See close up shots from the good natured camera men.)

Thanks alot but let's go back to the simple life of diplomacy news.

I met Scott (Lucky) Hanson and the lovely Franke a month ago. Scott was working at MacDonalds when I went over to visit Franke. Nice of him to let me be alone with her. I was impressed by hospitality to a stranger like me, world needs many more Franken. Scott, when he finally showed up, began by teasing Franke, took him awhile to realize I was there. (His glasses were broken, ask him to explain how they got broken, a bit funny....) It was fun reading Rusnak's moves after I turned in mine or was it before I can't really seem to remember.... I'm offering a small reward to any player or GWN to attack Rusnak in GWN, or Rusnak can OD and collect himself. Money talks better than you Russ, are you listening Kevin Tighe \$

The Russ Rusnak Experience, June 19, Saturday, boy whata day. For the Madison team, James Wall, Mark Peters & Friend (I forgot his name, sorry), and I, it began like a thunderstorm and ended in very little sleep and empty (make that many empties) beer cans on Sunday morning.... I will have to proclaim to all, that I, Mark Frueh, had one hell of a great time. FTF, or face to face, was changed to mean FRED THE FUCKER games. Coming from Fred Winters grown up attitude during the brief second game, was the only bad experience from the weekend. But even with Fred, the weekend was definitely worth all the trouble getting down to Burbank. 14 or 15 Dip players add up to alot of good times which was appreciated to Russ Rusnak for holding the games at his house. Russ Rusnak may make one bad Dip player when you are after him, but he is a great host and I hope he will continue inviting players to get drunk or have a great time. (In Wisconsin we are fortunate to have a prerequisite on both conditions or something like that.) If you get the chance, go and play in the next FTF on July 24. Possibly Sunday too. For info

Russ Rusnak, 8002 S. Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459
And to all a pleasant Good Night.

Having behind us the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the commercial interests, the laboring interests and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demand for plastic pieces by saying to them: You shall not press down upon the hobby this crown of stars and anchors - you shall not crucify diplayed on a cross of plastic.

but this is still BENZENE

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#13 I think
Scott's snuck past
me. I'll investigate
a damn?
F35w

which is a genuine subgame put out by Mark Law of 3120 W 79th Anchorage AK 99502 & (907)249-4859. This is #12 typed on a different typewriter than usual. This is my brother's "Olivetti Letters 22", a funky little lightweight manual thing with Del Grande type letters. Supposedly it's the sort of thing reporters carry around. Having nothing better to do, I'll go on to the deviant game which asks the question: why are headlines always in caps?

IRREGULAR Spring 1901

Martin/Martin does what everyone expected; no bounces; two rules repropoed; apathetic and irre-

AUS(Hanson): A Vie-BUD, A Bud-SEM, F Tri-ALB; G & H

ENG(Swider): A Lvp-YUA, F Lon-MTH, F Edi-NUM; D & O

FRA(Darno): A Par-DUR, A MAH & A Par-Bur, F Bro-MID; E & G

GER(Martin/Martin): NMR(neutral moves for Sp01) F Kie-MEL, A Ber-KIE, A MUN H; F

ITA(Becker): A Ven-TTU, A Rom-APV, F Nap-ION; F

RUS(Sauch): A Mos-STP, A War-UKM, F Sev-HUM, F Stpac-BOT; E

TUR(Olsen): F Ank-CON, A Con-BUL, A SMT-H; D & E

AUG 1

deadline is just like
last time - 6 days before
Scott's IR deadline, which is:

I tried to phone the delinquent newbies, but the first time I called I got a bunch of funny beeps and clicks, but no answer. After trying again, Dick answered and I made the mistake of asking for Julie (because it was her turn), so Dick went to get her, I got more funny noises and then a dial tone. When I tried to call back, no one answered; subsequent tries were met with funny noises and/or no answer. So they NMR. I had thought about a NR with neutral moves for Sp01 units and was going to write something about them (which I might do this issue), but they hadn't hit the HMs yet, so as of now my HMs just say that I use my judgment, provided that I don't do anything gross or irregular. My decision was that neutral orders are better than having them stagnate; I considered using established neutral orders of some other zee (probably VoD) but I decided that would be just as tacky as using my own, which are less likely to offend anyone, as they are more neutral. If anyone objects, I suppose we could discuss it, since it's not irrevocable. I don't have a standby list but I suppose it couldn't hurt to just call someone out of the blue, even though he may or may not standby for us. Standby for Germany is therefore, um, Woody Arnawoodian. You've all got his address somewhere. I'll be very disappointed if I have to have him take over, but if he sends orders, I know I can put him on the standby list where he is subject to being from the deviant rules (Incidentally, you may want to keep in mind in your "negotiation" that standbys are liable to show up in ANY position).

The letters way up there in the game report are the rules voted for; as you can see rules / E & G tie for the most votes as they go into effect. For those of you with short memories and/or messy "files", those rules are (they get #s now that they are in effect) 1. 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. ((The rule I was hoping would NOT make it, naturally)) & 2. Prior to the spring moves, players may order (along with spring orders) any coastal unit to convert from fleet to army or vice versa.

Neither of these will do anything until Sp02 even though they go into effect now. Notation will look something like: F.0 Nuy-Sve, A.1 Hum-Ruh, F-A.0 Tum-Haf, A-F.2 Con-Bla, etc.

Now the rules you vote on for next turn are: Martin/Martin NMR'd as they repropose their last rule (which we all know because of their vote) but it's letter changes..

H: Each player can order another player's NMR once during the game.

Someone else tried "a volcano erupts in Serbia, charring (eliminating) any units there. (is that legal?)" and it would have been except that he didn't say WHEN it erupts (i.e. every turn this turn, 50% chance per turn, etc) so he repropoed his rule too.

J: Eng becomes a land-sea space - passable from any adjacent by both Is and Fs.

K: Next year, ((would be pre-Spring 02)) each country gets vacation units for one year (thereafter they need a dot to sustain them) ((I take it you're all familiar with vacation Dip?

I suppose I'll have to send a xerox of it to Backwater Hill. bummer))

L: Allow Switzerland to become a playable supply center space.

By the way, I'd say the "impassable" part has precedence over the "like Switzerland" in case they come to be one and the same. Also I assume anyone in Tyo when the rule passes is allowed to stick around and is not kicked out.)

N₁ All landscapes which are not dots become dots, and all dots cease to be dots.

((bringing the victory criterion to 23, if I figured that right.))

P: Each year, all players may order a special "off the board" unit. Example: F off-POR.

((These will need a dot to sustain them if they take it to the board. I assume that oth is adjacent to all spaces and that oth units can support or convey))

For those of you who still haven't figured it out, you may vote for one or two rules.

I think that's about it for this game except that some of you went and went in some press which means I'll have to do a third page if I intend to say anything. PRESS

THALLSVILLE: Anybody voting for proposals B and C will die!!!

ENGLAND to FRANCE: Weren't it you who always said "Break the women and rape the GIs"?

I know Julie won't like it at all.

TRILLVILLE: Who is Bill Becker?

K200: Let's mess Lew over and give him some really complex rules to govern his Kling. Like all moves must be written backwards. If you want (ac) you must write (nc) All spaces must use the same 3 letters for their abbreviations. If $x + y - 7 = z$ then Munich is Turkish. Let's get the original Deviant here.

IG: Written in ENGLISH.

THIRLISVILLE to WICHITA: You actually fear an alliance of the mediocre powers? Now, do you think we'd ever become organized enough to do something like that? Never.

ST SWIDERSBURG: "O such a beautiful morning, O such a beautiful day!"

