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## ANTI-MOTIVATIONAL ISSUE

Iawn. Yes, it's once again time for that radioactive waste site of the hobby, IRKSOME. Yes, merely by casting your eyes upon this issue, you too have become contaminated. Your fingertips will begin to glow in the dark. Your bloodstream will contain more elements than the periodic chart. Your hair will fall out, and you will begin to resemble a uretin on chemotherapy. And that's only the beginning. You haven't even read what's inside.

As for the patients vital statistics: IRKSOME is published by Scott Hanson, 701 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. Phone (612) 623-4210. The cost is xeroxing costs plus postage, which is 2½\$ per page plus 20¢ (see, it isn't all that complicated, Al Pearson!), which means this 20 page issue is 65¢. This is a kind of Postal DIPLOMACY, but I have no openings at the moment, except in a game of BLIND POST CARD DIP. I have three signed up so far. No game fee; but you must mail in a self addressed stamped post card with each turn.

Yes, this is the anti-motivation issue. I had absolutely NO desire to type this thing up at all. So maybe the product is a bit mediocre this time. But then again, maybe not. Maybe it's worse.

What is inside is the last issue of BENZENE for a while (ol' Mark Lew is going to hang up the typewriter for a while...how one hangs up a typewriter I don't know), yet another MOS EISLEY, details on FANTASY FOOTBALL, a on the scene report about GERMANY, the updated HOUSE RULES, a guest music review from DAVID DE PERLMUTTER, a few GAMES, and various ramblings by YOURS TRULY.

GOLDEN GOPHERS GOLDEN GOPHERS GOLDEN GOPHERS!!!! Yes, the Minnesota Gophers are the basketball champions of the BID TEN, The NUMBER ONE basketball conference in the country. Yes, they won their big showdown with Iowa, and defeated (defeated?? I mean defeated) Ohio State on the last day to win the title all for themselves. They got 2nd seed in the Mid East regional of the NCAA, and advanced to the semi-finals by beating Tenn-Chattanooga by one slim point. GO GO GOPHERS!

DATE FOR THE CHICAGO MIDWEST CON IS MAY 15-16. Details are inside.

Forgot to mention that the house rules have a few changes. Check out numbers 13, 14, 15 and 18.

The heading this time is from the daily paper of Eckernförde, WEST GERMANY, home of course of my own "walking talking reason to live", Frauke Petersen. There's an article by her on page 4 and about her on page 6

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## THE LETTER COLUMN

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from Paul Flowers... "Hoser, I can't believe you did this to me. (Road to Ruin, the NSU). Sure I forgot the nationality of the attacking piece, but I think striking down the move was a bit harsh. Why not just correct the move and leave me a note about it. Honestly, what are you trying to do, punish me so I won't do it again. What if it had been an important move? Were you planning on sacrificing the game on a mere technicality?..."

((Paul is complaining about what I did last month to his A RUM 8 a ser-bul(NSU) when the army in Serbia was Turkish. Requiring that the nationalities of foreign units which are convoyed or supported is pretty universal among postal GMs. One thing about postal is you have to be a bit more careful about writing orders. Looking at the move, it could mean one of 3 things: 1) that you thought you really had a army in Serbia, 2) you wanted to support the Turk, but merely forgot the nationality, or 3) you wanted the Turk to think you wanted to support him, but purposely omitted the nationality so the support would fail. If I had allowed the support to stand and you intended either 1) or 3), you'd really be upset. I wasn't being a stinker, merely following my HRS. And the moral of the story is, always be careful when writing orders.

from Larry McCloud... "Congratulations on the continuing improvement with the zine—I feel a certain proprietary pride in this; since I picked it as a winner way back when...." ((Blush! I'm usually too modest to print things like this, but when the bastards in the hobby are getting you down, notes like this do wonders. I should take this time to say that I truly do appreciate the plugs and nice comments IRKSOME has been receiving. Kathy Byrne, Al Pearson, Ronald Brown, and Glenn Overby come to mind right away, since a few of my subbers tell me they first heard of me from these people, but I thank you all.))

from Mark Lew... "Hey on last I you NFQ and printed so time complain tell specifically print and don't then beginningget a perturbed if don't on ball I'll to other and you a of ethics because honorable give a to yourself you to is every word this in letter normal as the between weren't Got Send questions me a...." ((Are we settled now??))

from Ted Sommer... "I saw a copy of IRK at Mark Lew's house the other day and I think it's a really great IRKSOME. I've only got one complaint: those subgenes are soooo boring. Why don't you just cut them. Michalski refused and look what happened to HB!..." ((The handwriting on this letter looked strangely like Lew's, but it could be his...I mean it was LEGIBLE! All you BB teady's take note!))

from Fred Davis... "Just saw the piece in the MOS EISLEY subzine about unusual ways of answering the telephone. Back when I was in college, I had a friend named Dan Hatowski who used to answer the phone with: "Hatowski's Abortion Service. You rape 'em, we scape 'em." ...My own wierdest telephone answering experience came about 3 or 4 years ago, when I wanted to call my wife at home from the office. The usual method of getting an outside line (from a Government phone) is to dial "9"....Somehow I dialed "8" instead...From somewhere in the world, a slightly Southern male voice replied in clipped militarese, "Unpety-unpeth Artillery Battallian, First Sergeant speaking, sir." Well, I was only a corporal myself, so I hastily apologized and said, "Sorry, wrong number." Ever since, I've wondered which military outfit where has the same phone number as mine, only in another calling area. I hope I don't get a call from the Pentagon some night telling to me move out to the field." ((I hope you don't either...you might think it's a player calling in their Dip orders and wonder which of your variants they're talking about!))

from Kathy Byrne... "Remember the Byrne opening—well you better forget it fast. I know what that leads to!...That'll just put me in a bad mood and then I'll be mean and nasty. Wouldn't you IRK rather I be nice and sweet as usual (don't you dare laugh!)...Can't you use a normal Ita. opening?..."

((This was a letter from the Lasagne game where Kathy is Germany and I'm Italy. The Byrne opening is A Ven-Tyo, A Rome-Ven, and Kathy has been most successful with it in the past. I don't normally print my Dip letters, but I just had to show what she really thinks of her opening. By the way, I tried the moves anyway, and they failed miserably.))

No man is an island, entire of itself;  
every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;  
if a staple be washed away by the U.S.P.S., Irksome is the loss,  
is well as if a page were,  
is well as if a letter of thy ally, or of thine own were;  
any sine's fold diminishes me,  
because I am involved in the hobby,  
and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for

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Well, maybe not the last ever, but the last for the time being. I'm going to let the ol' boy go moribund (as Bob Olsen would say) for a few months and see what happens (watch, I'll start a new fad, the "trial fold"). But seriously, it's not as if anything would be missed, I mean like I don't run anything REGULARLY like a game or anything. All I do these days is ramble aimlessly and as the hobby gets more and more mundane there seems to be less to ramble about; and if by some off chance I come up with something important to say, I'd rather get free VODE for it anyway. From the little I hear, I understand that the general opinion of BZ is that it just makes IRKSOME cost more and nobody reads it except for real hard cores like brux. So you probably won't be hearing from me next month. Ask for me next issue, and you shall find me a very grave sine...Ash, hm, PROBABLY anyway. I suppose if legions of Nanook toadies come leaping out of their holes, begging for but a residue of my phlegmatic wit (v), then I might, mind you I say just might, be persuaded to cough some up...but don't hold your breath. Ah prolix verbiage, spare me but another pica of your precious line, before casting me aside into darkness.

Ahem! Hm! Hm! Hm indeed I'm a bit jollier now (Nun plaudert Papageno wieder!) so I guess I'll ~~get the last issue~~ be a sport and maybe finish up this page.

Hm! I just thought of something I could probably write a page or two on and even hold your interest, but I don't feel like it. I got my very first Dip visitor here in AK. But I don't want to get into it so I won't even tell you who it was. Oh all right already, it was Perlmuttar, but ask no more; see if he'll tell.

