

(Rod Walker 's favorite zine)

There were several boo-boos last ish (Other than my decision to print FIM). Notably my reaction to the Walker/Hutton feud on page 9 was omitted. There is...

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SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS #35. By: Dave Carter, 118 Horsham ave, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2N 1Z9.

Subs: 3/#2 Gamefees: \$2

US Money accepted at PAR. It's not fair but that too is reality. PHONE (416) 221-8066 8PM to 10PM. I'm always happy to talk to yer - but don't wait till the last minute to get your orders in.

WARNING: If I feel that something is offensive then I will print it upside down. You may CHOOSE to read it if you wish.

ADVICE: SK is mailed within 4-5 days of my deadlines. If you do not get the zine in reasonable time then contact me.

MORE ADVICE: If you cannot find your game then contact me or the GM. The whereabouts of the games are listed on P1

STANDBY LIST: The fewer games that you are in=the better chance you have of being called. (?) = # of games.

Cusack (3), Hickey (3), Acheson (7), Kane (2), Anderson (2), Lowes (3), Jung (2), Panches (2), Sampson (1), Torres (2), Head (1), Winslow (2), Watson (6), Rauterberg (1), Keller (2), Ed Innes (2), Palter (2), McPhail (2), Russell (1), Gautron (1), Weidmark (2), McIntyre (1), Henry (0). Anyone want on or off.

GAME OPENINGS: **paid. GF \$2.
Diplomacy. ZANTI: GM: Dave Carter. 4 needed. Henry, Trifkovic*, Falkiner*.

ADDRESS CHANGES:
New: Mark Trifkovic, 9736, E 50th St, Kansas City, MO, 64133, USA. Jerry Falkiner, 28 Vimy St, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, N1R 4N6
Bruce Linsey was sweet enough to refer Jerry to me but I havn't had any new blood from Rod Walker's PONT thingie tho. Cmon Rod I need at least 2 new Canadian players per issue. OK?

Games =
GM: David J. Carter
81 ID...S'11 on P2.
82 Q...F'10 on insert.
83 IB...P8 Game restart.
84 AB...F'01 on P7.
84 AS...F'01 on P8.
84 CE(Xanth)...S'01 on P7.
84 CUC(Yomgrem)...Game delayed on P6.
Rail Baron 4+5 on inserts.

GM: Barry Hickey. 657A St Clair Ave W, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5C 1A7.
All games on inserts.
These are...

79 KH 83M 821B
82 CS 83AU on P1.
83HG
82 IS 83HR
Rail Baron 1-3

GM: Ed Carter, 64 Sleeman ave, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1H 6G4
83IA F'03 on insert.
84S F'02 on insert.
Rail Baron 6 on insert.
Deadline September 19th

GM: Hugh Polley, #4 1819 17th St SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2T 4M3
Nuclear Hol WW2
Deadline: September 14th.

GREAT MOMENTS IN DIPLOMACY



July 1984: Rod Walker's reaction to FIM#22



JULY 1983: John Caruso get's ready to go to DIPCON to meet John Kelley.

Sub Status: Your sub ends with # circled-

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Other=" ". TRADE. SAMPLE.

Good news for postal dip players! An agreement was signed by the US and Canadian Post Offices this week which will treat the other countries mail as "Domestic". What this means is that the CPD will give the same priority to US bound mail as it does for in-Canada mail. The present policy is to sort domestic mail first. I'm told that the delivery time for a letter to US points will be down to 2 days by 1985 from the present 5-6 days. Believe it or not.....More good news! Woody has NOT changed his plans to fold COAT OF ARMS in September. Hamster lovers everywhere should rejoice....Randolph Smyth has published his 1984 GM and Zine poll results and I'll reprint them here next issue. Randolph stole a page from John Caruso (Ooooppps, I forgot to check with Bruce to see if I could print John's name here) and timed it so that the results arrived on Deadline day. According to Randolph, there was an attempt to vote in a fictitious zine by the name of "The Stabbers Journal". Rumor has it that (Ooooppps, John Kelley doesn't like that, so I won't say it). Randolph was also a little dismayed at the number of grudge votes coming from hobby pillars. I agree! Anyone who gave SK less than a 9 obviously has it in for me!

1982 IB(MAKIEM) GAME OVER GM:B.C.HICKEY
3-WAY E/F/I DRAW PASSES SO GAME IS FINIS/CHART BELOW

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
A	3	1	0	-	-	-	-	
E	3	4	5	5	5	6	7	Share Draw
F	6	5	6	7	8	10	11	Share Draw
G	6	5	3	2	1	0	0	
I	4	5	5	5	7	8	8	Share Draw
R	7	9	9	9	9	5	4	Tie 4th
T	5	5	6	5	4	5	4	Tie 4th

AUS-D.ANDERSON(Elim.F-02)//ENG-B.ACHESON(3-way Draw)//FRA-D.MacLELLAN (3-way Draw)//GER-G.MILLS(dro.S-02),D.HEAD(Elim.F-06)//ITA-F.WIEDEMEYER(3-way Draw)//RUS-P.TOUCHETTE(4th tie) TUR-A.WEISMARK(dro S-05),P.WATSON(4th tie)

Congrats to the triumphant triumverate.End game comments are welcome.

CHANGES Nothing big, just some housekeeping items. (1) Player Code names will no longer be issued altho there's no penalty for continuing to use them. I started code names when faking was a big thing but it is now no longer a worry. (2) ZANTI will be the last \$2 game. The next game to start will go back to "A" and will have a gamefee

of \$3. All sub money and game fees should go to me and I will then pass on the Gamefees to the GM, minus the \$1 fee that Kathy charges me to to write to her. (3) A reminder that errors in games can sometimes be corrected without delaying the game if you are prompt in bugging the GM about it.

"Captain," Spock interjected, "My study of earth's history confirms this idiot's story. At the end of your twentieth century, McDonald's of Earth had successfully ousted its competition the world over, and then formed a tyrannical monopoly on the food business. Global domination was their goal...the inorganic garbage they laughingly referred to as

'food' kept whole segments of the population incapacitated while this red haired Fast Food Fuhrer clawed his way to the top. However, human nature being what it is, such gastronomic oppression could not be tolerated, and resulted in the bloody Food Wars of the 21st century. The combined might of the World Health Organization Army finally succeeded in bringing McDonaldLand to its knees."

"No wonder I felt such hatred for this heartless moron," Kirk added. "I remember films of earth during the fast food days. It was horrible...people doubling over and throwing up blood...babies choking on the thick, viscous milkshakes...mothers dying in mid-childbirth from severe malnutrition...everywhere the stench of death..." Kirk recalled, his voice trailing off in horror.