THRELLSVILLE to MANOOK: For you: [REDACTED]

(I know that you just love "I's") N I do too!!!!!!

LEW: Yeah. Too bad I don't have a real one on this typer. I had to make those fake Bozo
welcome signs.

ENGLAND to ITALY, GERMANY and AUSTRIA: If you know what is good for you, STAY OUT OF TYTO*
LIA. After all, it is British, you know. Any invasion of our rightful territory will result
in immediate attack. If you saw us in action in the Falklands, you'll know what I mean!
((Unless you happened to be one of the guys who got killed))

TOMLINER to **MYKEY**: will you be my brainless puppet?

SIP to CH: If you're not always in a bad mood, how come they call you the "Alaskan King Crab"?

GM to STP: "They"? It was just Stafford, but he demoted me to "Prince Crab" and then to court jester. Now he doesn't even write to me.

UKA: Dick says he's the shy type. So does Phyllis Diller. ((I never knew that Phyllis D. even knew Dick))

F BOT: I hope that someone gets my message in a bottle.

LEISUREVILLE: According to Monarchs #381 section 17 paragraph 2 line 12, only one player may play Germany. Therefore, I declare this game regular! ((so what does it say about sore players playing Germany?))

So nice of you guys to leave me the rest of the page, hey? I hope nobody minds me correct-
ing spelling in the press. If you're jealous, you can correct my typos; should keep you

wargame just as a novelty because it was in the news because all these pseudo-sympathetic folk were having fits about "oh how can they even make a GAME out of such a thing"

"How beastly!" I agree that it's a shame that some nice boys were turned into meatloaf but it's silly to complain about a dumb little game, as if it's going to change anything.

If that's the way we're going to be, we'll practically have to bang all games because everything is disrespectful to someone ((if and when, let's hope D&D is the first to go))

Anyway, my point is that the game doesn't hurt anything || hahaha might be a good idea to
 smash ((despite the thought I had of Toots & Fluff at their gaming table yelling "Ha! I
 Blasted that fucker, you can kiss those 500 communist sympathizing Brits goodbye))

I also thought the game was fairly uninteresting, though I liked the 1914 version which is much simpler. Still, not worth \$14. I also got this new Avalon Hill game called

Civilization which is well worth the money. Either Mykey or Tomlinson mentioned it too ⁱⁿ a letter a while back, but I didn't note it at the time. We got 4 players and played the full game for 8 hours and I didn't get tired of it. I can't say the same for him.

(I was, too) An excellent game, I would rate it my 4th favorite game, even though I only

played it once.

This is page 3 back on the normal typer and a few days later which means that BZ goes to XScott special delivery again. That's become the norm I think. I've since started another game of Clv (which I just mentioned, as I recall) but we didn't have time to finish it so it's sitting here on this table and Frankie will probably be calling soon asking when we can finish it. Hrm. Also Reagan has apparently come up with some nifty plan to get our boys involved in the Israel-PLO war. What fun. The way I see it, she was mad at Haig for quitting so he decided to get him back by starting a war for the USA and not let Haig play. Reminds me of the friend of mine who worked at this one place for a year with no raise - he quit, then a few days later everyone but there got a raise.

Quasi article on diplomacy: Say you just got in a new game in VOD and in sp01 you get yourself into a situation where (as England), you told Germany you'd goto the channel and he's going to be very mad at you if you don't. Naturally, you told France you wouldn't so he's going to be very mad at you if you do. But suppose you decide you'd rather try not to get either of them too upset just yet, so what do you do? Simple, you NMR. Brux wonders if you died and calls a standby, but that's okay because in sp01 he does "neutral moves" for you: F Lon-Nth, PEdi-Nwg (I don't have Brux's rules right here so I can't be sure of that, but I know some zeens use those moves, so the point's the same) now France is happy and you write to Germany making blaming it on the post office. Clever no?

It seems to me that most zeens HR's have neutral moves that aren't neutral enough. I guess that the GMs, in making them, think of different normal opening moves and decide which is most neutral, but good neutral moves (I think) shouldn't be good moves. Unless the neutral moves are slightly inferior, what's to dissuade a player from NMRing? Some people for these reasons and others don't like to use neutral moves at all. But that certainly has problems too, because in a genuine NMR, a country like England will have it's chances almost ruined by holding all units in sp01. Therefore, in making up neutral moves for HRs they should be sufficient to give the NMRing country a decent chance, but no more; there's nothing wrong with having a few units hold. Dunque-- HR III a:

If a player NMRs in sp01, neutral orders will be used for his country..

AUS A Vie-Tri, F Tri-Alb, A Bud-H
ENG F Edi-Nth, A Lvp-Yox, F Lon-H
FRA A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid, A MarHM
Ger F Kie-Hel, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-H

ITA F Nap-Ion, A Rom-H, A Van-H
RUS F Stp-Pin, A War-Ukr, A Mos-H, F Sev-H
TUR A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Say-H

There, I've said all I want that I started a third page for, so I probably won't finish the page, unless I come up with lots of pictures and garbage..

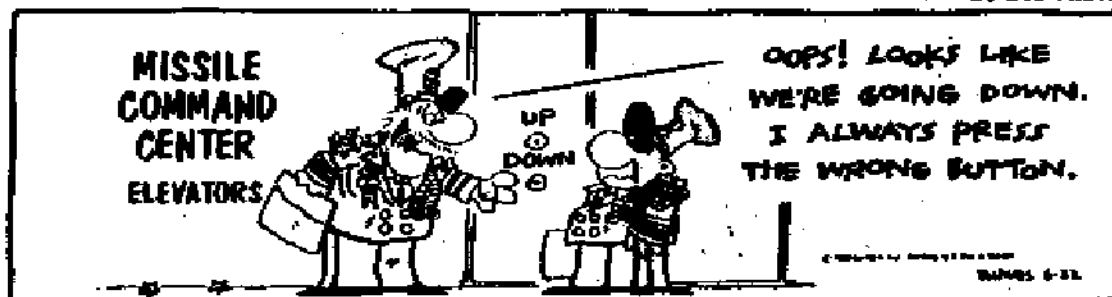
QUOTES: "We would make absolutely certain as near as we can..." ---Larry Speakes (on Reagan's new escapade, mentioned at the top of the page)

* "It is good for a man not at to touch a woman" -- I Corinthians 7:1

Woody says:
To make these typical fun of
your grow as big as possible
him, turn off the back lights
every night.

FRANK & ERNEST

By Bob Thaves



A little
room for
you + here
Scott

((Room...for me? oh no, what will I do with it???

yes, Frauke & I will be at Origins. We are leaving Minneapolis by Greyhound on July 16, and will arrive in NYC on July 17. We'll spend the week with John and Kathy and go down to Baltimore with them. Afterwards, the two of us will do some work for the American Field Service Orientation for students from abroad about to spend a year in the states. Hopefully we will get a ride back to Mpls on a AFS bus on July 29. If not, we'll stay for the Byrne-con that weekend.))

IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE reading the reduced sized game reports, full sized copies of the game you're in are available. IRKSOME does not want to discriminate against the far-sighted.

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Here's the latest sub-sub-zine published by Mark S. Keller,
9536 Shumway Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662.

Game Openings

I will have openings in both regular and variant games soon (I hope).

Hobby Rumors

- > An *Irksons* fake arrived recently. It was done by John Michalski and contained a real *Nos Eisley Spaceport*.
- > A new zine *The Modern Patriot* is being published by Bill Highfield. Openings in regular and variant dip. TMP, 2012 Ridge Rd East, Rochester, NY 14622
- > *Peericon II* will be held July 23/24/25 in Sandy Eggo (San Diego). Infos Institute For Diplomatic Studies, Box 4414, San Diego, CA 92162.
- > Still time to get your votes in to the *Kreder DM* poll.