Oh yeah, "game openings", looks like nobody likes deviants; too bad. I'll try again later Go ahead and sign up if you feel an urge though.

Questions: What do Bruce Linsey's and Mike Mazzer's addresses have in common? What is the most commonly used English word with a zh sound?

Answers: The island in the NW is Jan Mayer, the island in Bar is Kolguyev Since it's no big stress I suppose I could continue my game in every issue policy I started last month. This time we bring you one-dimensional tic-tac-toe. The game is played on a board consisting of a chain of boxes. The easiest way to draw the board is to draw two parallel lines (egments, that is) and a bunch of transversals (see diagram 1)

Diagram 1:



You can draw as many boxes as you wish; for a short game, draw a small amount of boxes. for a long game, draw a lot. On player is x and one is o just as in regular tic-tac-toe A player is determined to go first and players (that's players) then ~~they~~ alternating drawing their symbol in one of the boxes. First player to occupy 3 boxes in a row wins.

Strategy Hint: it is often a good idea to place your symbol in a box adjacent to or near an opponent's symbol.

John Michalski told me to mention him herein but it was a xerox letter so I'm not going to. Irksome We'll fill up the rest of this space with letters, if I can find any.

Dan Stafford 2013 Gloucester Columbus OH 43229, excerpts:

"Well, I'll vote for the draw, but I'm sure there's some asshole who will veto it....

Losing a bit of interest in DIP? Godd. So am I. It's about time." ((AmRIGHT!))

Bob Olsen 6818 Winterberry Circle Wichita KS 67226, excerpts from 3 postcards:

"(2-4)By the way, I don't hate you.....(2-23)I hate you.((Fickle!))....Don't pull any Langley-like tricks though; I got to be a "Winter 1900 standby" in this Press Gang game. I know you would not stoop to such tactic, because for you, to reach such a tactic you'd have to get a ladder....(2-26)Oh, so now we're Brux's favorite toady and get personal phone calls with the results? Talk about playing favorites! Teacher's pet! (is that why you're in a cage" End of page: Don't forget THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE. THERE WILL BE NO BZ NEXT MONTH Adieu

Everything You Always Suspected About Germany But Were Too Modest to Believe

by Frank Peterson

Krauts- are'nt that those beer-loving ,tall, blue-eyed blonds that hide in neat little villages in the mountains? Yeah, but there's so much more you should know! Did you ever expect them to be disgustingly patriotic? I tell you, they love their country so much that you see the black, red, and ~~white~~ gold banner whenever you run into a public building. as for my part, I always have to think of the many toilet bowls that need some decoration so badly. On a few occasions where the "whole nation" is represented you can hear the national anthem (which did, by the way, serve the same purpose in Nazi Germany).

This country really seems to be going through a severe case of regression. On the right (which is wrong, that's for sure!) side of the political spectrum they're 50 years behind - I'm speaking of those beloved closet Nazis. Last March 18% of the 7000 Germans polled said they consider Nazi Germany to have been the good old days. Moreover, they felt that under Hitler Germany really had it better. So much for a democratic Germany! On the left extreme there's a group of people calling themselves the alterna(t)ives. The only alternative they have seems to be rioting. Name anything you want - they'll march for it!

No way, politics isn't the only thing that's wrong with this country. Would you believe that most females don't give a damn about that supposedly "male" hair that grows in their armpits and on their legs (Now I let you guess which side I'm on)? Now that you know this you might not be completely shocked when I tell you that most women here manage to survive without curling irons. I know, just the thought is terrible, but there's more to come yet: To my mind the most revealing sign of lacking civilization is the fact that these ignorant people bake their bread with one of the most precious raw materials to be found on this earth, namely gravel. Gravel bread is brown as shit and any attempt to squeeze it is in vain right from the start. However, the funniest thing is the typewriters they use - G880X00

Be all this as it may, I hate to say it, but there actually are a few good things about Krautland. E.g. when you go shopping lots of delicious, unnutritious, hasty-tasty lite-bites such as Schokolade and Marzipan keep jumping at you screaming "Eat me, eat me". And they have no calories at all - just ask Scott!

I want to close with some good advice for you: If someone tells you the world comes to an end tomorrow just hop the next flight to Germany - out here everything happens a little later!

((If you don't understand this article, don't blame me! I ~~NEVER~~ never said I fell in love with her for her mind, only her body. (Humm, now that I think about it, she never said that about me either!) Now if she'll only tell me what innermost secrets she told about me to Kathy Byrne, all will be peaceful when she arrives in May.))

CHICAGO-CON DATE SET AT MAY 15-16

Yes, this news was announced to a waiting world in the last issue of DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT. This will be an informal gathering (that is, a PARTY) of Dip players from throughout the Midwest. Best of all, we'll be staying at the homes of Chicago area Dippers, so the cost is ultra-cheap (i.e., just transportation and food) (and booze and drugs and sex etc.) If you're interested, write Eric Ozog, 1526 N Lawler Ave, Chicago IL 60651.

welcome sports fans as,

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## FANTASY FOOTBALL HITS THE MAILS

by Jim "Gipper" Williams

Last year, just before the football season began, I wrote an article for Allen Wells' Dot Happy about a fantasy football league I was in. I was looking forward to my first season as "owner" of a FFL franchise.

Now, with that first season under my belt, I'm looking forward toward next season with unprecedented eagerness. I can no longer imagine what a football season without Fantasy Football would be like. I have lived a sportsman's dream, and the real world is no longer good enough for me.

Scott Hanson, Gopher/Publisher of this rag, has decided to extend this pigskin pleasure to 6 (maybe 12)((or 7 or 9 or 11)) of his loyal subbers. Some of you more cautious types may want to know a bit more about this FFL stuff before you commit yourself. Good for you! That is the purpose of this article. I am going to share with all of you the innermost secrets on how to achieve ecstasy through fantasy. ((Not that kind of ecstasy, Sherwood!))

The key component to having a good Fantasy Football team is the draft. Prior to last season, the 12 owners of franchises in my league, after a few weeks of research, gathered together for our own draft. A week before the draft, we drew numbers for our draft position. I drew number 3. This meant I would choose 3rd in Round 1, 10th in Round 2, 3rd in Round 3, etc.

The first player selected was Ron Jaworski (snicker!) The second player chosen was Tony Franklin (chuckle!) I chose the man who would be the highest scoring QB in the league, Dan Fouts (Hooray!!)

We continued to draft for 11 rounds, until each team had selected 2 quarterbacks, 4 running backs, 3 wide receivers, a tight end and a kicker, all from the ranks of NFL teams.

In addition to selecting players in the draft, owners were allowed to make trades, or acquire non-affiliated players during the course of the season. These acquisitions were mainly rookies that got hot, or former benchwarmers coming on to greatness.

I picked up James Brooks, Mick Luckhurst, Charlie Young and Cris Collinsworth at various points in the season. These four were valuable assets in my starting line-up, and a key to my successful team.

A starting line-up consisted of 1 quarterback, 2 running backs, 2 wide receivers, a tight end and a kicker. This line-up had to be turned in to the commissioners office on Fridays, unless there was a pro game on Thursday.

Our league followed a round robin schedule, which allowed every team to play each other at least once. Winning or losing each week depended on your players scoring more points than your opponent's starting line-up.

Scoring worked like this: all players received 6 points for scoring touchdowns, whether by running or passing. Quarterbacks (or an occasional running back) received 3 points for each touchdown thrown. The day Dan Fouts threw 6 touchdowns, I scored over 40 points! Kickers got 3 points for a field goal and one for each extra point.

Every weekend during the season, I sat transfixed in front of my TV set, anxiously awaiting news of any scores in any games. Let me tell you, when the half-time highlights during "NFL Today" showed one of my players making a big play for a touchdown, I really got a feel for what owning a real team is like.

It was also a real treat when you could watch a team with a few of your players on it for a whole game. For me, the San Diego Chargers or San Francisco 49ers always provided thrills. Of course there were those moments when your running back came up short on fourth and goal, or your wide receiver would drop a pass in the end zone, but these moments too added something to the overall enjoyment of Fantasy Football ownership.