"Why the hell are you out here?" Kirk demanded of Ronald.

"Those ungrateful bastards sealed me in a rocket and blasted me off towards the sun. Luckily I managed to change its course or I'd have been a hash brown for sure. Anyway, I floated forever in space until this cloudful of machines found me. They had no purpose in life, and so they were pretty excited when they found me. They scanned my brain to determine my purpose," Ronald said.

"I expect the scanning took no time at all," Kirk said sarcastically.

"Don't interrupt. Anyway, now they have a purpose."

"And what is it?"

"They're seeking my creators, because they want to blow the earth right out of the galaxy!" Ronald said terrifiedly.

"They can't punish us twice for the same mistake," Kirk said angrily.

"Captain," Spock interrupted, "Tricorder readings indicate the earth is only half a day away. We've got to act now!"

Kirk lunged for Ronald's throat.

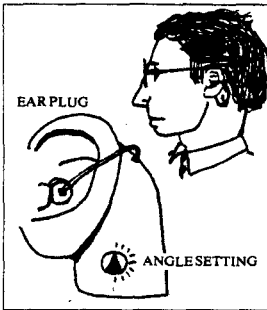
"Jim, don't waste your time. I have a plan!" Spock said.

"You mean, I have a plan which you are going to enunciate," Kirk clarified. Spock corrected himself.

By the time the next issue comes out the Kiddies will be back at school. These items should aid the new freshman.

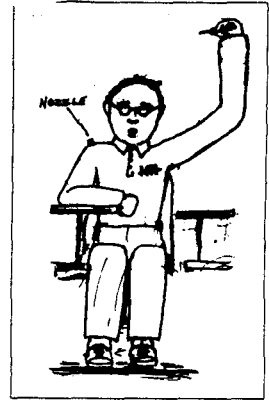
Keener no-doz

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Keener sit-in doll

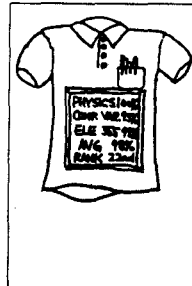
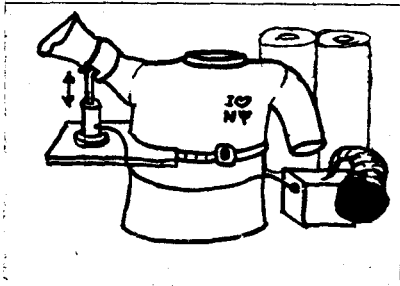
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Eng Sci T-shirts

Keener model 1

When sensor detects break-in lecture hand is automatically raised so stupid question may be put forward. "Special discount for quadraplegic Engineering Science keeners" ("I love Eng Sci" insignia extra)



Keener model 2

Multi-functioned LCD display gives constant display of past and present report cards, average marks, class rank, results of latest test. Computes results necessary to break 95%.

WINNERS CIRCLE: The following players have won games in Sleepless Knights.

- * indicates new to list.
- 77AR Blair Cusack.
- 77AU Norton/Wiedemeyer/MacLellan.
- 78P Cusack/Acheson/Arnett.
- 78Q Randolph Smyth.
- 79K Blair Cusack.
- 81CC Claude Gautron.
- 81CI Randolph Smyth.
- 81CO Peter Walker.
- 82B Blair Cusack.
- 82AI Arawoodian/Cusack/Swider.*
- 82AS Eric Kane.
- 82IR Polley/Rauterberg.
- 82IB Acheson/MacLellan/Wiedemeyer.*

1 I O (Erdom) Spring 1912

AUSTRIA Rob Lowes (?): a tyr - tri, a vie s a bud - gal, a bud - gal, a ser - tri, a war s a mos, a stp s a mos, a mos s a war.

ENGLAND Peter Walker (?): f tun s Turkish f aeg - ion NSO, f tyrr s turkish f aeg - ion NSO, f wes - gol, f mao - spa sc, f gas s f mao - spa sc, f holl s german a bel, f swe h.

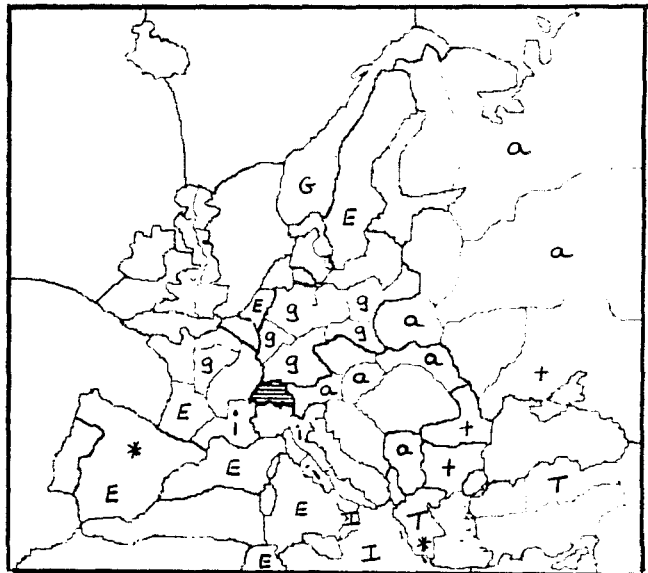
GERMANY Fred Wiedemeyer (?): Build A Kiel. a par - bur, a bel - ruh, a mun s a gal - sil, a pru s a gal - sil, a kiel s a bel - ruh, a gal - sil, f nuy h.

ITALY Mark Weidmark (?): Ret a tyr to Ven. Italy had a fleet d/a in Fall '11 so was even, not -1. f adr - ion, f nap s f adr - ion, a rom - ven, a spa - mar d/r (por, otb), a mar - bur, a ruh - kie d/a, a ven - tri, a gre s Turkish a rum - ser NSO d/r (alb, otb).

TURKEY Bern Sampson (?): a ukr - rum, a sev s a ukr - rum, a bul s f aeg - gre, f aeg - gre, f bla - ank.

GAME NOTES: No Press. F'12 due Friday September 21st.

- Rob Lowes, RR#9, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, K9J 6Y1
- Peter Walker, RR#4, Omeme, Ontario, Canada, KOL 2W0
- Fred Wiedemeyer, 8526 - 83rd ave, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6C 1B1
- Mark Weidmark, 12 East Ave, Brockville, Ontario, Canada, K6V 2M7
- Bern Sampson, 5364 Red Lake, Columbia, MD, USA, 21045



When was the first mention of a motorbike in the Bible? At "And Moses Triumph could be heard throughout the land."