Feature Article

How to Play Switzerland by Kevin Tighe

Switzerland is the most challenging country to play since it is the only one to border four major powers and have immediate access to two supply centers (Munich and Marseilles). Most novice players find the first move possibilities very confusing. For instance, do you trust France and Germany to move north so you could help Austria attack Italy? And if Austria moves Vienna to Tyrolia, can you trust him not to move into your country in the fall? Such questions send many a player helplessly groping for the Tylmol.

I find the best way to play the opening moves is to put a Paul Horn record on the stereo; sit on the bed with a couple of bottles of dark beer, or any locally made brew; and assume the lotus position (optional). When half a bottle has been consumed slowly repeat to yourself the word "Calhauer". Soon you will see yourself transported up to the top of the Swiss Alps. As the clouds part you will be able to clearly see the deployment of the German, French, Italian, and Austrian fleets and troops. In my meditations I see them moving in slow motion. This may not occur to you, but that's OK. Whatever you experience will be correct for you; accept it. By the time the second bottle is empty you should have a clear knowledge of who your allies are.

Now, what do you do if you are immediately attacked? Nothing. Remember Switzerland is impassible. A good GM will never allow anyone to enter your country, so you are really free to attack anyone. True, you don't have an army, but don't let that stop your attack. I've always claimed to have a fleet in dry dock that would be ready to sail in a few years. In '88SW1 I had *Noto* in Austria so confused he kept 2 armies and a fleet near Switz. from 1984-1989.

Some novices say Switzerland is too boring to play without an army or an operational fleet, but if it is boring it's their own fault. For as many people know, experienced players don't give a fig about the game. It is the press that is the real battleground. By playing Switz, the novice can learn how to humour, cajole, threaten and abuse the other players. And after a few months, they'll be ready to take on a regular country, combining various moves with their now well-honed press repartee.

For those of you fanatics about winning, just remember that Switzerland can never be overtaken and will always share in it's neighbor's victories.

Switzerland - safe, small, and clean. I raise my bottle of Anchor Steam to that beautiful, peaceful goddess; land of the ties.

SOAK KATHY'S >>>>> HEAD!

July 5, 1982

Dear Mark, (Berch),

You may have heard of the feud I am having with Kathy Byrne. The gist of it is that we, rather than settle our feud in an ugly way in our zines, with articles and charges and counter-charges, have decided to let the hobby decide. We are having Dip players all over the country send us cards which ask to soak the other's head. This head soaking will take place at ORGONS, probably on Saturday night, where the one of us with the most cards will soak the other.

However, Kathy has taken this thing beyond all bounds of fair play and good sportsmanship. With the help of her campaign manager, Gary Coughlan, she has secured several cards from Europe. Now when this thing was announced back in April, we both stated that we were leaving the feud for "the hobby" to decide. While not stated outright, it was implied that the North American hobby was to decide the feud. The term is generally used to refer to players in only the United States and Canada, and the subscribers of Irksome and Whitestonia, except for one or two token subscribers, are confined to North America.

However, once that fiend Coughlan took it upon himself to manage Kathy's campaign, the treachery began. He, through his zine, Europe Express, has done a fine job of keeping the hobby in Europe in touch with Diplomacy players in North America. But there is no way he could give an objective view of this important hobby matter. These Europeans have been deluded by Gary, and by his various schemes and promises have been tricked into voting for Kathy.

The voting in this feud has been running pretty close, and by the law of averages about half the votes from Europe should be for me. However, out of the 10 of 15 Europeans that have voted, NOT ONE has voted for me. This shows the extent of Gary's trickery.

I then argue, since the feud was never stated to include players not from North America, that Gary Coughlan by this ties to the European hobby has an unfair advantage in reaching them, and he has indeed succeeded in duping them into voting for Kathy, that these votes should be discarded and not counted. Kathy, of course, argues otherwise.

You, as a long time hobbyist and publisher of Diplomacy Digest, are in a position to settle this question. You have been an Ombudsman for several hobby questions. We ask you to be the Ombudsman for this feud. Should these votes from Europe be counted? I trust you'll decide the correct way.

cc Coughlan
Byrne
Irksome
Whitestonia
Michalski

Sincerely,



Scott Hansen

On the center of a major metropolitan intersection the made desperate man speaks out once again for a lost cause.

LOST CAUSE

A SUBKIN
OF

IRKSONE

His voice barely heard above the sound of the traffic: "Gather friends, and bear witness to this month's lost causes! The list I read to you is but a fragment of the full list! Read well and learn the truth!

Lost Cause #1 Scott Hansen winning the 'Soak Head' contest. A Desperate Man recognizes a desperate man.

Lost Cause #2 Reading an entire issue of Steve Arneson's "Coat Of Arms" without becoming bored or asleep.

Lost Cause #3 Allowing with Tom Swider.

Lost Cause #4 Getting laid via USPS.

Lost Cause #5 Determining if Gary Conaghan is actually an android.

Lost Cause #6 Trusting anyone whose first name is 'Scott.' Scott Peth, USAF, alien bigfoot. Scott Dailley, USN, alcoholic soon. Scott Hanson, DIPW, alcoholic bigfoot, alien anon.

Lost Cause #7 Trying to remember deadlines.

Lost Cause #8 Calling Glenn Overby.

Lost Cause #9 Stopping Al Pearson.

Lost Cause #10 Playing a friendly game of Diplomacy.

Lost Cause #11 Writing all your letters in the third person.

Lost Cause #12 Convinced Dick Martin of anything.

Lost Cause #13 Getting my money's worth from Irkone & Mos Riley. (enclosed is \$\$.)

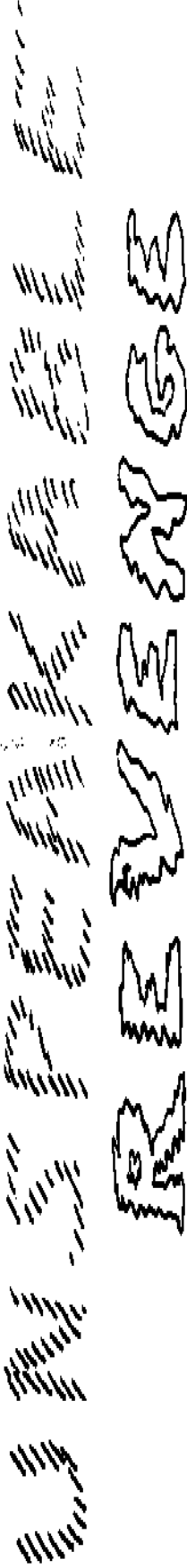
Lost Cause #14 Don Del Grande

Lost Cause #15 Don Del Grande

Lost Cause #16 Getting Moby to call Woodson 'James.'

Lost Cause #17 Starting a subway

The Desperate Man finished speaking and slipped quietly into the crowd. He surfaced later at a coffee shop and ordered hot water and a tamag. He opened up a notebook and began scribbling.



A SUBKIN
OF

IRKSONE

The Desperate Man wrote a story about a nude man who followed a beautiful German fraulein around hoping to convince her that her impending marriage was a frightful mistake. Unfortunately, his nudity makes her think that she is being attacked by Anthony Perkins (Psycho) so she yells for help. What follows is an exciting chase with unusual plot twists and imaginative description all climaxing in a bizarre ending where the nude man escapes but still swears to get unspeakable revenge upon the fraulein's fiancée.

After finishing the story the Desperate Man announced his game openings:

1. A regular Dip game, \$3 fee, Irksome house rules
2. An irregular Dip game, sale priced at only \$2, no refunds please

Next the nude man mentioned a letter section. He promised to respond irreverently to all.

