

This is MANIFEST DESTINY, the zine that millions of little boys and girls asked Santa for at Christmas. It is published every four weeks by Keith Sesler, PO Box 158, Fraser, MI 48026. (313) 293-0223. I have game openings in Diplomacy, Deadman Dip(5 signed up), 1885 IV(3 signed up; 1 more needed!), Cosmic Dip(3 signed up), and Bourse. Rules to the above game are available on request. Gamefee is \$1 \$2 refundable NMR fee.Bourse is free. I wasn't going to offer another Dip game after MD-6 filled, but I've already got 2 requests for MD-7 so I'll open up 1 more Dip game. ANYONE can sign up for MD-7. This will absolutely, positively, be the last new regular Diplomacy game I'll offer for about a year.

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FRESHMAN ZINE POLL. Be sure to vote in the 1983 FRESHMAN CLASS POLL, your chance to rate the best and worst of 1983's crop of new zines. Eligible zines include MANIFEST DESTINY, Cathy's Ramblings, Thirty Miles of Bad Road, Raging Main, Midlife Crisis, Politesse, Hai Jikai, Dijagh, Battle Stations, The End Justifies the Means, Who Cares, House of Lords, Festungs Hof, and Bersaglieri. Rate each zine you've seen from 0(awful) to 10(great). Sign your ballot and send it to Scott Hanson, 233 Oak Grove #306, Minneapolis, MN 55403 by March 14th.

1981AQ Mensa #14 AUTUMN 1908: ITA: A TRI R VEN. RUS:A St.P R MOS, F Pru R LVN W'08: ENG: B A EDI, A LON ITA:D A Tyo RUS: D F Sev, A Ser TUR: B F SMY. Spring 1909 WHERE IS FRENCH LEADER? ENGLISH ARMY MISSES HIS SUPPORT IN CONVOYING TO RUSSIA: ENGLAND(Reges): A Nwy-FIN*, F NTH* C A Lon-NWY*, F Swe-BOT*, A EDI*-St.P, A St.P-Mos(/A/)

FRANCE(Strand?) NHR! F NWG, F BAR, F KIE F WES, F TYR, A DEN, A BER, A RUH, A MUN, A PIE all hold. A Pru H(/d/, R Lvn, OTB)

ITALY(Young) A VEN* S FRE A Mun-Tyo(NSO), F TUN* S & F ADR* S F ION* H RUSSIA(Baty) A MOS* S F Lvn-ST.P*, A WAR* S A Sil-PRU*, A VIE* S & A BUD* S TUR A Tri, A Gal-BOH*

TURKEY(Hager) A TRI* S F Gre-ALB*, F Aeg-GRE*, F Smy-AEG*, F EAS*-Ion, A CON*-Par(JMP) Fall 1909 Due FRI. Jan. 27th. A French win has been proposed. NVR="YES", so vote! Will Paula Dodge, 002A814, IBM Corp.(Drop Code 0114), Owego, NY please standby for France?

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MD-1 1983AZ SPRING 1903 TURKEY WIPED OUT! RUSSIAN BEAR CONTINUES TO GROW! AUSTRIA(Dodge) A TYO*-Vie, A VEN* S A Apu-ROM*, F ION*-Tyr, A Gre-SER*, F Aeg-GRE* ENGLAND(Meinel) F NAF-WES*, F NWG* S F Eng-NTH*, A Par-BRE*, A LON* H, F SWE* H GERMANY(Smith) A Bur-PAR*, F Kie(NSU) S A DEN* H, F HEL* U, A MUN*-Tyo, A BOH*-Vie, A Ber-SIL* ITALY(Strauss) A Mar-PIE*, F Rom-NAP*, F TYR* S F Tun-ION* RUSSIA(Lincoln) F SKA* S F Nwy, F NWY* S A St.P-FIN*, A Lvn-PRU*, A ANK* S F Con-SHY*, F Bla-CON*, A Bul-RUM*

TURKEY(Flores) A Smy-Ank(/d/, R Syr, Arm, OTB) SC CHART AUS: home,ser,gre,ven,ROM(7 B 1) ENG: home,bre,SWE, WY, PAR(5 D 1) FRA: por,spa,MAR(3, no place to build) GER: home,bel,hol, den, PAR(7 B 1) ITA: nap,tun,NA,AD(2 D 2) RUS:home,bul,rum,con,SWB, NWY,SMY,ANK(10 B 2) TUR: Ø out Smiths' sub expired last issue so I'll hold his #11 until he renews. In case he doesn't decide to renew, I'll ask Brian Lorber, 7 Polo Road, Great Neck, NY 11023 to s/b for GER. Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 due FRI. Jan. 27th.

PRESS: Russia-Germany: Oh, David, you really shouldn't have! Russia-England: My mother told me to watch out for people like you. Moscow-Smyrna: Sorry, Joe. Thanks for taking over a tough standby position, It would have been difficult for anyone to salvage. NAPLES-LONDON: OK. Done. NAPLES-MOSCOW: Well, now Turkey is out. Are you going to continue as an Austrian stalking horse? NAPLES-BERLIN: OK. Note the necessary one turn delay. NAPLES-Madrid: IAW England's proposal I'm willing to cease fire. TURKEY-WORLD: I think I'll vacation in Tahiti this winter. So long. Farewell. Auf Wieder-sehn. Goodbye. Baronville: It has been agreed that France(the English puppet) and Germany (the English puppet) will do whatever the Maasa wants them to. Right now, it seems that he wants us to kick some _____. I'll drink to that.