Tarzan: "WHAT YOUR NAME?"
Woman: "JANE!"
Tarzan: "WHAT HOLE NAME?"
Woman: "PUSSY!"

To be continued...

LETTER COLUMN

ROD WALKER:

I can't tell you how much I regret your decision to print Caruso's latest FOOT IN MOUTH (how apt!). There are some pretty scummy attacks on various people in this one; in fact, this issue is perhaps the most vicious one I've seen to date. I really wish hobby editors would flat-out refuse to publish this sort of guttersniping from Caruso. The stuff about Highfield, Linsey, and Kelley borders on libel. I protest this inclusion in your 'zine of more of Caruso's feud-mongering.

Electronic mail Diplomacy. I fail to understand what there is about e-mail that could possibly render such games unrateable. The psychology here seems the same sort of paranoia which always is prompted by technological advances. Here, the problem seems to be that people are concentrating on mere superficialities: it looks strange, so it must be different. The real question is, what factor about e-mail can possibly make a practical difference in the way a given game is played? In other words, if you have 7 people playing a game by regular mail, they will (depending on who they are) play it a certain way. What if they play by e-mail instead? What factor could possibly induce any of them to do anything differently? Nothing.

PBM Diplomacy differs from FTF Diplomacy in two key ways which makes it a very different game: secrecy of negotiations and lack of time pressure.

In FTF, even if you don't know what's being said, you know who's negotiating with whom. If France and Germany spend 20 minutes together during the SOL negotiations, England knows what to expect. This knowledge of who's talking with whom is an extremely important factor in determining a player's policies and orders. In PBM Diplomacy, however, you never know who's talking with whom, nor how extensively. The knowledge that is such a key influence in FTF games is lacking here and so of course how you play will be different.

In FTF you are under time pressure. That is, time is a 0-sum continuum. If you spend 10 minutes with one player, that's leaving 5 minutes with the others. You cannot negotiate simultaneously with all the other 6. This pressure makes negotiations sketchy and essentially means you may not be able to negotiate with every player every turn. And you don't have much chance to reflect calmly about the situation. This fundamentally affects the course of the game. In PBM Diplomacy, there is no such pressure. The deadline may allow you only a couple of exchanges of letters per turn, but the letters can be long and detailed, and of course you can negotiate with all the other players simultaneously and at any length you like.

These identical factors distinguish PBEM Diplomacy from FTF. By the same token, however, there is no aspect of PBEM which has any such impact on the play of the game in these sorts of fundamental ways. In fact, except for the medium by which the mail is delivered, there is literally no difference between the two, save that PBEM goes a little faster (I say a little because PBEM deadlines tend to be about 2 weeks (or 1 week). It's possible (but not easy) to play by U.S. mail with 2-week deadlines, of course. It should also be noted that most PBEM games are not via someone's personal computer, but through the mainframe of an e-mail service, which is simply the electronic equivalent of a bank of P.O. Boxes.

I don't own a computer myself, so I can't be accused of bias in this matter. I see no substantive reason for not rating this type of game. The reasons given usually boil down to, "Well, it's just different, that's all "...not very rational. You'll hear once in a while the argument that not everyone can afford to play e-mail games, so they shouldn't be rated. Piffle. Not everyone can afford to play PBM, either...I've been told that flat-out by any number of dedicated FTFers. So by that logic, we should not rate PBM games either. The point, the real point, however, is that PBEM games are indistinguishable in any significant or substantive way from other sorts of PBM games. They should be rated.

The Jesus joke was hysterical. I wasn't offended at any rate.

[[What factors about phone games make a practical difference in the way a given game is played? Nevertheless phone games have always been considered irregular. How come there was no uproar then? When the phrase "Play by Mail" was coined I imagine it could just as well have been "play by Letter". At the time mail+letter were synonymous. It's just that technology has advanced farther than anyone perceived. With \$1500 worth of computer stuff in my basement I'm hardly paranoid about technology.

Re: FIM. John has since wrote to me to tell me that it was meant as fun and enjoyment, which is exactly the way I took it when I got it. I was surprised by the quantity and tone of the complaints that came in. I mean, John calls it FOOT IN MOUTH for a reason. Knowing John the way I do I don't even see how anyone can think of him as doing something malicious.....a lot of you have tho.]]

D.S. PALTER: After reading Mike Mill's letter, I feel like using the old Reagan line of "there you go again". I concede up front that the world is more than a Soviet-US battleground. There would be Chaos in much of the World regardless of whether Russia was a capitalist member of the existing world order, an inwardly looking religious monastery, or inhabited solely by penguins. There would be interstate rivalry even if the Socio-Economic-Political systems of the great powers were all the same, as was I might add basically true until 1917 with a brief interlude for the French revolution.

BRUCE MCINTYRE: Part of Diplomacy is pacing. In FTF you get 30 minutes, if your alliances are no set by then you must go with what you know. My feeling is that postal players are against FTF play because they can't stand the pressure. How much planning can you do FTF, in a 1/2 hour? Surely you can (and must be more precise in five weeks, even if you must rely on Canada Post. Anybody who needs more than 5 weeks of correspondence with me (answer each letter I get promptly) to figure out what my opening will be is waiting for an unconditional agreement will not give, or a screw-up/faux-pas/miscue by me because I'm forced to repeat my position once again without sounding monotonous. That's why I won't respond to letters during the extension period....By the way, I hope you didn't take my press release too seriously, surely I can be allowed to disagree, at least for a while.

I now subscribe to DOLCHSTOSS, which is Richard Sharp's zine, and he asked if I'd be willing to play in an International game. Seems there are Dip players in far of places like Australia, South Africa, even Abu Dhabi (Where?). I'm also waiting for a sample of FOL SI FIE, in which I'd like to play also. Meanwhile, I'd like your opinion on a complicated(?) adjudication: ITALY: A Ven - Tri. AUSTRIA: A Tri - Ven. TURKEY: F Adr C A Ven - Tri.

Do the armies switch places or not? If so, can Austria designate his orders to say that his army is to moved across land only?

[[Yes, they would switch. Austria could not do anything to stop it happening. The rules state that 2 units may exchange places if either or both are convoyed ((XIV Misc) and I would not allow Austria to decide how his army should travel. How about other GM's out there? Would any of you treat the above differently?