Then he thought what the hell and dashed out of the coffee shop without paying for his order.

When he found Hanson's car he took out a can of aerosol spray paint (luminescent orange) and wrote:

BLIND DESPAIR

A SUBZINE
OF
IRKSOME

He stated that in this zine there would be no room for winning and that all players in the end must eventually die.

At this point Hanson's car was covered so he decided he'd done enough damage for one day and went home.

Once inside his large gray abode he flicked his giant color TV on just in time to see:

NOT AGAIN

A SUBZINE
OF
IRKSOME

The Desperate Man flung his notebook at the screen while the announcer gave all the wonderful details of this limited offer.

There would be, the announcer said, game openings, a letter column, short stories, and occasional humorous pieces such as a list of lost causes. Then the announcer began to go into details...when the Desperate Man clicked off the tube.

The skinny nude man yawned, stretched and headed for his spiral staircase to his king-sized bed where he slept for about three hours of every 24. He reached down and pulled back the blankets and saw that someone had written in black with a laundry marker:

ENOUGH'S
ENOUGH
ALREADY

A SUBZINE
OF
IRKSOME

Of course written along with this was a story, an amusing list, game openings, a letter column, and introductory voyage into the Twilight Zone, tonight's episode entitled:

LOST CAUSE a subcyn of Irksome Gregory Stewart 618 Short Dickey Greenfield OH 45123

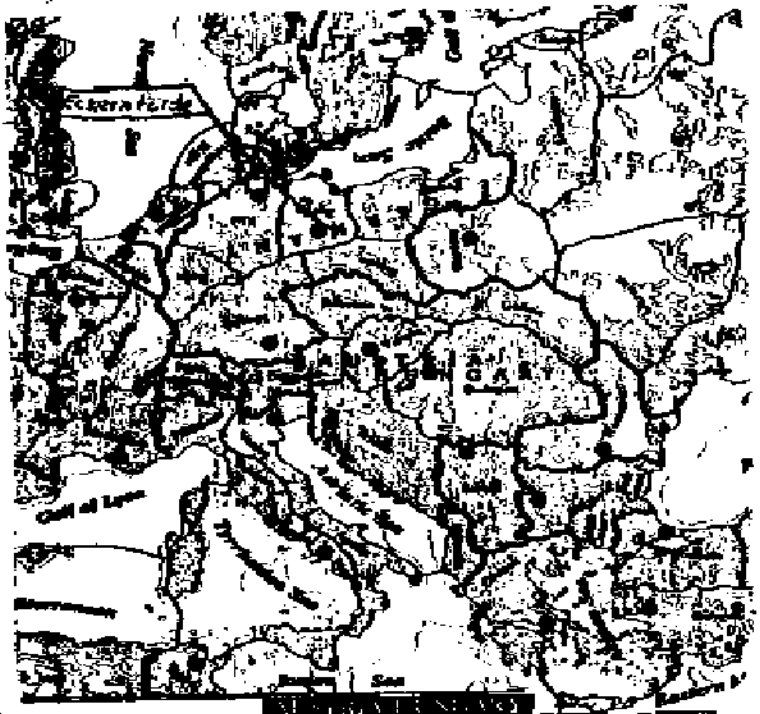
WHERE DOES FRAUKE COME FROM?

Several of you have asked this extremely important question to me lately. After all, Germany is not on the edge of Outer Mongolia, and several IRKSOME subbers have been to Germany as tourists or in the service.

This conference map should clear up the matter for all. Eckernförde, West Germany is in the province of Kiel, at the eastern end of the Kiel Canal on the Baltic Sea. This is a mistake in the map; the Kiel Canal is shown emptying into Eckernförde Bay when it actually leads to Kiel Bay, a bit south (The next bay down on the map).

Eckernförde is 15 km (9 mi) from Kiel, and 80 km (48 mi) from the border with Denmark. Berlin is 360 km (216 mi) away by a poor highway and Hamburg is 110 km (66 mi) by Autobahn. And if you want to visit the Carlsberg brewery in Copenhagen, it's just 250 km (150 mi) by train and ferry.

But it's terrible long way from Bavaria. Frauke calls Bavaria a separate country from Germany, but we won't deal with the messy subject of racism here



URBAN FANTASIES #4



EXPERIMENTING WITH AUSTRALIAN CUISINE, McDONALD'S INTRODUCES THE M&WOMBAT SANDWICH.



KATHY TAKES REVENGE ON WOODY FOR SPEARLEADING THE "SOAK KATHY'S HEAD" CAMPAIGN

82C TEENAGE WASTELAND FALL 1905 12 DON'T PUT DOWN THE PHONE, WE HAVE A WINNER

The French/Russian/Turkish draw has passed. The vote was 4-yes, 0-no, 1-NVR, 1-NR.
Stats follow....

GAME: 19820 ZINE: IRISOMES! GM: SCOTT HANSON

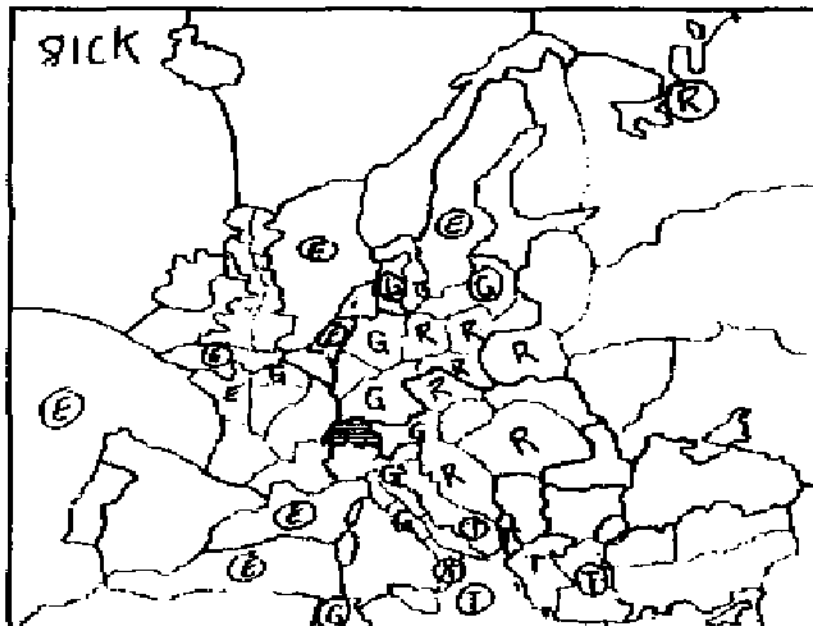
	01	02	03	04	
A	3	1	0	-	Steve Arnanwoodian (out F'03)
E	4	4	2	2	James Woodson (drop S'04), Larry McCloud
F	4	6	8	8	Rick Slaughter (DRAW F'05)
G	5	3	2	1	Jeff Noto
I	5	7	7	1	Dan Palter
R	6	7	9	11	John Michalski (DRAW F'05)
T	4	6	6	8	Bob Ouch (DRAW F'05)



GM COMMENT: We may not have been the first game to start this year, but we sure must be the first 1982 game to end! Wham, bam, Thank you Ma'am, this game progressed like clockwork. Wham-Austria's out, Ham-Germany and England and reduced to bits, and Italy's on the defense. By 1902 everyone knew that F, R & T were going to be the powers. And at 1905 they were all pretty even; Russia had a couple more centers, but would have gotten nothing from Italy's holdings. This game was advertised as black press, but the press never really got anywhere. But player interest was high for the entire game, and NVRs were never really a problem. Wengrats to John, Rick and Bob, and a couple of freebies and a hearty slap on the back for the three. Muchas gracias to Larry McCloud for a hopeless standby spot. Endgame statements are more than welcome for next issue. G'mon, guys, what was your secret?