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As I type this, Iowa is getting clobbered. I hope the other 3 Big-10 bowl teams do better on Monday, Especially a certain team from Ann Arbor. Go Blue!

MD-2 1983CL Autumn 1982. Now: a Ser a Old a TRI a Old a Vie a Bud

RUSSIA MOVES TOWARDS GERMANY! TURKEY, ITALY SWAP SC's!

W'02 ENG: B A Lon, F LPL FRA: D A Mar ITA: B F VEN RUS: B A WAR TUR: B F CON, F SMY

SPRING 1903 AUSTRIA(Anderson): A BUD*-Tri

ENGLAND(Allen): F NAO* S F Lpl-IRI*, F NTH* S F Bel-ENG*, A LON* H, F SWE* H, A HOL* S GER A Kie-Ruh

FRANCE(Touchette) F MAO*-Iri, F SPA(SC)*-MAO, A PIC* S & A BUR* S A Ruh-BEL*

GERMANY(Chaiser) A MUN* S A Kie-RUH*, F HEL*-Kie

ITALY(Baker) F Ven-ADR*, A Tyo-VIE*, A TRI* § A Alb-SER*, F Gre § F Ion-AEG*(/d/ R Alb,OTB)

RUSSIA(E.Henry) A Lvn-PRU*, A War-SIL*, A Vie-BOH*, A MOS*-Sev, F BAL*-Kie

TURKEY(Hager) F Con-BLA*, F Smy-EAS*, F AEG* § & A BUL* S A Ser-GRE*, F RUM* H, A SEV* H
SPRING 1903 & FALL 1903 due FRI. JAN. 27th. PRESS: Paris-Kiel: Okay!

AUS-ITA: It's hard to survive when you're ganged up 3-1. Thank you for the nice letter.

RUS-TUR: What do you think of my little idea? RUSSIA-PARIS: You can't win if you don't write. In fact, you will do well to even survive.

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MD-3 1983CQ Fall 1902 ONLY ONE SUPPLY CENTER CHANGES HANDS THIS YEAR! (YAWN.)

Austria(Crosby) A Vie-TYO*, A Bud-TRI*, F Gre-AEG*, A SER* S F Alb-GRE*

ENGLAND(Keeney) F NTH* § GER F Hol-Bel, F SKA*-Swe, A Yor-LPL*, A LON* H

FRANCE(Anderson) F LYO* S A Mar-PIE*, F MAO-ENG*, A PAR*-Bur, A BUR*-Bel

GERMANY(Fleming) A DEN*-Swe, A MUN*-Bur, A Kie-RUH*, F HEL*-Nth, F HOL*-Bel

ITALY(Gardner) A Tun-NAF*, A Pic-Mar(/d/, R Ven,Tus,OTB), F Tyr-WES*, F Ion-TYR*

RUSSIA(L.Henry) A STP* S F NWY* H, A Mos-SEV*, A ARM*-Smy, F RUM* S AUS F Gre-Bul(sc)(NSO), A UKR* S F Rum

TURKEY(Duncan?) NMR! A BUL, A Smy, F Bla, F Con all hold

COA: Paul Gardner, 1676 E. 24th, Eugene, Ore. 97403

Will Kevin Tighe, 290 12th St., Arcata, CA 95521 please standby for Turkey?

SC SHART: AUS:home,ser,gre(5 E) ENG:home, NY(3 D 1) FRA: home, por, spain(5 E)

GER: home, hol, den (§ E) ITA: home,tun(4 E or B 1 dep. on retreat)

RUS: home, rum, swe, NWY(7 B 1) TUR: home, bul (4 E)

PRESS: ENG-RUS: Trust is a two-way street, not one way. ENG-FRA: Same to you.

ENG-GER: I hope it will be a two way, else I die, but what is the future of man, but to pass on. BER-MOS: Enough of Patton's platitudes already.

BER-ROM: The perils of being a subzine. I just hope you don't let France turn you into a sub-country! PAR-BER: Received your letter. Agree with you 100%.

France-England: I wish you had built f EDI. Why didn't you? PAR-WORLD: Here's the true story of the letter passing. Ger sendt me a letter from Eng and I sent it to Eng. Eng passed it to Lu. That is the truth of the letter passing. Believe me!

ROME-World: Looks like I win the no-write derby this season. Thanks to Fleming and Henry for giving me the sense of still being involved in the game. Have logged 6000 miles on my car during the past season and a half which has helped estrange me from this game, but, fortunately, my travels are at an end. MOS-WORLD: I'll spare you all my boring press and just wish all of you an enjoyable holiday season and a happy, prosperous 1984 from Ann, Hans, Toby, Moses, Heather, Kitty, and Cocoa(that's one wife, two dogs and 4 felines).