However, why don't the isolationist at least have the courage of facing reality? International communism didn't create dislike of the Samoza dictatorship in Nicaragua. International communism did provide arms, money, cardes etc to turn the discontent into successful revolution. It did so to put into power a rapidly consolidating communist police state that will serve as a base area to fuel existing prerevolutionary situations elsewhere in the Americas. Latin America has been in a state of unrest since 1807. Communism doesn't create the unrest - the local oligarchies do that well enough on their own. The overthrow of such Oligarchies by nonaligned anti-US radical socialist would be of passing concern only to those of us silly enough to have investments in such places. Caveat Emptor! That is why we could live with the Mexican Revolution last time and won't be able to this time. It's why we could live with Peron but not with the Montenarios. It's why Allende mattered. Given the Brezhnev Doctrine plus prior experience in Europe and Asia, once a people's state consolidates it's rule it's a one-way street. It may eventually break from Moscow as did China, Yugoslavia, Albania and Rumania (sortof). The Dictatorship of the Party remains in place. The question isn't one of going to war for United Fruit or the Major money center banks. No one wants that. The question is whether our imperfect, but still very free, anglosaxon North America can remain free and as is in a world of red/black flag garrison states many of whom will be allied to a Superpower still seeking world hegemony. The question is also whether our current level of economic freedom can survive as a tiny capitalistic lake in a world of state controlled economies. It is also whether we can retain our civil liberties in a world of many messianic revolutionary states, many of whom seek to export their truth to our shores, and one of whom, Mexico, will have a long border with us across which it has many of it's Nationals and vast irredentist claims.

If you and Mike could convince me that the rest of the world would just go away if we stopped poking our noses therein I'd be happy to join your camp and let the internal rot sap the Russians, etc. However, the world just doesn't work that way. Some very good if biased studies were done before WWII and again before the Cold War really took off in 1950, on the Geopolitical consequences here of letting the world evolve into a collection of Nicaraguas. The answer was that as a Garrison State we could defend ourselves and with a war-economy level of controls we could survive autocratically. Now here is where you differ from Mike. He seems to be denying that the water is running downhill. You agree that it is but don't want to deal with it until it laps up against your property line at the bottom. I'm advocating building a dam upstream.

Dave Anderson is coming from a different direction altogether. (1) Afghanistan is nothing like Vietnam. We had to face NVA regulars, tanks, artillery, etc. Ivan has nothing but tribal bandits/irregulars to contend with. We had constraints on "interfering" with the local scum we are backing. Ivan is free to build his own apparat, shooting inconvenient local Presidents. We had a very active media and anti-war movement to fight our military to minimize civilian casualties. Ivan is free to exterminate at will - or use the current jargon! If Mao says the guerillas are fish swimming in a sea of the masses, lets boil away the ocean. Our puppet troops may not have fought very well but the vast bulk of their many deserters went home. Ivan's Afghans desert straight to the rebels after taking their equipment with them and slaughtering their Soviet advisors. The largest defection of ARVN's to the NVA was 2 Regiments of the 3rd Division just south of the DMZ in 1972. The norm was squads and occasional platoons. Whole Afghan divisions routinely defect, so much so that Ivan is afraid to give them ammo. Give us a Vietnam as easy as what they are fighting and Thieu would still be President of South Vietnam. Give Ivan a comparable enemy to what we were up against and they'd need 5 million men to hold Kabul.

(2) You are right about the harbor mining, it was typical CIA silliness. As we couldn't possibly front a full economic blockade, all we did was make ourselves look silly for no reason.

(3) The concept of the rest of Central America invading Nicaragua is absurd - they haven't the men or equipment. The new Soviet Nicaraguan army (And the army is Red whether or not the Government fully is) outnumbers and outguns the combined military forces of the rest of Central America. In terms of field forces you could add Columbia, Venezuela, and Mexico to the above and reach the same result. Add in Cuba on the Nicaraguan side and they outgun the entire of Latin America minus Brazil and Argentina. While the average latino state is a military dictatorship, the average latino state is a Garrison State police force that would be hard put to field a fighting battalion out of each division. Argentina's performance in the Falklands, pitifull as it was, should in this context be regarded as far better than average. Only Chile, Brazil and to some extent El Salvador and Columbia contradict this. Mexico is an especially good example. Against any real resistance the Mexican army would be a joke. It's 85,000 men are good enough at odds of 20-1 or greater to suppress rebelling peasants or urban mobs but only if the "rebels" lack the firepower to shoot back. When the Revolution comes there, they will hide in their barracks or collapse like a house of cards.

(4) The question isn't respect, it's power. We went with the Brits because when the chips are down we needed the UK more than a collapsing Junta. We made some friends and no lasting enemies. We also gained back a bit of the prestige we lost in Vietnam by backing a winner for a change and having the courage of our convictions long enough to see it through. We are too big and too rich to be loved. Feared and treated decently is another matter. Our "prestige" in the Middle East is owing to our having the Regional superpower on our team Grenada was a plus because we won. Beirut was a minus because we left our men as sitting

I much prefer postal play to FTF. For one, FTF play generally takes 4-6 hours of play and I'm usually bored out of my skull by the end. Postal play is spread to "minutes" spread over a couple of years and I can maintain interest. I also found that with FTF play you were usually playing with the same people. I regularly get together with 4-10 people for boardgames et al. When we used to play Dip it was the same guys and eventually I had built up feuds to the point where the player I was adjacent to dictated my actions. In postal play you may get in the same game with another player but generally the hobby is big enough for you to have a variety of players to meet. The only exception I might make to the above is Postal Dip meetings and Cons.

Yes, you may disagree with me. If everyone had the same attitude as I do the world would be a joke.]]

JOHN KELLY: How're you doing, guy? It's been awhile....I'm sorry that a re-acquaintance letter has to come as a response to a denunciation. I've no intention of developing a feud in SK--I'll speak my piece and be silent here.

In SK#34 I read that John Caruso has said some wicked things about my pugilism, my ego, and my capacity for fabrication (get someone to tell you what those 25 cent words mean John. The grammar in your subzine rivals Billy Carter for mockery of the English language. Let me guess: fifth-grade education?). I'll discuss this sequentially.

Not only do I lack any skill at Karate (Or any other Martial art), I do not remember ever having discussed "Kicking anyone's teeth in" with it. This remark is indefensible. As far as Caruso threatening me goes, he once told a hobbyist that if he ever saw me he planned to beat me

ducks from lack of a clear objective. America isn't and shouldn't have been ready for a war to support a corrupt Christian Oligarchy in Lebanon. Yet if we weren't there for that what, pray tell, was the objective of the Marines at the airport except to serve as a scarecrow? Surprise, the locals don't scare that easily. This isn't 1958. Welcome to the new destabilized post-Vietnam world. Have a good day.