Last year, as if just playing the game wasn't enjoyment enough, I also won my division championship with a 11-3-2 record. I won my first playoff game as well, but crumbled in the semi-finals, ending my Super-Bowl aspirations.

The real key to finding out how much fun FFL ownership is though, is finding out how the unsuccessful owners thought of it. I did just that, and as I thought, they loved it too.

Well, how 'bout it, sportsfans? You can find out first hand what Fantasy Football is all about. All you have to do is write Scott and beg him to let you play. Be nice though, because he will be the league's commissioner.

((cont. next page.))

I imagine Scott will take the first 6 (or 12, if the response is overwhelming, right Scott?) who tell him that they will definately play and send in the appropriate game fee. I paid over \$35.00 last year to play and it was well worth it. (Well, I did get \$50.00 back in prize money.) An eight or ten dollar fee is a bargain for what you'll be getting.

All players will receive a starters packet which will contain a complete set of rules. Also, as in all postal games, standbys may be needed. Standbys will get their packet when they are called to play.

Well, I've done my part. I have told the world what Fantasy Football is all about. It's time for some of you out there to take the ball now and run with it. Enjoy!

((Thanks Jim for this description what the game can do for a once normal person. Both Jim and I are real excited about doing this next fall, and it's not too early to think about signing up. Jim and I aren't finished working out the finer details, and send no money yet. But drop me a note if you're interested. I don't think there is any reason to limit it to either 6 or 12; any even number of owners will do. There will be more info on FFL in future issues leading up to the draft in August!))

a few people have asked, so we present....

#### THE BALLAD OF SCOTT AND FRAUKE

Just who is this Frauke Petersen that Scott keeps talking about? How did he ever get together with a girl from Germany? And just what does she have to do with the price of bananas in El Salvador? Well, here, all your questions will be answered.

Back in the fall of 1979, Scott was at a Luther League convention in Montevideo MN, a few miles from his hometown of Madison. With about 600 kids invading a high school for a weekend, it had the atmosphere of a huge slumber party. Scott was on the board of the District Luther League, so he had helped organize the convention. Most of the kids there had found out about it from the newsletter that Scott edited. (That was some 500 pieces to collate and mail each month...you guys are easy compared to that.)

Scott was wearing an AFS sweatshirt, seeing as he had just got back from a summer in Brazil as an AFS student. So when he saw a tall girl in dark hair wearing the same shirt, he just had to check it out. This girl, of course, was Frauke.

I wish I could say it was love at first sight, but it wasn't. Frauke took an interest in the young man right away, but Scott barely remembered meeting her. But they did meet again, a couple months later, at an AFS meeting in Madison. This time they were both interested in each other, but neither one was bold enough to tell the other. But when Monte played a basketball game at Madison a couple days later, they both went, hoping to see the other. The relationship was on.

Fortunately for our young heroes, basketball tournaments were coming up, for both boys and girls. Since Madison won the boys District tourney and Monte won the girls, they both had many chances to run into each other. By the end of tournaments, these two were "going together."

The enemy of shyness had been beaten, but there were others. Frauke had to be in by 11 on weekends. Frauke could not drive, and Scott's parents often needed theirs on weekends. Scott managed to total his parent's car (and nearly himself) on his way to the Monte prom. But by the time Frauke was to return to Germany in June, 1980, the two had become very close.

Frauke's departure hit him very hard, but Scott tried to make the best of it. He went out with other girls, but something seemed to be missing. Even starting college, he could find no one he was really happy being with. He delved into his Diplomacy games. That winter, both he and Frauke came to the simultaneous conclusion that they couldn't get along without each other.

It's very difficult to run a relationship from 5000 miles apart, but it can be done. Scott visited Frauke last summer for 5 weeks, and this summer Frauke will be in Minnesota for a couple months this summer. No one knows what the future holds for these two, but Somebody~~has~~ worked very hard getting and keeping these two together, and it is doubtful whether He'll let the two of them split up after all that trouble!

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# THE game<sup>7</sup> OF THE name

GOPHER HOLE SLICK WINTER 1907/SPRING 1908 A SEASON OF ANNIHILATIONS

W o7: ENG r a lvp; GER bld A KIE, A BER; RUS A gal r BOH, bld A WAR.

ENGLAND(Ellis)yes	A edi-YOR; F gas h(d,ann); F mid-FOR; F nat-MID; F SKA-may.
GERMANY(Keller)no	F ENG S A bres; F NTH-dens; F SWE-dens; A BRE S A par-gas; A MUN-by; A par-GAS; A BIR-war; A KIE-ann; A ber-SIL.
ITALY(F Byrne)yes	F was-SPA(SC); A MAR s F was-spa; A TIL-mun; A TRI-vie; A gal-rum(d,ann); A SER s a gal-rum; A BUD S A gal-rum; F KAS-aeg; F ION S F gre; F GUE S F aeg-aeg.
RUSSIA(Noto)yes	A BOH-rie; A war-GAL; A UMR S A war-gal; A RUM s tank A bul-ger; F NWY H.
TURKEY(Iverson)no	F BIA S russ A rum; A BUL-aeg; F ALB-grs; F AEG s F alb-grs; F SMY S F A F SMY S F aeg.

FALL 1908 is due MARCH 27, 1982. The five way draw was defeated again, and is proposed again. Each player's vote is listed alongside his country on last season's proposal, as per a request. (Note that the new house rules change my policy on this; only numbers of votes, not lists of those voting, will be revealed in the future.) Hmm, rather than ramble on, I think it's time for the...

**FRESH**  
**ITALY-WORLD:** I voted YES this time. If it didn't pass this time, don't blame me.  
**GER-ITA:** Out of Marseilles and Tyrolia, NOW!  
**LONDON-BERLIN:** I guess you would be Cousin Mark (We've already had an uncle.) It's good to see someone who is literate playing my neighbor rather than an unschooled slob who never touched a pen in his life. That last guy, Forman, he wouldn't even write the GM!  
**BER-STP & CON:** Time to liberate those poor suffering Austrians.  
**ENG-ITA:** Surrender to the 5 way draw or die!  
**RUS-ITA:** Come on, Phyllis, vote for the draw!  
**GER-ITA:** Now that England and I are on good terms again, how about voting for the draw? If not, I shall be compelled to destroy you.  
**TUR-ITA:** Well, Phyllis, looks like you're without any friends again. If I were you, I'd vote for the draw.  
**LIVERPOOL-STP:** Thanks for taking Norway like I asked you to. Now that Cousin Mark is at the helm, would you consider moving out?  
**MOS-ION:** It's all yours next year.  
**EDINBURGH-ANKARA:** Well, maybe this game does have a flicker of a chance for someone on the good side of the family to win!  
**BERLIN-LONDON:** Let's get them fleets back into the Med.  
**GRAMPS-LIL PHYL:** Sorry Phyl but I was telling you the truth when I told ya I'd be your puppet the rest of the game. Only thing was that you never put any ideas into this puppet's so he got some of his own! The idiot's the one who didn't vote for the draw!  
**The IDIOT-ITALY:** I shall keep on proposing the 5 way draw until it passes or until you die, whichever ever comes first.  
**GRANDPA RANDY-SCOTT:** Hey! I just realized that you're the only one involved with this game who doesn't have a name! Uncle or what?  
**AL PACINO-GRANDPA RANDY:** Uncle nuthin', I'se the Godfather, an' don't you forget it!

more Gopher Hole press on the next page.....

Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health.

GREAT WHITE NORTH 828 SPRING 1901 EXTENDED AS THREE COUNTRIES ARE M. I. A.

AS of March 13, I am missing orders from AUSTRIA (Larry McCloud), FRANCE (Mark Cummings), and RUSSIA (Russ Rasmak); so, I am extending the deadline until MARCH 27. But let's get on the stick folks! This is a two-week deadline game, once it gets going I'm not going to hold it up. But I was nice to y'all this time.

from the Gopher hole....