STP-Keith: I've enjoyed the zine and your GMing all year. My best wishes to you in '84 also. ((Thanks)). Keep up the good work.

Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 due Fri. Jan, 27th.

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MD-3 BOURSE MARK SURGES UPWARD WHILE CROWN TAKES A BEATING!

OLD CMT	CRO	POU	FRA	MAR	LIR	ROU	PIA	NET WORTH	PRESS: ZEN to The
War Profiteer	1188	0	2231	1001	0	2777	500	9319.12	Get - Out of Touch:
Psychic's Friend	1661	0	1731	1832	0	1525	2000	10155.44	Your bourse skills
Gifted One	1310	1300	1000	1380	0	1650	0	7853.50	are really something
A-Bomb	1019	500	0	1300	3300	870	0	7539.98	to cheer about. Would
Dray Prescottt	0	3500	1500	1500	0	3	885	7840.15	you care to buy some
Mobile Munchies	1800	0	1200	1000	1911	600	1573	8478.68	land in Florida from
AJ & Mohammed	1500	740	750	2600	0	1000	1100	9230.90	me? Best swampland
ZEN & AMR	0	648	1200	2180	1500	1500	1211	9754.54	anywhere-guaranteed!
SUFFERIN' Spiro	0	1334	500	2180	500	2000	898	9045.32	(Press cont. next p.)
No Company Name	800	500	1562	1200	700	1727	500	8225.75	
Rheinhold Industries	1001	1000	500	500	2050	1600	1000	8000.92	
CMP(NEW)	.92	.86	1.15	1.56	.90	1.35	.86		

~~AJ & Mohammed~~ I would like to liquidate my holdings and buy Swiss gold or the dollar.
War Profiteer-GM: The Lira Ring trick is buying 500 Lira at .70 and selling them next season at .80. You get roughly 14%. If only the market cleared at today's prices rather than yesterday's prices that couldn't be done. Note that a third participant makes it a .15 jump; a fourth, .20
WAR PROFITEER-LIRA RING: Note that the price-kiting scheme is most efficient if you only own 500 Lira. Your percentage gain is quartered if you are so foolish as to own 2000.
WAR PROFITEER-WORLD: Let's run a similar scheme with Piasters. I'll buy 500 Piasters next time. If everyone does, they'll be up 50.50. SS-RI: Wrong!
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MD-4 1983HK Spring 1902 RUSKIES TAKE NORWAY! AUSTRIA, TURKEY CLASH! NOW IT'S TWO AGAINST F!
AUSTRIA(E.Henry) F Tri-ADR*, F GRE* S A Ser-BUL*, A Bud-TRI*, A VIE*-Tyo
ENGLAND(Crosby) A Yor-EDI*, F BRE*-MAO, F Nth-NWG*, F Lon-NTH*
FRANCE(Anderson) A PAR* S A Mar-BUR*, A SPA*-Gas, F POR*-MAO
GERMANY(Pakel) A Bur-Gas(/d/ R Pic,OTB), A MUN*-Bur, F Bel-ENG*, A Kie-RUH*, A DEN*-Swe
ITALY(Kazur) A VEN* S A Pie-TYO*, F Nap-APU*, F Tun-ION*
RUSSIA(Touchette) F SWE* § F StP(nc)-NWY*, A UKR* S F Sev-RUM*, A Mos-SEV*
TURKEY(Chaiser) F Ank-BLA*, A Arm-SMY*, F Con-AEG*, A Bul H(/d/, R Con, OTB)
Fall 1902 orders due Friday, Jan. 27th.

PRESS: Vie-Par: Italians do what?! Maybe I should go take a look for myself.
Aus-World: No one seems to care about the NFL anymore. At least in the pros I can keep track of the players from year to year. Wie-Ber: I have this funny feeling...
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MD-5 1983HK WINTER 1901 ENGLAND GOES ON VACATION!

AUSTRIA(Doyle) EVEN. Has F Alb, A Gal, A Vie
ENGLAND(R.Anderson?) NMR. Has A Nwy, F Nth, F ENG
FRANCE(Rauterberg) Build F Bre, A Par. Has F MAO, A Bel, A Por
GERMANY(Keller) Build F Kie, A Mun. Has F Hol, A Den, A Ruh
ITALY(D.Anderson) Build A Ven, F Nap. Has A SER*, A Tyo, F Gre
RUSSIA(Egli) Build A Mos, A St.P. Has F Swe, A War, F Sev, A Rum
TURKEY(Touchette) B F Con. Has F Bla, A Bul, A Arm

PRESS:France-London: I can't let you keep the channel, even if it means being "dominated" by Germany. Let's see if I have this straight - an "even" alliance with you keeps you in the channel. Gee, thanks. I stab a loyal ally while you stay on my borders? Uh, no thanks.
Spring 1902 due FRI. Jan. 27th. Orders on hand from AUS & RUSSIA.
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MD-6 GAMESTART 1983II