(5) Never said we didn't have to go to war with Germany. Adolph declared war on us remember? Also a Nazi world would be if anything more dangerous than a Russian one. What I said and will stand by is that having kicked off Adolph and Tojo we had let the Russian Genie out of the bottle and had to deal with the consequences ever since. Containing the Sovs was managed by the world's other major powers in various groupings from 1918 - 1945. We were able to be Antisov internally but not have to do much of anything about it externally. WWII was in the nature of a demolition derby. We came out with the only functional vehicle. Britain and Russia are smashed but can still limp off the track. China, Japan, Germany, France and Italy are out there in the wreckage. Now the Brits are the weakest of the three great power blocks. Labour has taken office and wants to rebuild the social structure of the decayed Victorian state. The sterling bloc is allowed to break up and with it England's chance to remain a financial Great Power (Granted with some big pushing from Uncle Sugar). Without that economic base the Empire and the Military erode as Britain retreats into what it's own demographics and own economy allow it to be. A European regional power with a modest force projection capability in the third world. The Britain that confronted Louis XIV, Napoleon, Wilhelm II, and Adolph did so with the strength and population base of a worldwide Empire including many areas such as Latin America that weren't under the British flag but ran their economies through London and their trade on British ships while banking their funds in Sterling, etc. Labor preferred class war aaand set off the long British retreat that ended, for a while, at Pt Stanley. Russia was economically devastated and demographically crushed but ideologically in a strong position (Local reds in the Resistance movements plus strong local red armies in China, Yugoslavia, etc.). It needed a generation to recover but we gave it to them, being content with containment in the hopes that they would reciprocate. They didn't. As Ex-Secretary of Defence and Ex-Head of the World Bank Robert MacNamara regretfully put it, looking back in the early 60's on 20 years of failed attempts at Arms controls/Detente - We build they build; we stop building, they build; We dismantle, they build. Reality time isn't always pretty but is reality. Wether you attribute Russian behaviour to Great Power Imperialism, Leninist Internationalism, or a bit of each, the end result is the same. We are confronted by an expansionist Great Power with ideological allies throughout the world who uses those allies to advance it's Hegemonist goals.

(6) The question here isn't wether we should have kept Western Europe from being politically overrun by the Red wave in 1945-61. there is little doubt that we did the right thing then. The question is wether paying an exorbitant price to provide an uncaring Europe with such a shield in 1984 still makes any sense. we won the first round in that Europe possesses the economic capacity to defend itself on any level from agitprop to thermonuclear. We lost the second in that Europe is too lazy/sees the problem differently/percieves it's interests differently and won't do so. If the Bear really does have claws, and we are right, those claws currently reach to Lodon but not Des Moines. If Europe really sees Russia as a trading partner annd neighbour who poses only a residual threat, what are we wasting our time for? They may be wrong but we aren't Russia and NATO isn't the Warsaw pact. One of the freedoms oof democracy is the freedom to be dead wrong. Europe has made it's choice. It's time we acted on it and stopped spending \$60 Billion plus per year letting them have it both ways. If troops are needed to defend the Elbe where is Europe's army? If troops aren't, why is ours still there?

as to our fearless editor's comments on a "limited" European war, I must respectfully disagree. We can limit it to the Warsaw pact and NATO nations minus the USSR and us. Our main interest is in not adding the entire of the Western Europe's economic strength to Russia's - leaving us with an almost unstoppable adversay. In the event of a serious Russian invasion we defend NATO with a limited nuclear war by nuking our lazy allies off the globe. End of threat to us and end of war. But still limited, NO?

[[Dan, An analogy that I prefer to your's is this....I have built my house on solid high ground out of sturdy materials. My neighbours have built theirs on sandy ground. I know that the red tide will come in and it is my obligation to warn them of it. If they fail to listen or if they rebuke me I don't have the right to force my builders into their homes to strengthen them. Why should I? When the tide comes in and sweeps their homes away I'll be laughing my fool head off. When the tide hits my rocks it will have no effect. That's the way I percieve Fortress North America.....Even Nuking lazie allies would be interference by NA. For all the pain they are I'd let the Russians have them for nothing.]]

up. The hobbyist passed it to me. It's my word (The hobbyist's actually) against Caruso's, so there's no contest. Caruso would prefer to forget having made the threat (he has a habit of electing to 'forget' incriminating facts against him), but, to paraphrase a Russian saying, "What is spoken with the mouth cannot be erased with an axe."

John also claims I was doing some "bragging about something involving Highfield. I'm not quite sure what he means by this, but it's not very complimentary in it's wording. The major involvement I had with Highfield was in making costly telephone calls (From WA to NY) encouraging him to tone down his profane and vicious publication, receiving in return streams of denials and eventually giving up, denouncing his attitude publicly in EE. If that's braggadocio, then I guess I'm guilty.

Vivid imagination? Indeed. My mind must be quite twisted to be all that Caruso says I am. But if that's how it is, let's keep it this way; I'm happy with it. Here I sit on a couch in Washington laughing and tsking at caruso, who sit's in Brooklyn (Or wherever) screaming and accusing until he's blue in the face. Foot Ankle, Knee, and Pelvic-Girdle in Mouth might be a better title for his subzine. FAKPGM. Nice ring.

The ongoing tone in Caruso's accusations, though, is akin to that of Rona Barrett. "So-and-so did this, but it's just a rumor, so what do rumors mean?" "Such-and-such allegedly said that." John Caruso likes to "allege" things. Assuming for the moment that he knows the meaning of "allege", is it OK to make preposterous and Juvenile accusations against everyone in sight, then say "hey, it's just a rumour"?

Did you hear about the new food from McDonalds? It's called McDUCK!!!!

2nd Ans: Wally and the Beaver.
1st Ans: 3 Boobs in the White House.

Q: What do you get if you elect the Mondale/Ferraro ticket?

BRUCE LINSEY: I am writing to register my objection to the issue of FOOT IN MOUTH which was printed in the latest issue of SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS. Please allow me to set the record straight on three points.

(1) John Caruso did indeed threaten to "punch John Kelley out" if he ever saw him at a con. I was there when Caruso said it, and warned Kelley about it, not expecting him to put it in print.

(2) Caruso's statement about Alex Lord's feelings towards Bill Highfield is way off the mark. He doesn't even know her, so how should he know?

(3) I did indeed write a letter to Highfield's naval commander. However, Caruso neglected to mention that I had compelling reason to do so. Any of your readers who want to know the story can ask me directly - it will be published in VOICE OF DOOM #98.

Dave, I honestly feel that that issue of FOOT IN MOUTH should never have seen print. Would you please be a little more carefull about what you allow Caruso to publish in SK from now on?