#### GRAMPA'S MUSIC REVIEW

After reading that terrible article about the Gopher Holers not too long ago, I thought it was my duty to give out audience a correct impression of the group. Especially since our new lead singer Cousin Mark Keller was added! Cousin Mark, after his initial attempt to join the band failed, became a regular member when "Stabs" Forman, the original lead singer, spaced off one too many rehearsals. No one's sure yet how the crowd will react to Cousin Mark but he seems to have a much better voice than Uncle Bob ever had! Then there's Lil Phyl on drums, the band outcast. Phyl digs Nigerian folk music and always gets mad when the other members of the group insist on playing American rock N' roll. Recent concerts have shown Phyl grudgingly playing with the rest of the band but inside sources reveal that Phyl may soon be leaving the band to join with Slim Jim Whitman. At lead guitar is a man named Uncle Ken. Uncle Ken has been and is the stabilizing force behind the group. With his wailing guitar solos, he drowns out the sound of Phyl's screaming 'cause the rest of the group won't play Nigerian music. Over there, the bass guitarist is named Uncle Jeff. In what at first seemed to be a tragedy (the loss of old bass guitarist Uncle Omer), Uncle Jeff came in and not only filled the bill, he actually improved the group with his consistent style of play. The keyboardist is Grampa Randy. Malicious rumor spreaders made it out as if Gramps were pulling child abuse! Actually, Phyl is guilty of Senior Citizen abuse! Now Grampa is thanking lucky stars that Uncle Bob keeled off and is just pretty much trying to stay alive. Finally, when asked of the Gopher Holers' chance of making it big, their manager, Scott Hanson, said, "With the Godfather and the whole family pulling for them, how can they help but make it. But give them time, the knuckleheads may come up with a way to blow it yet!"

SPECIAL EXPORT 82T SPRING 1901 and they're...OFFT.....

AUSTRIA(Rusnak)	A vis-GAL; A bud-SER; A tri-ALB.
ENGLAND(Frush)	F edi-NWG; F lon-ETH; A lyp-YOR.
FRANCE(McCloud)	F bre-ENG; A par-BUR; A M&R S A par-bur.
GERMANY(Spink)	F kie-DEN; A ber-KIE; A muu-ZUH.
ITALY(Pasley)	F nap-ION; A rom-APU; A VEN H.
RUSSIA(Dailey)	F stp(sc)-BOT; A mos-UER; F sev-BLA; A war-SIL.
TURKEY(Ehli)	A con-BUL; F ank-CON; A SMI H.



FALL 1901 is due APRIL 10, 1982. My apologies to Mark Frush for calling him Mike in the game start; his name is Mark. CMA for Scott Dailey: NTTC Box 159 Corry Station, Pensacola FL 32511. Just a touch of...

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ENG-GERMANY: When one fights, they must fight as one not sit back and watch for a loser. (Namely moi.)

ENG-FRANCE: I regret much in my letters. Will deal squarely and to the point after Aug 1901.

ENG-RUSSIA: Apologies for not writing to you - figured you'd receive notice from Scott. No I didn't send you a quarter. My bribes are usually larger (like fifty cents.)

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan has threatened to execute officials of his Postal Service unless the other world leaders produce evidence that they each got a second letter. Sources quite close to the Sultan Myck-el Eli the Paranoid report that he sent a second set of documents at least two weeks ago, but got no replies, not even from his closest neighbors, Russia and Austria/Hungary. He has also requested that the other monarchs investigate their postal services if they have not received any additional Turkish correspondence.

#### DIPCON PLANS BEING FINALIZED

DipCon is, of course, the Diplomacy tournament to be held at Origins, the big war-gaming convention which this year is in Baltimore July 23-25. Mark Berch is Tournament Director, and he has just issued FAF01300 #6, which is a comprehensive press release on plans made so far. Some new and exciting things are planned for this year, and you mean get a copy from Mark at 492 Naylor Pl, Alexandria VA 22304. For information on Origins itself, like registration, lodging, how to get there, etc, write Origins 82, PO Box 15405, Baltimore MD 21220. See you there!



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TEENAGE WASTELAND      81C      SPRING 1902      ALL ROADS LEAD TO GERMANY

AUSTRIA(Arnawoodian) a stp(eo)-nog(NSU); a tri-sev(NSU); a vis-war(NSO)((dream on, sucker!))  
 F AIB-ion; A bud-RUM; A SER S A bud-rum.  
 ENGLAND(Woodson) F mry-SKA; F nth-HEL; F lon-NTH; A wal-LON.  
 FRANCE(Slaughter) F pdc-ENO; A par-PIC; A BUR H; A spa-POR.  
 GERMANY(Noto) A MUN-bur; A kis-HOL; F BEL prays for a French NMR (H); F ber-KIE;  
A DEN a angl a mry-swe(NSU).  
 ITALY(Palter) A ven-TRI; A TYO S A ven-tri; A tri-VIE; F nap-APU; F TUN-ion.  
 RUSSIA(Michalski) A war-FRU; A gal-SIL; F swe-BAL; A fin-SwE; F stp(na)-NWY; F rya laughs  
at the crossgamers fate in Austria (h)(d,r bla,sev,OTB).  
 TURKEY(Gauch) A bul-ORE; F AEG S A bul-gre; A con-BUL; F smy-EAS.

FALL 1902 is due MARCH 27, 1982. The concession to Turkey failed (surprise, surprise) ~~due to~~ intense indifference(2-yes, 1-no, 1 NVR). A concession to Austria is proposed this time. Thass all, 'cept fer de

# PRESS

BERLIN: The British Ambassador held long talks with the Foreign Minister yesterday discussing a proposed joint Anglo-German campaign against Russia. After eight hours the talks broke down. When the ambassador left the Foreign Minister was heard to say, "Go to Hell!"

LONDON: His Majesty's Government is glad to comply with the request of the German Empire and duly ordered fleet in the North Sea to Helgoland Bight. Anticipating that this would not be enough ships to sufficiently aid the Germans in their needs, the Lord of the Admiralty also ordered the fleet in Norway to leave (as per a previous agreement with Russia) and enter the Skagerrak.

WOODY-GM: You got Col Mustard in the Conservatory with the Candlestick? Well, I had Miss Scarlet in the Study with a case of Trojans!! Sorry Brucie, there'll be no Suite 100 at DipCon.

MICHALSKI-GM: I expect Woody to submit slimy press under my name, but do you have to respond to it? "Dickhead pizza," bari. Only an Armenian could think of that.

GM: Did you hear about the big fire down at the shoe factory? 200 soles were lost.

VIE: Ho, ho, ha, ha, yuk, yuk, smort...

MADRID: Help us, help us....

PARIS: After the announcement of renewed peaceful relations with our brothers across the Channel and the Alliance against the Hung, there ensued an entire night of partying. From the President and the Foreign Minister all the way down to the poorest laborer, the entire nation rejoiced.

GER-FRA: "Goodbye to Belgium, sucker."

???: "Fear and Loathing in Gotham"? Puddybucker go to Caruso's for the weekend or something?

MPLS-???: No, I understand he left work and drove up as soon as he got MOS EISLEY 2--some-thing about helping Kathy find her wardrobe....

CON-MOS: Oh, oh, Toto built F Berlin. You'd better keep Rumania and Sevastopol for now. Oh, that explains it. Clever ploy, John!

AUS-EVERYONE: You'll be sorry when I'm out. Who will you pick on then?

WOODY-WOODY: Oh, shut up! Will you?

NO DATELINE: Let's see if we can keep this press a bit cleaner, okay?

MPLS-MOORE: I'm sorry you hadn't noticed, Johnny Boy, but I have been writing press all along. (Except last season.) Now you do have an alternative to Arnawoodian.

ENG-GER: Getch ya!

BER-ROM: Since you're not going after Germany, "Thanks." Have a Serbia on me.

???: Tis the Season  
 to be breathin'  
 down the neck  
 of Arnawoodin.