SICK CIPHER HOLE FALL 1911 DON'T LEAVE THE WINDOW OPEN WHEN IT'S RAINING

ENGLAND(Ellis)	A wal-BRE(C F END, S F MID); F HOL-kis; A den s F hol-kis(d, ann); F lya-HES; F HTH-bel; F may-SWE; F pie-LYO.
GERMANY(Keller)	F tys-TUN; A PIC-bel; A ROM S A van; A VEN S A tys; A boh-MUN(S A TIO); A bar s A kis(d, ann); A KIE s A bar; F hal-DEM(S F BAL.)
ITALY(P Byrne)	F nap hld, r tys, oth).
RUSSIA(Noto)	A lvn-FRU; A non-GER(S A SIL); A WAR S A sil; A gal-BOH; A BUD S A tri; A TRI s turk F apu-van(NVO); F STP(WG) wants peace (H).
TURKEY(Iverson)	A alb-ADR; A ser-ALB(S A GRS); F apu-MAP(S F ION); F AEO S F ION.



1911 SUPPLY CENTERS

END home spa por may hol sue	
war BRE	10 bld 2(1 ann)
GER may man kis bel den per	8 rem 1(1 ann)
may ven rom tun	0 out
ITA may	9 bld 1
RUS home rom bed vie tri BER	7 bld 1
TUR home bul ser gre NAP	

Deadline for WINTER 1911/SPRING 1912 is AUG 5, 1982. Both draws failed; both by 3-Y, 1-N. Russia wants it known he voted for both draws; Germany wants it known he voted for the 4-way. Both the E R T and E O R T draws are proposed again. NVR is yes. GOA for Jeff Noto (8/3/82): 4080 SW 17 PL, Apt D, Gainesville FL 32607.

Thanks to Gary Coughlan for the maps I'm trying out this season. Let me know what you think of them...if the players like 'em I'll keep using 'em.

GOPHER HOLE PRESS:

MOS-KIE: Sorry, Mark, but the temptation is too great.

BER-MOS & CON: Death to the Blue Menials!

GRANPS-ON: Why don't you be our Henry Kissinger?

ON-GRANPS: What? And wear horn rims and have a funny German accent? Forget it!

WER-MORED: Vote yes to the draft!

LONDON-CON: I agree that tearing Germany to shreds is fun but this game IS in 1911!

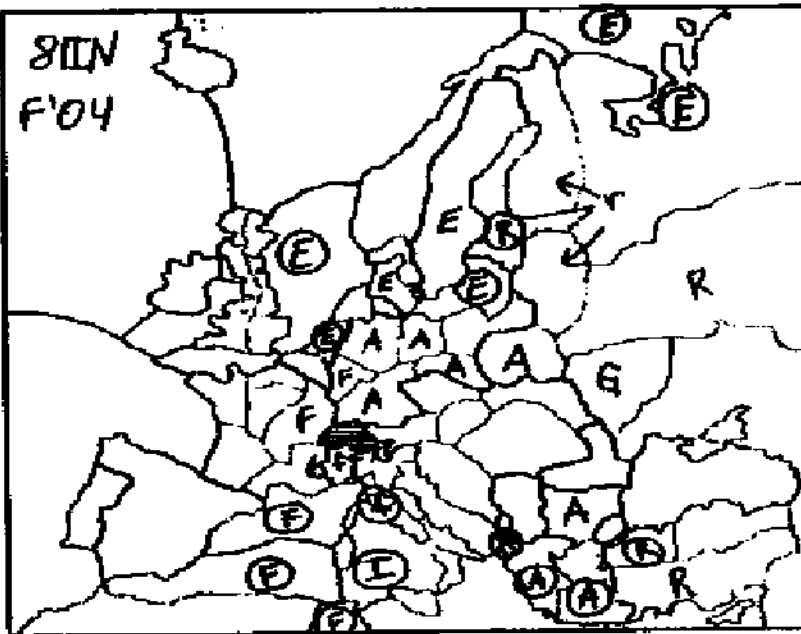
OLF-MORED: I voted yes.

EDINBURGH-BERLIN: What can I say? The devil made me do it...My horoscope said I should...my crystal ball advised it...I've got a disease called centermania...

LIVERPOOL-STP: Really, Jaff, you didn't actually think I would have done that to you, do you?

BLIN ROAD TO RUIN FALL 1904 IS A DREAM A LIE THAT DON'T COME TRUE, OR ISIT SOMETHING WORSE?

AUSTRIA(L McCloud) A ruh-MUN; A KIE H; A BER S A kie; A WAR-mog; A gal-SIL; F alb-ION;
A BUL S ruse F ank-con; F cas-AEG; F ORR S F cas-ecg.
ENGLAND(Charwood) A yor-DEM(C F NTH); A SWE s A yor-dan; F BAL-bot; F may-STP(NG)(S F BAR);
F BUL U, N.
FRANCE(Keller) A pie-ven(d, r war, tyo, OTE); F LYO-tyng; F naf-TUN(S F WES); A bel-RUN(S A BUR.
GERMANY(Osog) A WAR-gev.
ITALY(Palter) A pie r VEN. A ven-PIE(S F TUS); F TIS s A tun; A tun h(d, ann).
RUSSIA(Tighe) F BOT-con; A MOS-ecv; A stp-mog(d, r lvn, fin, OTE); F ank-COH(S A SHY).
TURKEY(J/R/K/L)(LEW) F ANI C & A CON S ruse A swy-bul(MSO, both units D, arm.)



1904 SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS home gre ser sun kie	10 bld 1
bul ber WAR	
ENG home any hol den swa STP	8 bld 1
FRA home spa bel por TUN	7 bld 1*
GER del	0 OUT
ITA home del	3 even(1 arm)
RUS del sev mos ram ank	
SHY CON	6 bld 1
TUR del del	0 OUT

Deadline for WINTER 1904/SPRING 1905 is
AUG 5, 1982.

PRESS:
PICTURE PRESS: Pictures
have been released by
the propaganda ministry
of the new leader of
Russia, Cesar Tighe.
Nice outfit, Kavis-
poo.
FRA-RUS: Welcome
FRA-TUR: Bye.
BER-MUN: Is this the
way to Octoberfest?



END-ON: BREWOLF LAMP DEIRUS I

TRO-IL: Hey, are you in this game? Fantastic! Now we can crossgame again!
Too bad we aren't in any other games together.

ON-TRO: Hey, I can sell you a one center puppet position in a game with him, like real cheap!

END-ON: I guess Flowers went to petal himself elsewhere...

LONDON TIMES: His Majesty's crack assassination corps did their job on Flowers. Reports of his death have been conformed and it is hoped he won't rose from his grave.

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Tsar Flowers is alive; powerless, perhaps, but alive none-the-less. He has been secretly sent east to sail the crippled fleet in our minor war with Japan, so we shouldn't hear of him again. In the end, Flower's problems stemmed from the peasants no longer caring for him, causing root rot of his seedy administration in Mother Russia's fertile soil.