[[Bruce, it makes as much sense to set the facts right about Caruso's FIM as it does to complain that my Tsar Trek serial deviates from the film. It's my honest opinion that most people don't care about who finked on Highfield or wether Alex had the hots for him. As for Caruso telling you that he was going to Punch-out John Kelley....well, I don't see how anyone who has met John Caruso can take that seriously. John put out a subzine that offended those involved with the gossip but I don't think anyone should take it other than tounge-in-cheek.

I find it amusing that at the same time as you are urging publishers to proscribe John Caruso's zine that Robert Sacks is trying to have you and Rod Walker outlawed from the hobby for harassing The BNC. It sorts of vindicates my favorite saying, "Life is a circle - It all comes back to you.]]

Sounds pretty flimsy to me.

So Keep it up John. As long as you insist upon using thinly disguised smear tactics and libeling anyone who calls you on your prevarications and bluffs, and doing it in grade-school English, I'll keep laughing.

[[Does that mean you didn't like FIM? As I said to Rod earlier, John Caruso's intent with FIM was "Fun and frolic and comment on issues", although he seems to have overshot the target on this one. For myself, there are 17 dip games run in SK so I'm never short of material and do not have to resort to feudmongering to get letters. The only criteria I used for putting FIM in SK34 was that it seemed silly and would fit right in.

In answer to your first question....I'm doing fine, but then I don't live next door to a volcano.]]

Triv ia Quiz

ANSWER:

"one of these days, Alice, pow, right in the Kisser" - Jackie Gleason. (2) "If you want anything, all you have to do is whistle" - Lauren Bacall (3) "When the going gets tough the tough get going" - Knute Rockney. (4) "Never look back - someone may be gaining on you" - Satchel Paige. (5) "It's not the men in my life, it's the life in my men" - Mae West. (6) "Here's looking at you, Kid" - Bogart (7) "Sorry about that, Chief" - Maxwell Smart. (8) What is the score in a forfeited baseball game? 9-0 (9) what is the score in a forfeited football game? 1-0
) What does Zorro mean in Spanish? Fox.

THE YOU-EXPLAINED-IT-TO-ME-DEPARTMENT:

Ben Schilling filled me in on what happened when Ernie Shore was credited with a perfect game in relief of Babe Ruth (Babe walked the first batter and then slugged the umpire over it). Ben writes...."Ernie Shore was given credit for a perfect game because he picked the man off first and then retired the next 26 batters. The rules only allowed Shore 7 warm-up pitches and the umpire wasn't in the mood to allow him any more than he had to (Surprise), so Shore threw to first quite a few times to warm up. He managed to pick the man off in the process."....Thanks Ben, I guess if you face the minimum 27 batters you get a perfect game. Somehow it's not so perfect to me when a walk has been given up.

Correct answerers: Ben Schilling 8, Annalee Cohen 8, Andre Torres 8, Bruce McIntyre 5, Fred C Davis 7, Bob Acheson 5, Joe Stark 9. Add 3 issues to Joe's sub.

NEXT QUIZ: (1) In auto racing a green flag means start, yellow=slow down, red=stop. What does a black flag mean? (2) This person held the record for 43 years for consecutive scoreless innings pitched in a World Series (29 2/3). Who was he? (3) In the 1980 TV series "UFO" what does SHADO stand for? (4) We all know that SNAFU=Situation Normal all F---ed up. What does FUBAR stand for? (5) What is the locale of the Daytime soap "Days of our lives"? (6) In WWII Battleships were named after States. What were Aircraft Carriers named after? (7) Green Bay won Superbowl I. Who lost it? (8) What is the first word of the US Constitution? (9) Where did the Montreal Exp os play before they played at Olympic Stadium? (10) Created from a character in an O. Henry story called "The Caballero's Way", Played on TV by Duncan Renaldo, his horse is called Diablo. Who was he? They don't come any easier than this one!
- 3 issues of SK up for grabs.

Career Issues won:

Cohen	20
Tro Sherwood	9
G Mills	8
J Caruso	8
A Torres	8
Rob Winslow	6
Ben Schilling	6
Errol Platt	5
Jack Jung	5
Joe Stark	3
Bern Sampson	3
Don Del Grande	3
P Ashley	3
J Michalski	2
P Touchette	1
B Albrecht	1
McIntyre	1
Hickey	1
Keller	1
Ozog	1
Anderson	1

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84CU

- AUSTRIA: Pierre Touchette, 1 rue Georges, Masson, PQ, Canada, J0X 2H0
- ENGLAND: Bill Shirley, 618 Main St, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, B5A 1J9
- FRANCE: Rob Peart, 1 Herman Cr, Palgrove, Ontario, Canada, L0N 1P0
- GERMANY: Mark Weidmark, 12 East Ave, Brockville, Ontario, Canada, K6V 2M7
- ITALY: Ron Snyder, 168 Manor Place, Comox, BC, Canada, V9N 6P6
- RUSSIA: Jeff Panches, 4520 La Portalada Dr, Carlsbad, CA, USA, 92008
- TURKEY: Jack Jung, 402 Cole Rd, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1G 3J8

84CU (Yongrem): To my great surprise this game has been delayed due to Player requests. SPR '01 now due Friday September 21st. No Delays! This game has a BN of 84CU.

AUSTRIA Barry Hickey (3): a ser - bud, a tri - vie, f alb - gre.

ENGLAND Rob Winslow (3): f nwg - nwy, f nth s german a ruh - bel, a yor h.

FRANCE Perry Langlois (3): a mar - spa, f mao - por, a bur - mun.

GERMANY Pierre Touchette (3): a sil - mun, a ruh - bel, f den - swe.

ITALY Claude Gautron (3): a ven - tri, a tyr s a ven - tri, f ion - tun.

RUSSIA Kevin Innes (4): f gob - swe, a gal - bud, a ukr - rum, f sev s a ukr - rum.

TURKEY Paul Watson (3): A bul - gre, a con - bul, f ank - con.

GAME NOTES: W'1901 ONLY due Friday September 21st.

ADDRESSES:

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Perry Langlois, 2380 B, Pere Lelievre, Quebec, PQ, Canada, G1P 2X8

Pierre Touchette, 1 rue Georges, Masson, PQ, Canada, JOX 2H0

Kevin Innes, 48 Nicklin Cr, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1H 5E9

Paul Watson, RR#5, Stoney Plain, Alberta, Canada, T0E 2G0

Claude Gautron (Till late August 25th) c/o American Express International Banking Corp, 11 Rue Scribe, 75440, Paris, Cedex 09, France. (From August 25th til mid September) c/o American Express International Corp, 6 Haymarket, London, United Kingdom.