(Not Longfellow)

MOS-LON: Say goodbye to Norway, say goodbye my baby.

AUS-GM: Can this be practice? Or at least a farce game?

GM-AUS: Oh, come on, I'm not the type a guy to do that to anybody, am I?

DSP-GM: How about putting another SC in Nor h Africa?

WOODSON-GSUCH: Did you read my press in last month's Cheesecake?  
 (more press on the next page, sucker)

Satin Prints

MORE WASTED TENNAGE PRESS....

VEN: Thanks for ignoring me. Gives me a free shot at lots of cheap builds to stab France with next year before he can turn around.

GER-GM: I don't see anything funny about the concession to Turkey. Bob has Michalski doing all his dirty work in the North and he's almost got Woody out of this game. No one else is even close to matching Bob's game playing ability, so I vote yes!!

GM: Coops, I didn't catch that vote. Better make it 3-yes, 1-no, 3-NVR.

CON-BER: No-toe? Don't be self-conscious about it--I once knew a guy with webbed feet. He did not have any toes either. Great swimmer though...

WOODSON-ALL BASKETBALL FANS(especially Jim Williams): I'm not sure if Scott has already mentioned this but our Golden Gophers (U of M) won the Big Ten and are now in the NCAA tourney! Yeaaaaaaahh!

HANSON: Not to mention the fact that they just won their first NCAA game and are now in the semifinals of the MidEast Region. Where's Iowa now, and Ohio State, and Indiana....

BIRMINGHAM: Sources report that British scientists have been working on a new chemical weapon. Details are unavailable.

A PRU-BERLIN: Sorry to have to do this, Jeff, but you're the one big potential threat I face. Don't feel bad if you believed me--I was serious at first.

VOELKISCHER BEOBACHTER-BILD ZEITUNG: "Bild Zeitung"? Kann Sie nicht lesen?

GM-V.B.: Actually, I can't read German, except for the few words Frauke has taught me and a bit of common sense. And Jeff Note wins the prize for knowing that Bild Zeitung is Germany's most read newspaper. He wins a years subscription to it...pick up your copy at the newstand at Altona Station, near my soon-to-be brother-in-law's apartment in Hamburg, and read with the compliments of all of us here at IRKSOME.

MARK BERCH: I smoke dope because it's Ohio.

BUCHAREST: Rumanian patriots have been reported to be agitating and have organized several guerrilla warfare underground groups. Several Russian supply convoys have been waylaid as well as the fact that many roads and bridges have been destroyed. Last week one of the terrorists was captured trying to blow up one of the piers at Constanta. Unfortunately, he was able to kill himself using a razor given him while in prison before the Russian authorities were able to interrogate him.

MOS-COM: Honey let me introduce you to my red-neck friend.

ROMA: All of Italy mourned with the rest of the Roman Catholic world over the passing of Pope Leo XIII. The College of Cardinals will meet beginning next week.

GM: The "College of Cardinals"?...Surely you are referring to the renowned Stanford University!!

VIE-BERCH: Lay off, everyone knows that Caruso and I run this hobby. Read about it in our "fun(?)" zines.

VIENNA: Local militia men were decorated (some posthumously) for their bravery in defending this city against all odds when the city was attacked by both Italian and Russian attackers. Fortunately, the foreigners were not organized in their campaign.

ROAD TO RUIN 81IN FALL 1902 NEW ENGLISHMAN BEGINS EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

retreats RUS A war r MOS

AUSTRIA(McCloud) A KIE H; A tyo-WUN; A vie-BCH; A gal-SIL; A BUL s russ F bla-con(NSO); F GRE S A bul.

ENGLAND(Sherwood) F ska-DEN; F edi-NTH; A LON-den(isp); F HOL H; F iri-ENG.

FRANCE(Keller) A BEL watches the new Englishman (H); F mid-POR; F spa(sc)-WAR; F LYO-uss; A TUS-ven.

GERMANY(Ozog) F FIN-stp(so); A LVN s F rin-stp; A WAR-mos;

ITALY(Palter) A PIE-ven; F nap-ROM; A WAF H; F TIS-uss.

RUSSIA(Flowery) A rum-ARM; F BLA C A rum-arm; F bot-SME; A STP-fin; A MOS-lyv.

TURKEY(J Ellis) A CON H; F ANK & F AEG S A CON.

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS	#		#
A home gre ser man KIE BUL	8 bld 2	I home tun	4 even
E home myr hol DEN	6 bld 1	R stp <del>st</del> sev mos rum SME	5 even
F home spa bel POR	6 bld 1	T home <del>st</del>	3 even (1 ann)
G bar <del>st</del> WAR	2 rem 1		

notes and press on next page

# ROAD TO RUIN NOTES

Deadline for WINTER 1902 & SPRING 1903 is APRIL 10, 1982. Seasons will be separated if I get at least 3 requests. Note the letter column has a section relating to this game. Time now to clean out the dumpster and print the

## PRESS

PARIS-ROME: I hope you tried for Marseilles.

LA JOLLA-MPLS: So now you're going to force me to earn those buttons, huh? The ultimate irony; me taking over for Beth. I hope Bobby Stephens is watching this, the cad.

RUS-AUS: I know, I haven't been a very good ally. Honestly, I haven't had the chance to write in a long time. I should be able to get out lots of mail soon though.

PICTURE PRESS ((on the right, you fools)): Doctor Tre Sherwood arrives in London to take over the helm of 1981 in England. Here he is waving at the adoring crowd.

GM-PICTURE: Dream on, Tre. You'll never look that good.

RUS-ENG: Don't attack me I'm a really neat guy even though I haven't had a chance to write recently. Attack Germany, he's mean.

RUS-TUR: Give up! I've got your north coast surrounded!

ENG-GER: "Go to hell"? I don't understand. Oh, this must be the master strategy I asked for. OK, I'll go to the Bight.

RUS-GER: What you are doing is mindless! Why don't you go back and fight like a man instead of trying to ruin my game like a 2 year old.

LONDON: Could you print Turkey's address? I don't have it, and want to know where to send flowers.

GM-LA JOLLY: Come on, I sent you a whole address list just a while ago. Yeah, I know all too well what drugs do to the mind. Jeff Ellis, 8310 Grandview Ln, Overland Park, KS 66212



1976NF GMed by Vic DuPont, 24 Old Mamaroneck Rd, White Plains, NY 10605  
FALL 1917 AND THEN THERE WERE THREE

ENGLAND(Ripper) F mid-WES; F eng-MID; F nth-ENG; F dan-WTH; F bre-PIC; A bel-BUR;  
F SPA(SC)-ear; A MUN = A bel-bur; A KIE S A man; A HER = A man;  
F BAL S A bar; F STP(WC) H; F FIN S F STP(WC); A RUH S I bel-bur;  
GERMANY(Moccio) RET a war-LVN. A LVN-war(arm.)  
ITALY(D Carter) A war-PIE; A bur-war(d, r gas, par, OTB); F TUN-ion; F ion-par(d, r adr, eeg,  
alb, tyh, OTB); F nap-ROM.  
TURKEY(Hickey) RET A man-BOH, F ion-EAS. A mos-LVN; A WAR S A mos-lvn; A sev-MOS; A run-  
A run-BUD; A gal-VIE; F tru-VEN; A ven-TUS; F APU-nap; F eas-ION;  
F GRE S F eas-ion; F ble-CON; A FRUK-bar; A SIL-man; A BOH S A sil-man.

## CENTER CHART

E (15) home den spa par ave bre may bel hol kie stp bar MEN build one  
I (5) nap tun mar par rom Even  
G (8) ~~16~~/ OUT!  
T (14) home bgl mear bud mos ser run gre tri ven ~~16~~ vie WAR Even

((Pubbers notes: Deadline for W'17/S'18 is APRIL 17, 1982. Thanks to: Carmine Moccio for playing out the German position.))

You've sweated out deadlines, long and short. You've played your dammedest. Now comes Dinnedale time....

((on the next page....))