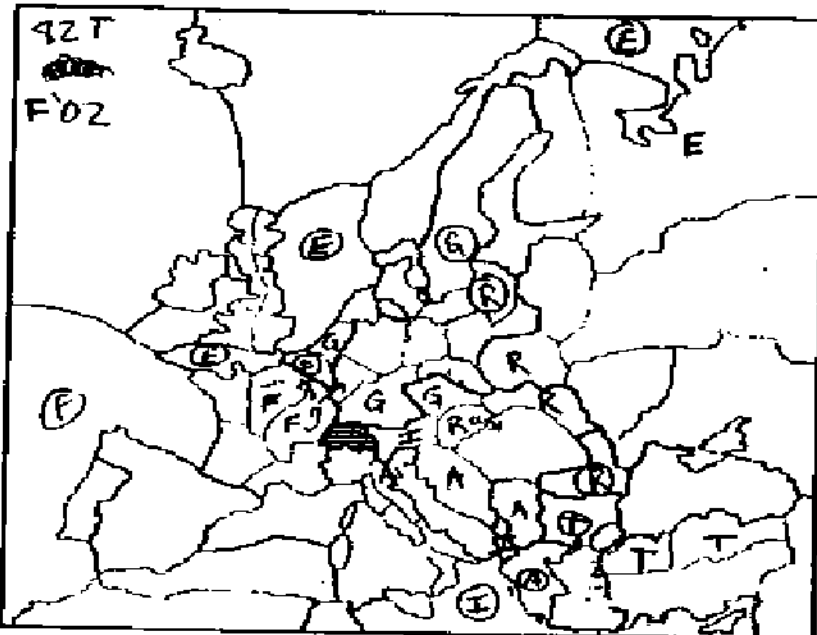
TIGHE-ON: Forgive me Scott, for I have sinned.

ON-END & RUS: I'm not going to beat around the bush anymore with you two...

Until you try Special Export, you'll never know which is the best!

827 SPECIAL EXPORT FALL 1902
IN THE MIDST OF ORDER, CHAOS

AUSTRIA(Busnak)	A bul-SER; F GRE-long; A tri-VEN; A bud-TRI; A via-beh(d,r bud,OTB.)
ENGLAND(Frush)	A nwy-STP(S F BAR); F wal-ENG; F NTH S from F eng-bel.
FRANCE(L McCloud)	A bur r PAR. A war-BUR(S & PAR); F MID-gas; F eng-BEL.
GERMANY(Spink)	A bur-gas(d,r pic,rah,OTB); A ail-BON(S & MUN); F den-SWE; A HOL-bel.
ITALY(Pasley?)	NTH A ALB, A TIO, F IOW E.
RUSSIA(Dailey)	A ukr-HAR; A boh-VIE(S & GAL); F bot-BAL; F HUM a turk F con-bul(en)(MEO.)
TURKEY(Shli)	F con-BUL(SC); A ara-ANK; A ank-CON.



1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS fff bud tri eer gre VEN	5 even
ENG home nwy STP	5 bld 1
FRA home spa BEL	5 bld 1
GER home den bol SWE	6 bld 1*
ITA fff nap rom	2 rom 1
RUS fff mos war sev rus VIE	5 even
TUR home bul	1 bld 1(2 ann)
nue par tun	2
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WINTER 1902 & SPRING 1903 is due AUG 5.
I'm asking RICK SLAUGHTER, Holiday Estates #3,
Flora IL 62839 to once again standby for
Italy.

PRSS
F77: This season's press is dedicated to
the memory of Albert Schweitzer.
FRUSH-WORLD: Get it?
PUMMASTER: I speak so, ~~EEEE~~
EHLI-HANSEN: I meant last season to move
the schedule up a week permanently. That
way all these issues that are a week late
would be on time (for once.)

FRA-ENG: Alas, poor Gunga, I knew him well.
FRA: All is lost save honor.
RUS: Have mercy on us worms of the earth.
TURKEY-AUS: Kindergarten was too easy for me. I started school in first grade. Too bad you
never made it that far.
AUS: It revolts me but I do it.
DIP QUOTES: Last months were Shakespeare, Paul Newman, and Hunter S Thompson. No winners however
ever. Answers next month.
CON-SIE: What we have here is a failure to communicate. (Thanks Larry)
GM-CON: I think you mean Thanks, ~~ffff/ffff~~ Paul Newman.
GM-ALL: Sorry, folks, all out of White-out. I don't think they have it ~~at~~ the all night
grocery store (Ralph & Jerry's, Serving the world until 2 AM), so you just have to suffer
with types. Sincerest apologies.
ENG-GER: Just keep telling these idiots we're not allied, and we've got it made.
FRA-GER: Just keep ignoring the stab the stab he's setting you up for.
KAISER-SCOTT: I happen to like the name Spink. Though I have no relatives named Kunta, Kissy,
or Chicken George, and I am of Caucasian persuasion, the Spinks are favours. Take Leon, well,
there's a bad apple everywhere.
EHLI-DAILEY: You kidding? Shli is a ~~KESS~~ name than those other three put together. Take it
from someone who knows.
KAESER-GM: Looking forward to coming up to the Twin Cities July 18. Twins are headed for the
World Series (4 in a row). Soak Calvin's Head!
GM-SPINK: Bummer. ~~EEEE~~ Frauke & I take off (actually bus off) for NYC on the 16th. We'll be
back around Aug 1, tho.

SPECIAL HI PRESS

MOGLOD-SPINK: Stay your hand, vermin. After repeated dealings with you, I've decided you look something like this.....so there.

ROS-FRUEH: Sam's Go-Go is hiring dancers, Mark--wounds about your speed. After you graduate next year. (Madison High Bobcats, no doubt.) call me

and we'll see if we could turn you into ~~somebody~~ a real man.

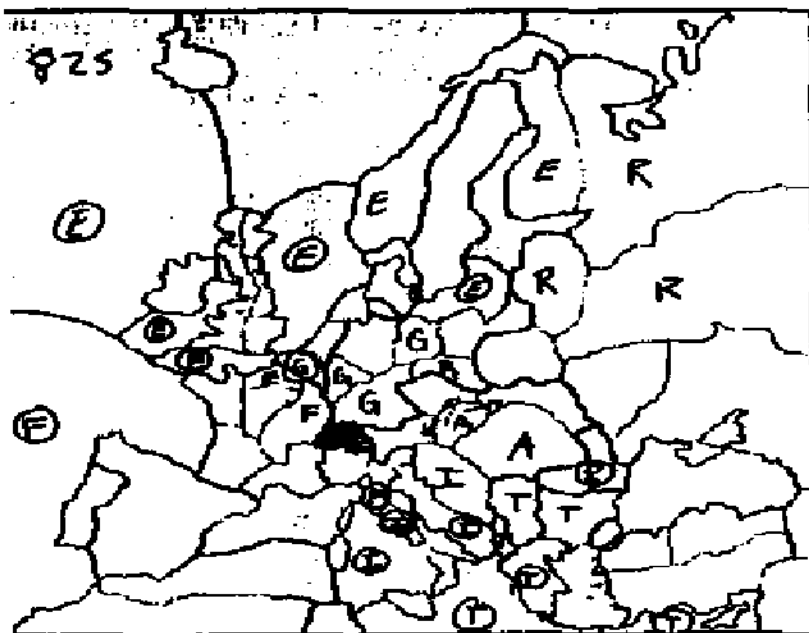
THE MAN IN MOSCOW: All these comments about my erratic playing are falling on deaf ears...for I am the second coming of ADHEMAR GRAUBAGEL. Until next time, when I talk you about the harrowing time I cracked 976 eggs.



828 GREAT WHITE NORTH SPRING 1904 IF SHAKESPEARE WERE ALIVE TODAY, HE'D BE DOING THE

W'OJ: AUS rem F alb; HSF rem F den; GER bld AMEN; ITA bld F ROM; TUR bld F SMI.