AUSTRIA(Robert Chaiser, 387 Moon Road, Lake Orion, MI 48035
ENGLAND: Terry Schumacher, 502 E. Washington, Madison, WI 53703
Ed Innes Jr., 97 Moffatt Dr., Cambridge, Ontario CANADA N1R 6C1
GERMANY: John Crosby, 830 Hunterhill Trail, Roswell, GA 30075
ITALY: Daniel Wallick, 286 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY 11201
RUSSIA: Ken Gestiehr, PO Box 302, El Cajon, CA 92022
TURKEY: Daniel Gorham, 800 S. Euclid ST., Fullerton, CA 92634
Spring 1901 orders due Fri. Jan. 27th. Orders on file from Italy and Turkey.
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MDV-1 Woolworth II-d 1983 Hcb19(Seasons separated by 3 requests)

Autumn 1902: FRANCE: A Pie R OTB Scandinavia: F ICE R OTB RUSSIA: A Rum R Trans.
W'02 RUSSIA: B A Mos AUSTRIA: B A PRI ENG: Build F EDI. S'02 due Fri. Jan.27th.
PRESS: Russia-World: Help! four against one is not fair!
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MDV-2 Woolworth II-d 1983 Hcb19 S'02. * RUSSIA HAVING HIS PROBLEMS!

AUSTRIA(Sweeney): A GAL* § A Bud-TRAN*, A VIE* S A Gal, F Alb-TRI*
BALKANS(???) : F SMY* S A BUL*-Con, A SER*-Rum, F Gre-AEG*
ENGLAND(Keller) F Lpl-IRI*, F Ice-NAO*, F ENG*-Bre, A PIC* S GER A Bur-Par
FRANCE(Anderson) A GAS*-Mar, A BRE*-Par
GERMANY(Pakel) A Bur-PAR*, A SWI* S A Mun-BUR*, A Ber-SIL*, F HOL* H
ITALY(???) A MAR*-Spain(???), F ION* S F Nap-TYR*, A Ven-PIE*
RUSSIA(???) F RUM* S Tur A Sev-Bul(nso), A Ukr-MOS*, A WAR*-Gal, A Fin-Stp(nsu), A Lap U(/d/, R Fin,OTB)
SCANDINAVIA(???) A SWE* S F Nwy-LAP*, F BEL* H, A Fin-STP*,
SPAIN(Chaiser) F LYO*-Mar, F Wes-TUN*, A Por-MAD*,
TURKEY(???) F BLA* S A CON* H, A Sev-ARM* (Faal '02 due FRI. Jan. 27th). No press.

AUSTRIA(Pakel).: B A VIE, A TRI. Has A Mun, A Bud, A Ser.
ENGLAND(Dancause) B F EDI. Has F Nth, F Nwg.
FRANCE(Dodge)B F MAR. Has A Bur, F Por, A Gas.
GERMANY(Anderson) B A Kie, A Ber. Has F Den.
ITALY(Touchette) B F NAP, F ROM. Has F Ion, F Gre.
RUSSIA(Brown) B F STP(SC), A WAR, A MOS. Has A Ukr, A Rum, F Swe, A Nwy.
TURKEY(Davis) B F SMY, A CON. Has F Aeg.

PRESS: TURKEY: One mine in Bulgaria could be understood as a precaution. Two mines in BUL means They're Plotting Against Me. Plotters are reminded that we, too, can play the same game. Tread softly. RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Negotiations would have gotten you a lot further than force. Well, if you'd rather fight than talk, I guess that's your privilege.

RUSS A-GERMANY: What's this about you getting two dots and me one? Make sure you can carry through before you make any more threats.
S'02 orders due FRI. Jan. 27th. S'02 orders on hand from Russia.

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FINAL CONFLICT MDV-4 1983 Pg120 Winter 2101 USA DEVELOPS THE WORLD'S FIRST NUKE!
AUS: B F PER, F BRI(Has \$5) BRAZIL: B F SAL, F RIO(Has \$4). CHINA: \$1 to PAL. Has \$0.
PAL: B F SAU, F EGY, A BAG.(Has \$1) RUSSIA: B P ENG, F ARK, A OMS, A VLA. Has \$1
SAF: B A NAM, F MOZ, P MOZ. Has \$0. USA: B N ALA, F QUE. Has \$0.

SPRING 2102 RUSSIAN FORCES PERISH IN ATOMIC FIREBALL! AUSTRALIA, RUSSIA, CHINA ATTACKED!
AUSTRALIA(Heintzman) P PER* S F IND* H, F Per-NEI*, F Néz-SEI*, F Bri-SWP*, F Bor-JAV*
BRAZIL(Rauterberg) F Rio-ARG*, F Sal-RIO*, A Mat-BEL*, F Col-SEP*, F Mwa-NEA*, F Ven-MWA*
CHINA(Ozog) A SIN*-Pek, F YEL* C RUS A Pek-Jap(IMP), F Chi-SHA*, A Vie-MAL*
PAL(Frueh) F Ibe-MOR*, F Egy-LIB*, F Sau-PSG*, A Bag-TUR*, A Pak-KAZ*, P SYR* S A Som-SUD*
RUSSIA(Crosby) F ARK*-Nwg P Eng/A! / S F Eng/A! /-Nea, A Oms-MON*, P OMS* S A Man-PEK*,
A Vla-KOR*, A Ger-FRA*, F SOJ*-Yal
SAF(Susko) F Sei-MEL*, F Mad-SWI*, P MOZ* S F Moz-NWI*, F Sen-MAU*, A Nam-ANG*, A Zai-CHA*
USA(Anderson) N Ala (L) ENG, P HAW* S A Mex-CEN*, F JAP*-Soj, F LAB*-Nwg, F Que-NWA*

PRESS: PAL-Titan Gods: Where is it said little dogs will squirm out from underfoot and bite their oppressors? FALL 2102 ORDERS FRIDAY, JANUARY, 20th.