This page is dedicated to Rpbtt. Corlach, esq., without whose NMR, Lord Dimdale & the rest wouldn't have existed. It is appropriate therefore that today's sharris - and sack-encumbered come to you, above the murmur and sussurrations of the sober Scots lawlords overlooking

#### THE SOUND OF MULL.

From beautiful downtown Craighure here on the Isle of Mull, we are gathered to wish a farewell to the German emperor & sometime conqueror of Warsaw, the Colonel-General Carmine Moccio. Mr. M could very well have followed the advice from Monderville's Treatise on Surgery: "Keep up the spirits of your patient with the music of the viol, or by forging letters telling of the death of his enemies."

THIS JUST IN! With his last breath, Ze German Emperor proclaimed, "We will die with our swords raised!" End of quote.

El-Marhani is absent without leave on a personal vendetta to convince the banking community to give up computers. \$170 was deposited in the bank without being credited and checks are bouncing across the continent. Your OM has also been reading MOUNTAIN MEADOW by John Buchan, about a trek to a sort of Shangri-La in the Northwest Territories in the land of the Hare Indians. This was Buchan's last in the series that starts with THE 39 STEPS, and GREEN-MANTLE. A "Fort Bannerman" seems to be the only place-name that is fictional, or does my Gazetteer overlook it? Let's hear from you Canadian players in defense of the Governor-General's geography.

A quote from K.M.: "He might endure physical torment like a Spartan, but he shrank with horror from any necessity to think and scheme." So much for Lord Tweedsmuir.

((Thank you Vic for making IRK more literary by including a book review of sorts. Have the next results to me by APRIL 24, please. Thank you.))

#### PERSONAL NOTES....

This week is finals week here at the U of M. Thus concludes a rather diastorous winter quarter for me. I took too many credits, too many classes important to my majors (which means I couldn't let up in any of my classes), and personal problems and rotten weather didn't help either. By the time the last few weeks of the quarter rolled around, my mind completely rejected the idea of studying. So much for finals. I'll be getting Bs and Cs this quarter, with one A possible. Not too bad, you might say, but considering what I'm capable of, it sucks.

March and all the interesting weather it brings is here. Sunday it was sunny and in the 40s. Yesterday it rained and was around 35. Today it is 32 and snowing. Makes for lots of slush in the streets and sidewalks and makes it a lot of fun. We've had over 80 inches of snow here this winter; 6 more inches and this winter will set a record for most snow in Minneapolis....ever.

You may remember my bike riding article of last fall; well you'll be glad to know that I fixjunkt my old white monster and bought a new 10 speed. I decided that since I don't have a car I could splurge just a bit on the bike. So I trucked down to the local bike co-op and bought a Sekai 1000. Real beauty, eh? Come spring time I ain't gonna be inside much. I'll be gliding along the river banks and around the lakes. I'll also be spending some weekends at my folks' lake house. This summer I'm going to perfect the art of water skiing.

But back to the present. Spring break will be spent not in Florida or in Oregon, but right here in Mpls. I'll be working and hopefully the streets will be dry for biking. Classes will start again March 29.

I'll be home the first weekend in April as my brother is getting confirmed. Madison is a nice place to spend a weekend, but that's about all the time I can stand there. I just enjoy life in the city too much, even if I do have to ride buses all over the place.

Went to Rocky Horror Picture Show the past weeked. It's about the 5th time, so I wasn't any "virgin," as they say, but it was the first time I dressed up for the occasion. I dressed, as Dr. Scott (who else, with my name!), and with a bit of make-up and powder in the hair, I looked quite a bit like him. Too bad I didn't have a wheelchair!

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IRKSOME HOUSE RULES (edition 000) 7.3)

1. These rules and the 1976 edition of the Rules of Diplomacy will be used in all games. For those who don't know, Diplomacy is a game invented by Allan S. Calhauer and copyrighted by the Avalon Hill Co. Any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding these rules are welcome. Players new to postal Diplomacy are urged to send for the Novice Packet, "Supernova," from Bruce Linsey, 244 Quarry Drive, Albany, NY 12205. It is an excellent introduction to the game.
2. Countries will be assigned by preference list, or by lot for those with no preference. Game fees must be paid by the deadline for Fall, 1901. Players must keep the GM informed of any change of address.
3. There are five game seasons: spring moves, summer retreats, fall moves, autumn retreats, and winter adjustments. Usually, summer and fall will be combined, as well as autumn, winter, and spring. Seasons may be separated at the GM's discretion or at least one third the active players so request. Winter 1901 will always be separated from Spring 1902.
4. Orders should be typed or printed on one side of a sheet of paper, one sheet per game. All orders should include the game number or name, season, country, and date sent. Any orders without the player's signature will not be used, and any orders missing any of the above information may be considered ambiguous. If more than one set is received from a player, the set with the latest date will be used.
5. Telephoned orders will be accepted up until the day before the deadline only between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 midnight. The GM never promises to be home, and is not responsible for orders not taken by him.
6. Illegible or ambiguous orders will fail. The abbreviation "Mor" is always ambiguous, and fleets ordered to two coasted provinces must include which coast. If a move to either coast is possible. Unambiguous overights will succeed. If a support or convoy for a move is listed, it will be interpreted to include the move, that is, if A Mun B A Par-Bar, I will assume A Par-Bar. Supports or convoys of foreign units must include the nationality of those units.
7. Unordered units will hold, units ordered to do anything but a legal move will hold. Joke orders are acceptable, but please make it clear whether the units are to hold or move, or they might be considered ambiguous and hold. No joint orders will be accepted.
8. In adjudications, the first three letters of a province will be its abbreviation, except for Bot-Gulf of Bothnia, Lye-Gulf of Lyon, Lvp-Liverpool, Lvn-Livonia, Naf-North Africa, Nat-North Atlantic Ocean, Nth-North Sea, Nwy-Norway, Nwg-Norwegian Sea, and Tye-Tyrolia.\* Other abbreviations include: H-holds, S-supports, C-convoys, U-unordered, d-dialleged, r-retreats to, OTB-off the board, ann-annihilated, imp-impossible, amb-ambiguous, OTH-ordered to move, CD-civil disorder, NSU-no such unit, NSO-no such order, NMR no moves received, NBR-no builds (or removals) received, NRR-no retreat received, ec-east coast, nc-north coast, sc-south coast.

\* Add TyS - Tyrrhenian Sea.

9. All adjudications will show the final location of a unit in capital letters, unsuccessful moves underlined, and dislodged units with possible retreats listed. After each fall season a supply center chart will be printed with the number of builds or removals for each country listed.

10. Errors not noticed by the GM or brought to his attention before the next deadline will be allowed to stand.

11. The GM will maintain a NMR Insurance list. If orders are not received from a player on this list, the GM will call the player collect to ask for them. It is the player's responsibility to keep the GM informed of his current phone number if he wishes to use this service. To be added or removed from the list, a player need only so indicate on his orders for any season.

12. If a player NMRs, all units will hold. Any units that were to be retreated will retreat OTB. Any builds will not be made, and any removals will be made by the GM, units not in supply centers before those in a supply center, and units not in the home country before those that are. In case of an NMR in Spring 1901, the following neutral moves will be used: AUS A Via H, F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser; ENG A Lvp-Yor, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth; FRA F Bre-Mid, A Par-Pic, A Mar-Spa; GER F Kis-Den, A Ber-Kis, A Mun-Ruh; ITA A Ven H, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion; RUS F StP(so)-Bot, A War H, A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-Rum; TUR A Con-Bul, A Smy H, F Ank-Con.

13. In event of a NMR or NER, the GM will call a standby player. If a standby is called, the original player will have one chance to keep his position, only if he submits orders by the next deadline. Otherwise the standby will take over the position. Players who cannot finish a game are urged to resign rather than NMR.

14. The game will end if a player owns 18 supply centers, if a draw between any or all players is agreed to, a concession to one player is agreed to, or at the GMs discretion if no supply centers have changed hands for 2 or more years. A draw or concession may be proposed by any active player, and must be unanimous. Votes will be secret, but numbers voting for and against will be printed.