AUSTRIA(Moto) A tri-VIE(S A BUE.)
 ENGLAND(Frueh) F BAL S germ A kis-bar; A FIE-std(S A MWI); F iri-NAT; F eng-IRI; F NTH-eng.
 FRANCE(Dalley) F IUS-rom; A PIE-bal; A HUR S A plc-bar; F bre-ENG(S F MID.)
 GERMANY(Lane) A kie-SER(S A HM); A RUS S F bel; F BEL S engl F nth-eng.
 ITALY(Arnauddian) F ion-TIS; F ROM S F ion-TIS; A ven-TRI; A vie S A ven-TRI(d,r tyo,boh,gai);
 F AUR-ion.
 RUSSIA(Rosnak) A pru-LVS; A STP S A pru-LVS; A MOS S A stp; F bar-bal(d,ann); F RUM SA SIL H
 TURKEY(Tighe) F aeg-IOW(S F SER); F eng-EAB; A ser-ALB; A bul-SER; A con-BUL.



FALL 1904 is due AUG 5. So is the press.

PRESS:

DALLEY-NEW ARCHDUKE: I don't apologize, I don't think you're for long.

ANKARA-LONDON: Keep writing, I love to hear your ravings.

PORTSMOUTH-BREST: Our navy is coming to your rescue, urgent. Don't give up the ship, your flag will only be replaced by the Union Jack. God save the King!!!

TURK-WOOD: You should have written more often.

FRANCE-RUSS: For I have seen the error of my ways...

TO OM: It's spelled w-r-a-t-h, not r-a-t-h. (I actually read COA.) Never would have hap-

OM: Huh? //pend at a Pac-10 School.

LONDON-GAY PARIS: Well once again your diplomacy skill and strategy pay off again. It is quite hard to believe that you are protecting moi. I sure hope that the US Navy never lets you get close to any of our ships. With your smarts you would probably get captured by a group of Cuban fishermen and gang-banged...knowing you, you would probably enjoy it.

FRUEH-EVERYBODY: SOAK SCOTT'S HEAD.

OM: Them's fightin' words, boy!

MARK-KEVIN: Now I want to get it out in the open, I'm offering you fifty cents tomattok a certain northern neighbor, initials of R R. This payment will immediately be paid to you when you occupy Sevastopol in the fall. Honey talks better than my letters so...

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No, the 10 page Mos Eisley you received was not a fake...it was a real life copy of IRKSOME. This is the cover it was supposed to have. Call it #14. We decided it was so good, that we had had to print it.

Just imagine the DER SPENDEL on the cover it right here.



COME AGAIN?

Mary looked adoringly at her handsome lover. The broad shoulders, the hairy chest, the muscles; this hunk of manhood really knew how to make her leave her inhibitions behind. It had been the most satisfying night of her life, and she was now relaxing in a satisfied bliss. "You were wonderful, Bob," she whispered to the body beside her. "I never knew a man could get it back up so fast." A low quiet voice answered her, "I bet Bob wishes he could, too, but he's left. This is John."

This IRKSOME comes to you on the rebound from SCOTT HANSON, 817 12TH AVE SE APT 202, MINNEAPOLIS MN 55414. Phone (612)623-4240. I bet Scott wishes he could get a mid-monthly issue out this fast--this is really John, I mean a cover page for a number of pages of John Michalski's MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT. So no games or boring charts in this issue--just good reading.

OH NOOOOOOOOOOOOO! Having just spoken to Kathy Byrne, I find she has PULLED AHEAD in the all important head soaking poll. Seems that some scumbag in Memphis has been bribing idiots to vote for her (Williams, Noto, Brown, just to name a few.) I was willing to be nice before and allow her a few sympathy votes, but now it's gone too far. I need 20 more votes and I need them now. Kathy has 26 votes to my 23 (last time I omitted MIKE MILLS AND KEITH SHERWOOD). If you have been apathetic about the feud until now, get off your hands and send me a card. What's in it for you? For one thing, I will be drawing one name from all my DUNK KATHY cards and extend that person's sub by 10 issues, in addition to the one free issue each voter receives. You will each receive, if I win, a picture of Kathy's head being dunked at Origins, 1982, suitable for framing. In color even. Everyone else will just have to settle for a Xerox copy in the zine, but you can have your own personal memento of this landmark hobby event. And your name will be entered into the IRKSOME HALL OF FAME to guarantee your place in history. You will get a personalized certificate of your membership in the Hall of Fame to show to your friends. There are a number of you I am counting on in the clutch, here (Becker, Lischett, Ouch, Del Grande, Larzelere, Julia Glass, etc.) All these can be yours by just sending a card reading SOAK KATHY'S HEAD (or some paraphrase of that) to S Hanson in Minneapolis.

Kathy really wants to win this thing. She's already using sex by selling her kisses for votes. Now she's resorting to fraud. She's attempting to count votes she's received from several poor souls in Europe that Coughlan has duped into supporting her. Now everybody knows that Europeans can't vote in America, right? Would they want us to vote in their elections? Kathy and I can't settle this question on our own, so we are asking MARK BERCH to be our ombudsman. Mark, it's up to you. Can we count European votes in our feud? I'm sure you know the correct way to decide.

That's about all the news from Minneapolis. I hope you all appreciate this large print edition. Say thank you, John. I know this is a rather small number of pages to charge for a whole issue, but that's life. I gave extra pages in #13, and I will next time, too. Good day.



MOS TESTS THE SPACEPORT

"You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villany"

#8

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Ah, welcome once again to the bungle of the hobby, ~~the~~ MOS KISLEY RIPOFF. What with Scott faking me and then I faking him, I guess it's kind of hard to keep track of what's what. On the other hand, why bother? The fakes are better than the real thing anyhow, aren't they? (Well, OK, not in the case of MOS).

Let's skip the usual intro and get right down to the really good stuff:

A VISIT FROM TRO

Yes, Moore, Oklahoma really turned out a big one for the honored visit here lately of the passing Tro Sherwood, famous in the hobby for being an Olsen and Byrne toady, perennial loser, and one-time pubber at LARS (which I always remember because the initials are those of the 183 Panzer Division, the LIEBESTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER.), to say nothing of the famous "Keith" affair in VOICE OF THE DUMB or whatever. Unfortunately for Tro though, our house is in Oklahoma City despite the mailing address, so all he got was me, Fluff Shaffer, and Dave Pilant (whom he had once stabbed)(that makes two out of the three of us here...). When I heard he was coming, I called in the locals for this great honor, which I meant as a joke, but Fluff took seriously: he put on the first clean T shirt I've seen him in since the summer of 1980! Even Pilant later commented that Fluff was in really restrained form, probably inhibited by the presence of Tro's dad with him. Normally, Fluff is a little on the uninhibited side. For instance, when I told him some Dipper was coming, and he should come down and meet him at the door with my AR15 and pretend he was me, his counteroffer was to go out and meet them in the driveway. "I'll go out and flash my dick at 'em once" he said, "and you'll be famous throughout the hobby". I declined the offer with thanks just the same. Fluff insisted "Wouldn't you rather have a new hobby nickname? Instead of Toots, you'd be called Gargantua!" That's pure Fluff, not just gross, but incredibly modest! As it was, we really blew his arrival, for I didn't hear the car pull up. We had four out there already, so their fifth came in at the very end of the drive, which will only hold 6 or 8 cars. I had asked whether I should go to the door with the gun and ask "Halt: who goes there?" or instead feign surprise and say "You can't be Tro--you're WHITE!" Kathy Byrne told me all about the REAL Tro, but never did get that settled before the face of a typical New Mexico college freshman passing for Californian appeared at the screen door. He, his dad, and younger brother came in and stood around for a while (I didn't think to offer them a seat, in true southern hospitality) and BSed. Apparently they were going to Gary Coughlan's house, and figured that as long as they were in that part of the country, they might as well take a side trip and visit the World's Fair for a little change of pace on the side. They arrived here late in the evening, and stayed for an hour or hour and a half. I suspect they'd thought about staying over, but once here, never even broached the subject, and were indeed eager for news of how to get to Arkansas the fastest possible way. While they were here, we

went out of our way to help them feel right at home by ignoring them for the AFRICAN CAMPAIGN game in progress (anyone know where I can get another copy or three?) and by showering them with the latest in Fluff's racial and ethnic jokes and the like. We even wowed 'em with my latest Quote of the Month submission to WHITESTONIA, a sort of motto or challenge for Woody no less: "Any fool can piss on the floor. Be a hero, shit on the ceiling!" I don't know if John will print that or not. Anyhow, Fluff says he read it on the wall of an important room somewhere, so it must be profound. We took a couple of pictures and they were on their way.