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QUIZ RESULTS: Well, my experiment of running quizzes in MD seems to have been a failure, as only one person, Mark Frueh, sent in his guesses. He got 6 right, so he wins either three issues of MD or a free gamestart. Maybe I should have made the prize hisher. Here are the questions, Frueh's answers, and the correct answers(if it differs from Frueh's):

1. When did Italy declare war on France? June 10th, 1939 ((June 10, 1940))
2. Under which Marshall did the Italians attack Egypt under on Sept. 13, 1941? Graziani.
3. When did the Italians invade Greece? Oct. 28th, 1940.
4. When was the last Big 3 Conference between Roos., Stalin and Churchill held? Feb.4-12, 1945. 5. Where was it held? Yalta.
6. Where was the first A-Bomb exploded? Alamogordo, NM
When was it exploded? Monday, July 16th, 1945
What was the title for the planned American invasion of Japan? Genocide.((Operation Olympic))
9. What was the name of Sir Isaac Newton's dog? Lumpy or Applesauce ((Diamond--a freebie))
10. Who was Howdie Doodie's Twin brother? Rowdie Doodie-Howdie's Punk Brother -Red Mohawk and all. ((Double Doodie)).

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MARCO POLL RESULTS: BEST ZINE
1. Europa Express 2. Voice of Doom. 3. Whitestonia. 4. Diplomacy World. 5 Appalling Greed
6.Sleepless Knights. 7. Snafu! 8. 30 Miles of Bad Road. 9.Retaliation. 10. Magus.
11.Coat of Arms. 12 Dip. Digest. 13. Irskome. 14. North Sealth WG. 15. Murderin' Ministers
16. No Fixed Address 17. The Prince. 18. Give me a Weap. 19.MANIFEST DESTINY. 20.Anduin.
BEST SUBZINE: 1. Mos Eisley Spaceport. 2. Kathy's Korner 3. Expletive Deleted.

Best GM:
1. Gary Coughlan 2. Andy Lischett. 3. Mark Larzelere. 4. Jim Meinel 5. Bruce Linsey.
6. Ron Brown(US) 7. John Daly. 8. Hohn Boardman. 9. Boug Beyerlein 10. John Caruso.
11. Mark Luedi. 12. Paul Rauterberg. 13. Scott Hanson. 14. Roy Hendricks. 15.KEITH SESLER
16.16. Ron Brown(CAN) 17. Steve Hutton 18. Dave Kleiman. 19. Steve Langley. 20.Dave Carter
Well, I must say that I'm pleased that a new zine like MD would place in both categories.
Than ks to all of you who voted for me. EE was the runaqay winner for best zine once again.

MANIFEST DESTINY

GLOSSARY A short guide to the commonest words and phrases found in game advertising blurbs...and what they REALLY mean!

- (1) Designed for use with any fantasy role-playing system...Designed for D & D.
- (2) The Game Master will determine...Sorry, we couldn't think up a rule for this.
- (3) ...in any reasonable manner... We couldn't think up a rule for that, either.
- (4) Optional Rule...We didn't have time to playtest this one.
- (5) Notes... This is the quickest way we could think of to fill a blank page.
- (6) Not a licensed D&D product...We couldn't afford the license.
- (7) Mega-Trek '81...They'd never license us anyhow. (8) Fast moving!...Triaxial.
- (9) The Ultimate fantasy game...Ultimate number 17, that is. (10) Fascinating!..Nice map.
- (11) A new direction in wargaming!..We're lost. (12) Accurate simulation...Dull game.
- (13) Challenging!..Figuring out the rules is the real challenge. (14) 2nd Edition..Prettier cover. (15) Original!..We cannibalized 64 earlier games to get this one.
- (16) Two years in the making!...Two years in the bottom drawer. (17) Suitable for beginners. No one else would want to play it. (18) Exciting!...No play balance.
- (19) For ages 8 & up...For ages 8-10. (20) For 2 to 4 players...For 2 or 4 players.
- (21) BananaQuest Supplement 4...The game will be pretty complete when we get out supp.#5.
- (22) Third game of the BananaQuest series...Same game, third map.
- (23) Revised edition...Includes errata. (24) (No designer listed)...No one wanted the blame.
- (25) Boxed Edition...Same game, \$5 more expensive. (26) Collector's Edition...Same game, \$10 more expensive. (27) Two complete games in one package..Neither was worth publishing separately. (28) Monthly...Bimonthly. (29) Bimonthly...Quarterly. (30) Quarterly..Maybe next year.
- (31) Now accepting orders...You get the game 2 days early; we get your money 2 months early.
- (32) Nominated for best game of the year...We stuffed the ballot box.
- (33) Two award nominations...We didn't win either one.
- (34) Winner of the Charles Roberts Award...The competition was even worse.