Winter 1901 SC Chart:

- AUS: bud, vie, -tri, SER (3) Even
- ENG: lon, lpl, edi, NWY (4) Build 1
- FRA: par, mar, bre, POR, SPA (5) Build 2
- ITA: rom, nap, ven, TRI, TUN (5) Build 2
- GER: ber, mun, kie, DEN, BER (5) Build 2
- RUS: Stp, sev, mos, war, RUM (5) Build 1
- TUR: ank, con, smy, BUL (4) Build 1
- NEUT: hol, swe, gre (3)

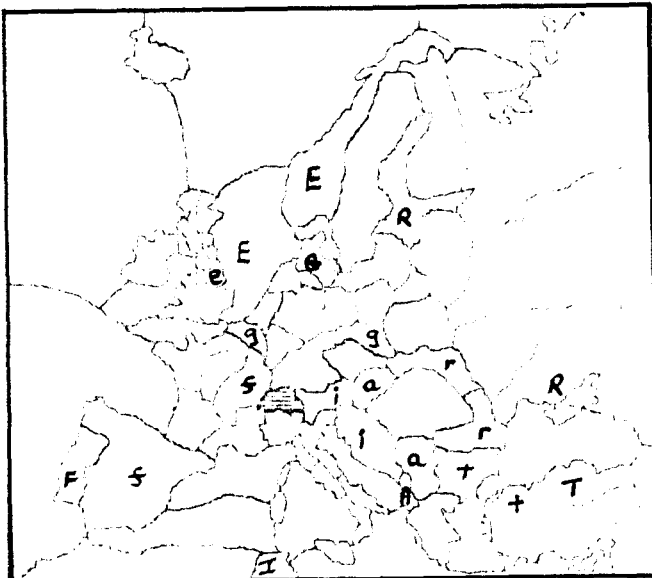
Press:

Austria-Italy: Nothing beats a French Wop for greed.

Austria-Turkey: I don't believe it to be the case.

Italy-Turkey: What's this I hear about meeting in Rome uninvited.

Italy-Russia: Care to meet in Vienna?



84CE (XANTH) GM: Dave Carter. Spr'01.

AUSTRIA: Hugh Polley. a vie - gal, a bud - ser, f tri - ven.

ENGLAND Steve Piper: f edi - nwg, f lon - nth, a lpl - edi

FRANCE Ted Shannon: a par - pic, a mar - spa, f bre - mao

GERMANY Bruce McIntyre: f kie - den, a ber - kie, a mun - sil.

ITALY Charles Arsenault: a ven - tyr, a rom - apu, f nap - ion.

RUSSIA: Pierre Touchette: f stp sc - gob, a mos - stp, a war - gal, f sev - rum. TURKEY: Kevin Innes: a con - bul, a smy - con, f ank - bla.

Hugh Polley. #4 - 1819 17th St SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2T 4M3

Steve Piper, 11319 W73 st, Shawnee, KS, USA, 66203
Ted Shannon, 1380 Sunset dr, Apt 10, Bathurst, NB, Canada, E2A 3N9

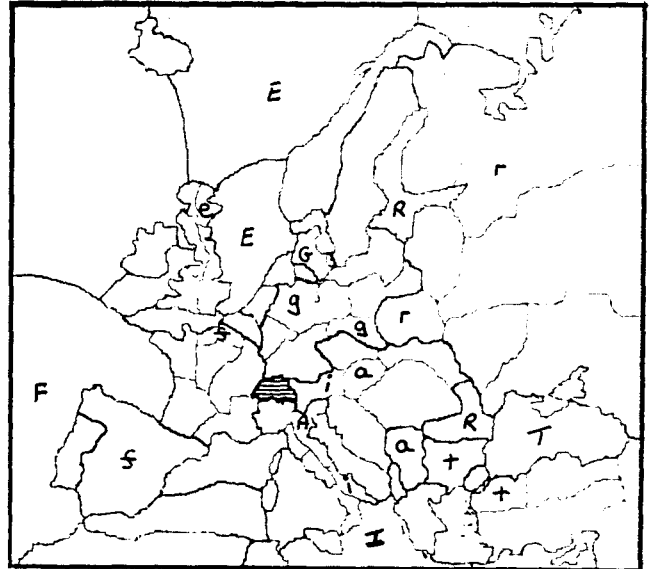
Bruce McIntyre, 3747 Nanaimo St, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V5N 5H2

Charles Arsenault, 4490 Ste-Kevin #7, Montreal, PQ, Canada, H3T 1H9

Pierre Touchette, 1 rue Georges, Masson, PQ, Canada, JOX 2H0

Kevin Innes, 48 Nicklin Cr, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1H 5E9.

Fall 1901 due Friday Sept 21st



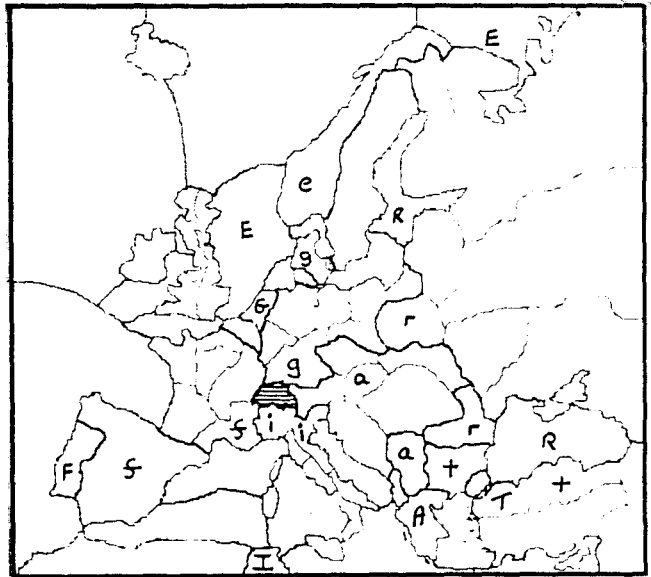
BATTLE STATIONS: Bob's zine has gone bye-bye. I can't do much about the sub fees but both of Bob's games are rehoused in SK.

MACIAVELLI: No word from Mr Lowe on his zine. He only carried 1 game of Dip and I am reluctant to rehouse it because it only went to S'01 and I had a hard time understanding that adjudication (I'm a player. I think I have had more games go bust on me than anyone else in the hobby). I don't think that the game would be called a regular game even if I could untangle what happened. eg: 1 player NMR'd in S'01 and a standby "accidentally" sent orders in, which were used.