15. Press is encouraged, and may be included with the orders or sent separately. Press may be datelined from anywhere except another player's home centers. Note that press may be datelined from another player's name, country, hometown, etc. Guest press will be accepted at the GMs discretion and will always be labelled as such. The datelines GM and IRKSOME are reserved for the GM. None of these press restrictions apply to games labeled as Black Press. Unless clearly marked for a specific season, all press will be printed at the next deadline. The GM reserves the right to censor any press, but will do so only for reasons of space.

16. Orders can be made conditional on the results of a previous season due at the same time. Conditions should be very clear, and the condition "in all other cases" should be included.

17. Deception of the GM will not be tolerated. Deceiving other players is the name of the game, but deceive the GM and you may be thrown out of the game with the reasons for the expulsion published.

18. Disruption of a foreign convoy will not solely prevent the move of an army that does not require the foreign convoy. ~~NE~~In the infrequent case of contradictions in the rules, the rule coming first in the rule book will ~~NE~~take precedence.

19. These HRs can be amended by merely printing the change in IRKSOME, and the changes will take effect for the next deadline.

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

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# MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT

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MOS EISLEY is a collection of assorted ramblings put out to annoy the hobby by John Michalski ("mih-HOLL-skee"), Rt 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. Comments by readers are welcomed, preferably through the zeen you saw the column in (thanks to Fred Davis for responding) or to me. Your views are welcomed! (Tho not necessarily agreed with).

Heck with the Mark Berch Dept. this time; you don't really care to know that the kids brought in the first two dandelion flowers of the year this past weekend (Mar 1) anyhow, did you? I thought not. So let's jump ahead to

HOBBY NEWS I see Boardman has announced in a recent GRAUSTARK that "Bernie Oaklyn" has admitted he is Bernard Tretick in the latter's alandersheet LE FRONT. Here's another earthshaking revelation for you: the sun rises in the east. No doubt Tretick's remaining toadies (Stafford, Bassett) will now write how we should pretend Bernie is an honorable man for owning up to his long sad record, and overlook as they do, the fact that Tretick continues in the same lies and frauds today that got him labeled as a boil on the buttocks of the hobby to begin with. Aside from writing his own rulebook as he goes, placing his son in his games under a modified name, using maildrops and figurehead "players" himself in games he GM's ("Becky Coffman", "Brian Edwards", "Steven Andrews", et.al.), he continues to alter and fabricate outlandish statements he attributes to respectable hobby personalities (Don Ditter is the latest of many), lie to newcomers, etc. ad nauseum. His admission of his pseudonym will simplify the label, but a name change is not what Tretick needs. It was his actions that rightfully made him an outcast to begin with, and until his actions change from what they've been for the past decade, that is what he should remain.

On to important stuff. I bought a new lawnmower last weekend at Sears to replace the old one that was 9 years old. I hope this new one does as well as that first one, tho with all the plastic instead of metal, I have to wonder. The original machine went into a nearby dumpster. I got this new machine (push type, not to be confused with the big riding mower) broken in right by wheeling through the leaves and dried 3-foot grass in the far back for a couple of hours. If it can make it through this summer, it will make it 5 more years without trouble like its predecessor.

Oh, speaking of hobby news, I suddenly see Don Sigwalt is coming up on his second annish soon. That really surprised me, because I still think of HOOF & MOUTH as a new zeen, like maybe on issue 8 or so. Am I aging fast, or did I miss Don's extra-thick Issue 9-19 in December or what?

I read too that Dave Manual of the late CHAMBER has joined the ranks of those quitter-type publishers who not only fold, but can't even force themselves to respond to those who offer to pick up the pieces (such as Don or myself in this case, that I know of). A lot of people extend sympathy and understanding to these young publishers who make commitments and later walk off to chase butterflies instead, but not me. These clowns who won't even mail the records to someone offering to carry on are nothing but irresponsible assholes in my book. No "sorry-to-see-you-drop" from me. How about an honest "fuck off" instead?

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## LETTERS

Milwaukee, WI

RON MAZURKIEWICZ

Glad to hear that you solved your unemployment problem so fast. Just goes to show you took the right course way back at the beginning when you started accounting as a safe profession. Maybe not as exciting as others, but always needed. I presume being in the oil industry was just luck, but it sure is the right place at the right time now! Working for the government in a social services area as I am is not the right place at this time. They have cut 10% of the work force and are now going to make another 5% cut in January. This place is a perfect example of the government bureaucracy's growth. There are 1,156 employees for 756 patients! Cost of care is \$90 a day and 80% federally funded. I am at the very schwerpunkt of the welfare state! Supposedly I will survive the new cuts due to my initiative and hard work. I am in a social worker position although I don't have a MSW and the union and my fellow "professionals" don't like that. I have found out that I was hired because of the good impression I made during my interview, and have survived the job cuts so far because I am one of the few here that do anything at all. Sort of reminds me of the Army. I got a bronze star for service in Vietnam because I was one of the few in my unit not on heroin.

Thought you might like to see the 6SS Panzer Army start OR. It is not for distribution to anyone else since some of the points are very hard to find. Also enclosed is a map of central Munich.

It comes from one of two rather interesting books that have come out recently. One is a history of Hitler's Personal Security and deals with his protection and the assassination attempts. There were a lot more than we ever heard about! In 1933-34 ten attempts, in 1936-7 seven. Research also apparently corroborates all of the army tries from the plan to arrest him and shoot him when he visits AG Center in early 1942 to the fellow at the weapons exhibition in Berlin in 1943 who was going to hug Hitler with a bomb strapped to his chest. Good old Von Kluge is also planning to get Hitler in 1942 with the AG Center boys. So you can just imagine what the old boy was up to by 1944 in France. Also British Military Intelligence has a guy all set to shoot Hitler with a scoped sniper rifle in 1938. The plan was cancelled when the fellow was all set up.

The map comes out of the other book which is a study of the SA and all of the sociological type data which is now available. The author also goes into all of the other paramilitary organizations that were running around, and also admits that the first and the bloodiest were the Communists from right after WWI. The right wing formed theirs in response to the Communists. By the late '20's and early '30's however, the turnover in the Communist party is supposed to be more than 30% per year. The apparat has been purged again and again to match each twist of Moscov's "correct line" and is both inexperienced by 1933 and discredited. Also only 10% of the party were workers! Most were from the cronically unemployed. That gave the party a real poor image and explains its rabid behavior. I always wondered why they didn't put up more of a fight in 1933.

Two weeks ago I went to a Socialist-Communist meeting @ UWM. I thought it would be cute and "infiltrate" to see what they are up to now. I am not kidding about this being a Communist meeting either. I learned that Feminism and Control of Nuclear Weapons and Power can only succeed under Socialism, and that land lords support the Neutron Bomb. I picked up some real bizarre literature showing a top hatted capitalist land lord planning to drop a neutron bomb on his tenements in Brooklyn. It sort of reminded me of the anti-land lord campaigns of Mao in the '30's. But now that I've studied the material I can see that elimination of tenants while preserving the slums will quite obviously be an inevitable use of the neutron bomb.



I also talked to a representative of the Workers World Party and was informed that it was a Marxist Leninist Party which follows the correct line in supporting both American and foreign liberation movements! I found it a little hard to imagine that the 19 year old woman who was telling me this jargon filled spiel knew what all those terms meant. But at about that point my friends and I, [redacted] and [redacted] - who I don't believe you've ever met - were spotted. We noticed that people were talking about us behind our backs, but not very gately. After a little while I realized that they thought we were government agents checking up on them. Probably had something to do with the fact that we were the only people there in our thirties. Everyone else was either a freshman in college or else a fifty or sixty year old bolshevik type.

((Thanks for the report. Yes, oil accounting was just luck, by way of meeting Claudine here. I guess I just live right...)) J.W.

BEN SCHILLING (13 Feb, excerpt)

Farmington Hills, Michigan, Cold North

It's about 30 here. It isn't snowing though, which is something. We had 10" on 31 Jan., 12" on 3 Feb and 4" on 5 Feb. Great fun.