VARIANTS PHOENIX by Mick Bullock

1. An eliminated Great Power may build one (1 only) Army in Exile in any Summer in a vacant Capital City of another Great Power (the host) if that SC is still under the control of the host. This requires the written consent of the host. For this purpose, ANKARA will be deemed capital of Turkey. Other Capitals: Vienna, London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, St. Petersburg.
2. The host may order the disbandment of the Army in Exile in the following or any subsequent Winter, unless that army has in the meantime captured a SC, thereby becoming independent of the host.
3. If the Army in Exile recaptures any of its own former home SCs, that player may subsequently build units according to the usual rules.
4. If the Exile Army remains in the SC in which it was originally built, at the end of the following Fall season, it is deemed to have captured that SC and the host's unit count must be adjusted accordingly. Otherwise, the Capital SC is deemed to be supplying both the Exile Army and one of the host's units.
5. If the Exile Army captures more than 1 SC, that player still may not build for the additional centers unless he has recaptured 1 of his former home centers and has vacated it.
6. If the capital SC of an Exile Army's host is captured by another Great Power, the occupying Power may order the disbandment of that Exile Army (unless it has in the meantime captured some other SC.)
7. No Great Power may be host to more than one Exile Army at a time.
8. No eliminated Great Power may have more than 1 Exile Army on the board at 1 time.

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RED HERRING DIPLOMACY by Dan Alderson. Each player may build 1 extra unit each game-year which has no power. The player must tell the GM which unit is the fake and the GM must keep its identity secret until the unit is involved in a conflict, at which time it is removed from the game. X (If such a 'fake' unit is ordered to provide support or extra support where it is not needed, it stays in the game and remains secret.)

Until the 'fake' army or fleet is forced to 'fight', it moves about just as any other army of fleet. It may convoy and take control of SCs when not opposed. If a 'fake' unit fights (attacks) another 'fake' unit, both are removed from play. * * * *

A prominent TV sponsor just dropped his summer replacement. His wife came back to town.

First we had STAR WARS, the most popular science fiction film of all time. This was followed by the very successful THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK and RETURN OF THE JEDI. Now we have heard plans for a fourth film in the STAR WARS series. Though the plot is a closely guarded secret, we were fortunate to come across a section of the film. Apparently it is a political debate between the leaders of the Rebel Alliance and members of the Rebel Alliance Parliament.

THE CAST: Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo, Yoda, Chewbacca, Two members of Parliament.

THE SCENE: Rebel Alliance War Room.

PRINCESS LEIA: Then it's decided. We will mass all of our forces in a final assault against the Death Star.

FIRST MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: Hadn't we better talk this over first?

HAN SOLO: What's there to talk about? This is war. It's them or us. We must attack. We must win.

SECOND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: Well, I certainly share your concerns about the Empire, and I'd be the first to admit that they are not exactly a model democracy, but isn't there a better way to go about dealing with them?

LUKE SKYWALKER: Like what?

FIRST MEMBER: Let's reason with them. Let's sit down and talk with them. Don't you see how senseless it is to send thousands of our young people into a battle against the Empire? And look at the cost.

SECOND MEMBER: For the cost of one tie-fighter, we could build seven junior colleges.

FIRST MEMBER: Is the Empire really any different than us? Don't their leaders want the same thing we do? Instead of confrontation, let's try cooperation.

PRINCESS LEIA: Are you serious? Cooperate with those monsters?

FIRST MEMBER: Please, Princess, don't engage in a glech-hunt. Talk reasonably. For instance, the National Council of the Force has advocated a weapons freeze.

YODA: Confused is the Council.

SECOND MEMBER: But think what that means. If we freeze our weapons, we will be demonstrating our goodwill to the Empire. They can then reduce their weapons.

HAN SOLO: We ought to just blast them.

FIRST MEMBER: Now that's precisely the kind of cowboy talk which got us into trouble in the first place. Don't forget, the Empire is as afraid of us as we are of them. They've been invaded over 800 times in the last six millenium alone. They have a persecution complex. They are surrounded by unfriendly powers. If we can only show them we mean them no harm, surely they'll reciprocate in turn.

LUKE SKYWALKER: But what about Darth Vader? Surely we cannot trust him?

FIRST MEMBER: Actually, I have it on good authority that underneath all of his bluster, he is a cultivated man, a man of peace. He enjoys modern music, and to relax he occasionally drinks a grunch and slunkus. Why, I believe he even has books in his bookcase written by our more prominent Rebel authors.

PRINCESS LEIA: But look what they are doing right now on the planet Afgo. They have invaded a primitive planet and are brutally suppressing the inhabitants.

FIRST MEMBER: But is that so different from what the Rebel Alliance did in Veenam? Who are we to say who is right and who is wrong?

SECOND MEMBER: A freeze makes sense. We already have enough light sabers and tie-fighters to destroy every person on the Death Star 40 times. Why do we need more?

YODA: Superficial is thy talk. Strategic deterrence thou do not understand.