Scott sent me this copy of #14's cover right after I made up and sent my own #15 cover for him, and since it is so good, I'm rushing out this copy of MOS KISLEY #8 so he can make use of it. So if you're wondering why you got IRK 13, then 15, now 14, and next, 16, that's why. It's all Scott's fault.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Dick and Julie Glass, on their getting hitched. I just wonder why? Isn't it more fun just living together? Oh, well. I'll await the next issue of DIRECT DISTRIBUTOR MONTHLY and get the details.

Way back when, I used to lend out my old copy of the Publisher's Handbook the late IDA published once. The last person who borrowed it failed to return it. If this notice jogs your memory, please return it if you have it. No apologies needed, just return the booklet. Thanks.

Also, someone reported in their zine that Tretick, as "Oaklyn", had admitted he was really Tretick, which I passed on. Now I can't find that issue, and I have an inquiry about it. Where was that printed? I don't recall now.

I saw BLADE RUNNER yesterday, which is sort of a cross between a late forties detective movie, and a special effects, horror movie. Worth the \$4, but I won't see it again. Still, a lot to see this summer. FIREFOX, ET, maybe Poltergeist and Rocky III. (I didn't see I or II). I already saw Star Trek II, another worth\$, once-type movie. Better than STI, but not great. Passable. It's nice that they're keeping Harrison Ford busy and in the \$, though I wonder if it will just cause him to raise his fees for STAR WARS stuff where he is irreplaceable. (Anyone could have played his part here). Nothing on TV except for old movies on the UHF stations here. I wonder when that new football league will get rolling? It is supposed to be active this summer, and conclude before the real NFL season starts. What happened to it? NFL pre-season games begin in only 8 weeks or so.

There was some other stuff that I meant to add, but except for the plug for Walker's FERELANDIA, which is some sort of fantasy zine I think, (or maybe it's his game openings list, I forget), and to which I don't have the details anymore, I'll just close here with the cartoon from John Peck's POLITURETO and let Scott have the blank space, one after his items.

DICK & JULIE



"What a laugh? Guess what I did today?"

Dear Publisher, please publish the following in the next issue of your zine.

OK, this page of ~~EROS~~ is donated to a worthy cause
Dear Humanitarians:

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Let me introduce myself as a faithful Eric Ozog toady. It recently came to my attention while speaking to a fellow toady that Eric has recently turned 21 years of age. I also became that Eric was depressed that he still has not had his first date. (Please no jokes about Eric's sexual preferences as I am 100% sure that Eric is straight with a slight tendency toward bondage) Therefore I am asking any interested young ladies to fill out the attached questionnaire and apply to be Eric's FIRST date. You need not worry about your virtue as Andy Lischett has volunteered to chaperone should it be necessary.

NAME	ADDRESS				
PHONE	BIRTHDATE		HEIGHT	EYES	
BUST	CONCAVE	FLAT	ACNE	REASONABLY	BIG
	NEED BRACES IN ORDER TO STAND				
LEGS	SHORT & STUBBY	OUT & OUT FAT	USUALLY HIDDEN	SHORT & SEXY	
	LONG & LUSCIOUS		NOT WORTH MENTIONING		
FACE	CUTE	SEXY	AVERAGE	HOMELY	USUALLY HIDDEN
FIGURE	SLIM	MEDIUM	HOPELESSLY SKINNY	CHUNKY	BLIMP
ARE YOU	STRAIGHT	BISEXUAL	SELF SERVING	FRIGID	LESBIAN
INTO	BONDAGE	S&M	ORAL	BEASTIALITY	ORGIES
	DEVICES		JUST GET IT OVER WITH ANYTHING		
ARE YOU	FRIENDLY	PLEASANT	CONSTANTLY ON THE RAG	SELFISH	
	A BITCH	AN INTELLECTUAL	A LIBERAL	A CONSERVATIVE	
	A GOLDDIGGER	A TRAMP	PERFECT	USELESS	RUDE
	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)				

WILL ERIC SCORE	ON THE FIRST DATE	ON THE SECOND DATE	AFTER
	SPENDING \$\$\$	AFTER HE SAYS I LOVE YOU	
	WHEN HE PUTS A RING ON YOUR FINGER	WHEN YOU PUT	
	A RING THROUGH HIS NOSE	NEVER	

TO ALL LADIES, anyone interested please send the above questionnaire to Eric Ozog at 1526 N. Lawler Ave. Chicago Ill. 60651. Please this is not a joke, Eric is a lonely well intentioned sole who needs company. If you feel that you have anything to add to the above please feel free to drop Eric a note.

A PAID 20 POLITICAL MESSAGE!

from Dave Parlmutter to the
now defunct game

DDP-TEENAGE WASTELAND:

The crossgaming between Osuch and Michalski is just another example of how those people stick together. This hobby used to be for young people. Now it's controlled by the Nine Old Men: Caruso, Berch, Coughlan, Michalski, Osuch, Boardman, Arnett, Linsey, and Mills. These pot-bellied chain smoking over-forty years olds have formed a Pact of Geritol to squash all dissent and be the Poliburo of the hobby. I say No. It is time angry young men like Hanson, Lev, Sherwood, Martin, Del Grande and me formed our own power group and started a spontaneous uprising of the masses. In short gentlemen the time for talk is over. Origins will be the battlefield. The counter-revolution has begun and all the world will shake. Long live the Atari generation.

Which side are you on? Write a postcard (773 Millbrook Ln.
Haverford PA 19041) ~~xxxx~~ and tell me. Fill it out like so.

Dear Dave,

I am a ---

☐

Over forty, obese, old fart.

☐

Angry young man.

☐

Undersexed wife of an old fart.

Be seeing
you

[Handwritten signature]

Next IRKSOME, I will publish the results, and tell you how
the Battle of Origins went.

BORING SHIT

STANDBY LIST McCloud Carter Sherwood* Keller Slaughter Tighe Ditter* Martin Ehli Lev
PByrne Frush KByrne Bailey Kane Notch*Woodson Woody thank you all. I'll get
around to giving free issues next time *-3 center or less positions only
I STILL NEED MORE...LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT ON OR OFF.

NEW SUBBERS: Ed Bapple, Rod Jones, Don Del Grande, Im Henry. Welcome to the insanity

GAME OPENINGS

BLIND POST CARD: McCloud Ehli Palter Woodson Jones We need just two more. No game fee, deadlines
about three weeks apart. Just send your moves on a stamped addressed post card, I
return it with you ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ successful moves circled.

TWO WEEK: Palter Slaughter Frush
(ps)

FOUR WEEK: Given Jones Appleton Wall
(pd) (pd) /needs to sub

Players with country preferences should send me a pref list...however, not sending in a
list doesn't mean you'll get stuck with every one else's rejects