So that's 2 out of 6 mainstream Canadian zines gone Kaput in the hobby. More importantly it has cut down on the number of zines that have game openings in Canada. I always manage to have openings because I get loads of help from Barry, Ed and Hugh. FOL SI FIE has 1 game opening now and NFA is full. SNAFU is folding and Ron will finish off the games on flyers.

From the first issue of SK:
Q: How do you make a cat sound like a dog?
A: Put the cat in a bucket of gasoline and throw in a match. It goes MHOOF!

84AS (Wucki) GM: Dave Carter. Fall 1901.
 AUSTRIA Gino Martin (3): a vie - gal, f alb - gre,
 a ser s f alb - gre.
 ENGLAND Ed Innes Jr (3): a yor - nwy, f nth c a
 yor - nwy, f nwg - bar.
 FRANCE Fred Wiedemeyer (3): f mao - por, a bur -
 mar, a mar - spa.
 GERMANY Barry Hickey (3): f hol h, a ruh - mun, a
 ber - den.
 ITALY Paul Watson (3) a pie h, a tusc - ven, f ion
 - tun.
 RUSSIA Joe Stark (4): f gob - swe, a war - gal, a
 ukr - rum, f bla s a ukr - rum.
 TURKEY Charlie Morris (3): NMR! A bul h, f con h,
 a ank h.



PRESS: Moscow-Constantinople: Texas Rangers, Texas
 Rangers... isn't that the baseball team that the
 lowly Cleveland Indians have beaten 9 out of 12
 times this year.

GM-Russia: You mean that Cleveland has won 9
 games this year???

Russia-Austria: Yeah, the summer hasn't been all
 what it's stacked up to be... I guess El Nino is
 still affecting the Weather.

England-All: Sorry for the lack of correspondance,
 but the girlfriend, the wife and the mortgage are
 all a month overdue. Seriously, will get back on
 track 'pdq'.

Austria-Russia: "Here comes the rain again..."

Austria-England: Thank you very much for your
 advice. While you wait for your air conditioner
 I'll take the initiative of sending you a very
 unique six-speed kerosene-powered 72 inch cooling
 turbo fan. Unfortunately, the 14 ton concrete base
 will take some time for delievry so you can use
 the fan as an engine to go to the North Pole or
 even further.

GM: The only place further than the North Pole is
 LUPIN.

Austria-Switzerland(Russia): I wonder why you are
 the first country to know about that new postal
 regulation.

Austria-GM: I'll tell you why I moved to Verdun as
 soon as I move to Ottawa next month.

GM: Tax evasion?

AUSTRIA Gino Martin, 430, rue Abelard, Apt 1A,
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ENGLAND Ed Innes, 97 Moffatt Dr, Cambridge,
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ITALY Paul Watson, RR#5, Stoney Plain, Alberta,
 Canada, TOE 2G0

RUSSIA Joe Stark, 15925 Quarry Rd, Oberlin, Ohio,
 USA, 44074

TURKEY Charlie Morris, 14238 Sylvia Dr, Cypress,
 Texas, USA, 77429

W'01 ONLY due Friday Sepemer 21st. Standby for
 Turkey is Dave Head, Box 1231, Huntsville,
 Ontario, Canada, POA 1K0

1901 sc chart:

AUS: tri, vie, bud, SER, GRE (5) Build 2
 ENG: lon, lpl, edi, Nwy (4) Build 1
 FRA: mar, par, bre, SPA, POR (5) Build 2
 GER: ber, mun, kie, DEN, HOL (5) Build 2
 ITA: ven, rom, nap, TUN (4) Build 1
 RUS: stp, mos, war, sev, SWE, RUM (6) Build 2
 TUR: Con, ank, smy, BUL (4) Build 1

DON MILLER award goes to Lee Kendter SR. I have
 absolutely no idea what you have to do to win this
 award or what it means, but Lee is a nice guy so
 he deserves it.

1985 DIPCON will be held in Seattle, beating out
 BISMARCK N.D. DIPCON is when the powers-that-be of
 Postal Dip get together, spend 5 minutes passing
 resolutions and 36 hours getting drunk. Let's hope
 that 1986 DIPCON will be held somewhere civilized?

1983 IE - GM-Dave Carter. Post F'01.

AUSTRIA (Ed Innes Jr): Has a gre, a gal, f alb.
 ENGLAND (Dave Anderson): Has a yor, f nth, f nor.
 FRANCE (Fred Wiedemeyer): Has a bur, a spa, f por.
 GERMANY (Bob Acheson): Has a ruh, a hol, f den.
 ITALY (Blair Cusack): Has a ser, a tun, f ion.
 RUSSIA [Carl Russell]: Has a rum, f sev, a vie, f gob.
 TURKEY (Paul Watson): Has f bla, a bul, a smy.

SC Chart for W'01:

AUS: tri, bud, GRE, -vie (3) Even
 ENG: lpl, lon, edi, Nwy (4) Build 1
 FRA: mar, bre, par, SPA, POR (5) Build 2
 GER: mun, ber, kie, DEN, HOL (5) Build 2
 ITA: nap, rom, ven, TUN, SER (5) Build 2.
 RUS: sev, stp, mpos, war, VIE, RUM (6) Build 2
 TUR: smy, ank, con, BUL (4) Build 1

Addresses:

Bob Acheson, c/o Echo Bay Mines, LUPIN, NWT, Canada,
 XOE 1M0
 Blair Cusack, c/o General Delivery, Revelstoke, BC,
 Canada, VOE 2S0
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 Canada, T6C 1B1
 Ed Innes, 97 Moffat Dr, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, N1R
 6C1.
 Paul Watson, RR#5, Stoney Plain, Alberta, Canada, TOE
 2G0
 Dave Anderson, PO Box 3761, Pontiac, MI, USA, 48059

GAME NOTES: Note that Gergy gets to build 2 as he has
 DEN/HOL. Evans Givan did not reply to my letter about
 this game so he is replaced by: Carl Russell Jr, 21
 Morgan Rd, Binghamton, NY, USA, 13903

I have W'01 orders on file for T&G. W'01 due Friday
 Sept 21st.

At a guess I'd say I have had close to a dozen games
 orphaned on me as a player. Of those, about 6 were
 orphaned a second time from the zine that rehoused
 them. I know what a pain it is but once this game gets
 going again I don't see any new problems.

A parachutist jumped out of a plane, counted to 5 and
 tried to activate his chute. It didn't work! Without
 panicking he pulled the cord on the emergency chute.
 Again nothing worked! By now he was hurtling towards
 the ground at 200 KPH. However he saw another man
 coming towards him from the ground at 200KPH. As he
 passed by he yelled, "DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT
 PARACHUTES?". Came the reply, "NO! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING
 ABOUT GAS BARBECUES?"