FIRST MEMBER: Let me offer a final point. It's deductible that the Empire's leadership is made up of hawks and doves. As the next generation of leadership comes into power, we want to make sure the doves come to power. How can we do that? By making concessions to the Empire. Let's recognize their legitimate defense needs and needs for spheres of influence. Let's unilaterally reduce our weapons production. By all means, we cannot publicly protest their military adventurism or their human rights violations. This way, the moderate leadership in the Empire will be strengthened. The people of the Empire will reject their hawks, just as we reject ours.

(Chewbacca, who has been silent up to this point, lets out a long, angry howl.)

Stereotypes can be hazardous to your health.

UNLIKE THE AVERAGE PERSON, WHO WOULD TEND TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE UPON FINDING HIMSELF IN A SITUATION NOT UNLIKE THE ONE I PRESENTLY FIND MYSELF INVOLVED IN, I WILL AS A RATIONAL AND COMPASSIONATE HUMAN BEING, ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE INTERFACE WITH YOU AND RESOLVE, TO OUR MUTUAL SATISFACTION, THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN US CONCERNING MY MATERNAL GENETIC ANCESTRY, GENERAL PERSONAL HYGIENE, AND LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE. IF WE STILL CANNOT ACHIEVE A STATE OF COGENT TOLERANCE, I SHALL BE FORCED TO PREPARE A Dainty OPEN-FACED CANAPÉ CONSISTING OF MY LEFT BOOT HEEL, MY LITTLE YELLOW MAP PIN AND YOUR GONADS, WHICH I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO LODGE IN YOUR ESOPHAGUS VIA YOUR RECTUM.

LET US REASON TOGETHER.



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SORRY GEORGE, I'VE DECIDED I NEED A FEMALE ON THE TICKET WITH ME...



"BUT DON'T WORRY, THE OPERATION ONLY TAKES AN HOUR."



Job Louis: "HE WAS A Sissy," SAID SOME GUY WHO DOESN'T LIKE MUSCULAR ATHLETES!

People

(WHO LIVE UP TO BEING THE DEAD)

THE LOW-DOWN ON PRINCESS GRACE by some CRANNY OLD MAN WHO REALLY PENETED HER

GEORGE WASHINGTON HE LEFT HIS WOODEN TEETH NEXT TO TOO MANY BEDS, SAYS SOME WOMAN WHO NEVER LIVED HIM ANYWAY!

BLANCHER IN REVENUE "I NEVER LIKED HER," SAYS SOME NOBODY!

MARILYN MONROE: "SHE WAS FAT AND UGLY," SAYS A HAIRDRESSER WHO DIDN'T LIKE A TIP. MARILYN ONCE LEFT HER!

SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S TO SPEND EVERY WAKING BUT THEN I THINK, WRONG FOR A ME TO BE "MOMENT MAKING PEOPLE" "WHAT THE HECK, YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE!" SO MEAN AND... MISERABLE...



SHORT RANGE WEAPONS

In *Raid on Iran* it is impossible for most units to fire across a street.



HE CAN'T EVEN MAKE CUTTING REMARKS— An expert with "bladders" in SPI's DRAGON QUEST does not necessarily know how to use "knives."



SPITBALLS AREN'T COVERED— All guns do the same amount of damage in FGO's MERC— thus a BB is as effective as a .45 slug— (Steve Paterson)

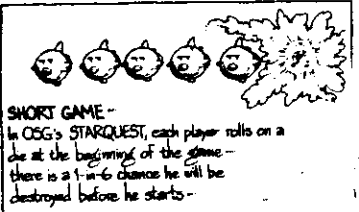


THAT SEEMS FAIR— In FBI's NUCLEAR WAR, the cover of the game always deals and plays first— (Mark B. Wilson)

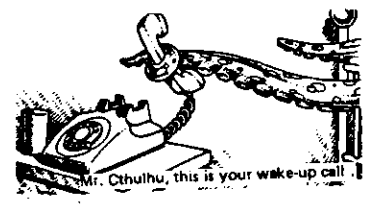


A LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME— Not only is Lou Zocchi immortalized as a river in Austin Hill's BLITZKRIEG— he often appears as a monster in Flying Buffalo's computerized T&T adventures.

ZAP! YOU'RE DEAD— The "Blasph" a common radioactive moth found in TSR's GAMMA WORLD, has only to snoop within 5 meters of someone to kill him instantly— (Jim Somers)



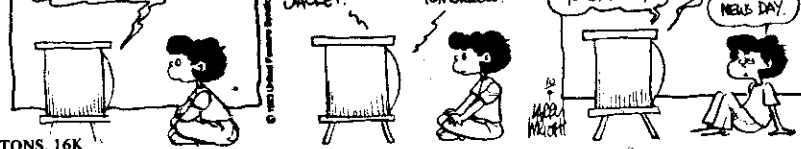
SHORT GAME— In OSG's STARQUEST, each player rolls on a die at the beginning of the game— there is a 1-in-6 chance he will be destroyed before he starts—