((I know what you mean. Here in the Sunbelt, we continue to suffer too. Why even, today, March 3d, we're suffering through another thick fog. Rough.)) J.W.

JOHN CARUSO

Flushing, NY, also Cold North, but he at least has Warm Kathy...

I can't believe you're back. You've been away for so long, I thought I'd have forgotten your name, Jim. How did you like the interview? It will be appearing in WHITESTONIA #46. That was a nice visit we had. You and Claudine are excellent hosts. You will receive the red carpet treatment when you visit us too. Or should I say--brown carpet--you get to sleep on the floor, on the rug, with all the dirt. You'll eat grits and bath when we turn the water on for our weekly baths.

((Baths? Since when do New Yorkers take baths? Also, I'll pass on any "grits"; I'm sure you have enough grit on the floor. Also, since I'll be travelling alone, will I be treated as warmly there when I don't have a partner to trade for as here?))  
 ((Readers, watch for John's "interview" of me in an upcoming W like he says. It ought to be good, since John will likely print better answers than those I really gave, but then, except for ridicule of Woody and Mainardi, nothing in W is ever serious.)) ((I think....)) J.W.

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Well, before closing, let me pass on an important story from early hobby history I heard lately. It seems that the two co-publishers of COAT OF ARMS, Fast Fingers Mainardi and Buddyfucker Arnawoodian, went to school together when they were very young. One day in anatomy class in the fourth grade, the teacher pointed to a diagram and asked young Woody to name this body part. Woody jumps up and says, "I know that. That's a penis, and I have one!" Not to be outdone, young Tom jumps up and says "Heck, my dad's got two of those! He's got a small one he pee's with, and a BIG one he brushes mom's teeth with"

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And always remember:

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



Now that's what I call  
a FART!



There is only one law in rock and roll. Productivity breeds mediocrity. The more songs you pump out the less the quality. The Kinks with their leader Ray Davies are the sole exception.

While all the other old time groups have faded--the Kinks shine. The Stones have sunk into over-hype and self parody, but Ray Davies still has a golden pen. Give the People What They Want proves that.

Rock music today is a wasteland. Most groups have gone the Hall and Oates route of writing soapy love songs aimed at the teenage babysitter crowd. Then of course there's the greaseball heavy metal, low talent groups like Van Halen. These guys seem to think that not taking baths is a form of social protest. The critics of course have been corrupted into forgetting that real music says something besides "I honestly love you." Witness how crazy the critics went over the 3 disc album of epileptic fits and primal screams--Sandinista! by The Clash.

On the other hand The Kinks have always done songs with more interesting topics than teenage heartbreak or fast cars. Their songs are hard. "Lola"--1st fag experience; "Celluloid Heroes"--the ghosts of movie stars; "Superman"--the ballad of wimp superhero; "Catch Me Now I'm Falling"--the story of American Foreign Policy!

GtPWTW is no exception. There's "Killer Eyes"--a mass murder's story; "Destroyer"--inside the head of a paranoid; "Art Lover"--your friendly neighborhood child molester; "Little Bit of Abuse"--the fun of wife beating! Yes I love the Kinks. But more than that I respect them for not selling out to the moon eyed Oxy-5000 crowd that controls R nR.

((Thank you Dave. I got this album last fall but never got around to reviewing it...I don't know, I guess I was a bit disappointed by it. Your beginning comments are interesting. Radio these days aims for a bit older crowd, like ages 20-35, the baby-boom crowd with the money the advertisers want to drill their message to. This is why the "Adult Contemporary" format is so successful. But your comments still apply; as one article I read says, the MUSIC business has become the music BUSINESS. Lots of bucks out there for musicians willing to sell out and "give the people what they want"...which makes this album title that much more ironic.))

Interesting month just gone by, letter wise that is. No less than four people have told me, in no uncertain terms, that my musical taste sucks. Like James Watt would say, the fact that people are protesting must mean that I am doing my job. Really, do you guys expect a Ramones fanatic to have taste in music. You really must be Teenage Lobotomies! But there is one way to combat my lack of taste; write a review yourself, as did Davey de P this time. That way you can keep me from inflicting my tastelessness on an unsuspecting world.

Only two people wrote to complain that the music reviews should be completely removed, though. Only two people willing to put their money where their mouth (or ears) is (are). As I promised, I will be taking 50¢ from their subs. Fifty cents from Steve Arnawoodians account will go to Mark Lewis, and 50¢ of eskimo money will go to Woody. You really didn't think I'd keep it for myself, did you?

With the Go-gos having a number one album, the success of Joan Jett with her latest, and Pat Benatar already sinking into banality, the following statement is now truth. Women have arrived in rock and roll. They are no longer the exception, and ~~punkified~~ teenage girls now have the "roll" models to get into rock in a big way. There are plenty of good female rockers out there now: Rachel Sweet, Lene Lovich, Ellen Foley, Wendy Williams, The Waitresses, and Karla DeVito to name only a few off the top of my head. And it's high time they get some recognition. About time we males get some decent female sex symbols in the rock world.

I have maligned the group Black Sabbath in various letters and zines, and both Konrad Baumster and Mark Keller have informed that their early albums are classics. Agreed. Black Sabbath in the early 70s couldn't be matched. The past five years they have put out schlock. And I personally feel that the world would be all the better if Ozzy Osbourne made a habit of eating rabid bats.

APPALLING GREED (Mark Herzog, 23 Akin Ave, Capitol Hgts MD 20743) is a zine devoted to "Lies, Injustice, and the Diplomatic Way" as Mark says. It is a very legible dittoed zine that comes out every three weeks. Mark has an off-the-wall sense of humor, and has quite an active letter column for a 10 page zine. Best of all, he has games openings. He's cheap, too, and the zine is only 35¢ an issue.

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS (Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale ONT Canada M2N 1Z9) started just before IRK did, and his already famous for its gross jokes and trivia contests. It features non-digest reduced print and funny type faces. Dave has been quite regular so far, and the zine has too. ((Anybody for anymore punber/zine puns?)) SK is one zine I look forward to getting, and you can too for 50¢ an issue. Has game openings.

WHITESTONIA (John Caruso, 160-02 43rd Ave, Flushing NY 11358) is something that any gossip monger cannot go without. If it is happening in the hobby and is funny, or if it never happened and is still funny, it'll be in W. Kathy Byrne adds her two sense worth (should that be cents?) in Kathy's Korner, the place where hobbyists beg to be picked on. W is digest, fun, and 55¢ an issue (I think.) Look for John's series of interviews with different Dippers.

JOHN MASTERS, I NEVER KNEW YOU CARED...

After over three months of silence, John Masters will be finishing up the games he's GMing and properly folding Black Frog. Good show John! However, John had some not-so-nice comments about me which should be explained. He basically thought I had been too quick in cutting his trade with IRKSOME.

In January, after two months of no BF, no word about the game I was playing there, and many rumors about John leaving the hobby, I scribbled a quick note on the envelope with his Jan. IRK asking if he was still interested in getting IRK, and asking him to get a hold of me if he was. This was a mistake; I should have written a complete letter, as short notes are apt to be misunderstood. This one was. John thought I was cutting his sub right then and there, and was rightfully upset. I apologize for this.

John has been quite bitter about the hobby lately, and I can understand the tone of his comments. He has been put back on my address list, and he is receiving the one issue of IRK that is missed.

THIS CONCLUDES....

another issue of IRKSOME. Once again, not enough room for ~~me~~ everything I wanted to say. So a couple articles will wait until next time.

I just retyped my address list, so I may have made a few mistakes in typing Zip codes and whatever. I proofread the best I could, but I may have missed some mistakes. Check your label and make sure I got it right.

NEW SUBBERS: James Daugherty, Scott Dailey, Bob Olsen, Mark Berch, Tom Mainardi, David de Perlmutter, Bryan Jurkowski, and Randy Appleton. Also Stephannie Kieseewetter. Total of 64!

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