HERE'S THE TV-3 NEWSTEAM, CO-ANCHORS DEBBIE BAYON AND BILL BLAND

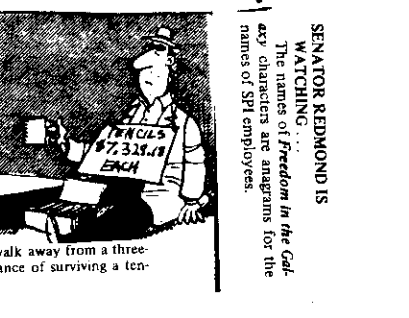
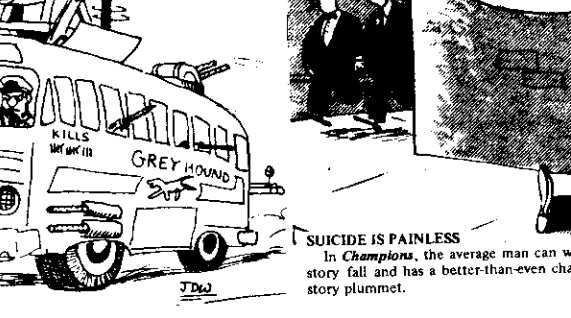
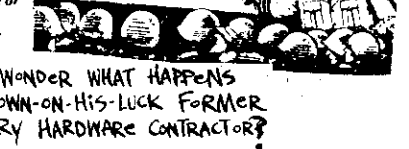
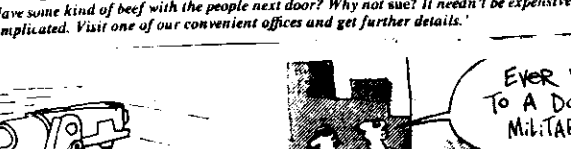
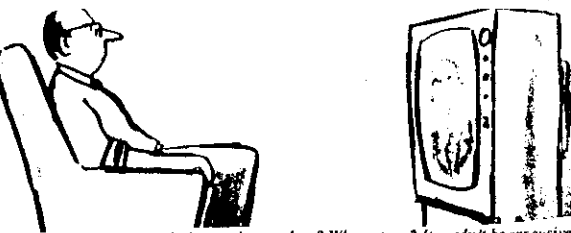
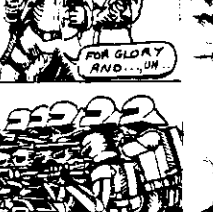
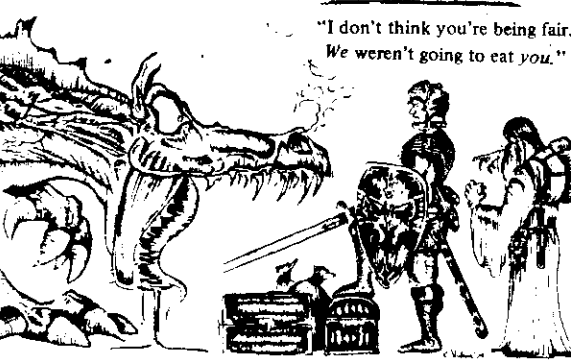
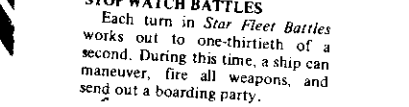
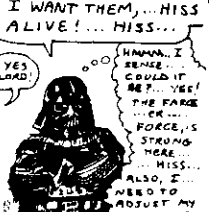
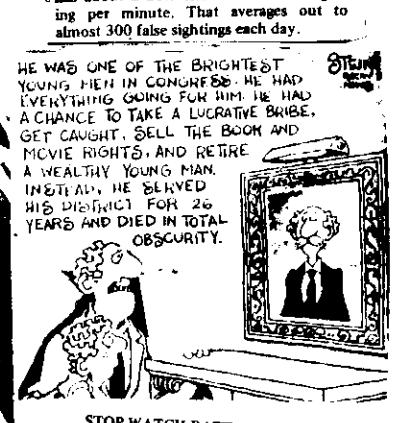
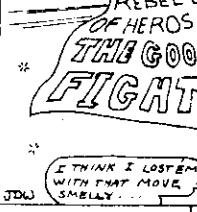
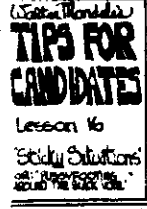
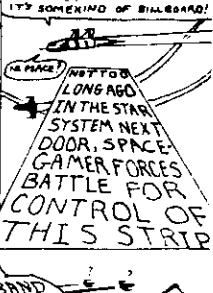
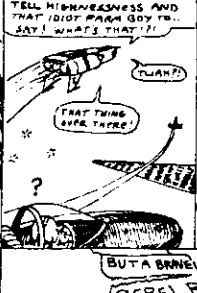
DEBBIE, YOUR DRESS CLASHES WITH MY BLUE JACKET.

BUT, BILL, YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO WEAR THAT ONE TILL TOMORROW.



3 TONS, 16K The computers described for the distant future in *Traveller* are not as efficient as some which currently exist.

THE GOOD GUYS (EPISODE 1)



A PAGE OF SMUT(Skip this page if you don't like Adult Humor)(Ooops, only 1/2 page smut.)
SEX QUIZ(Mark 'true' or 'false' after each statement.)

- (1)A clitoris is a type of flower.
- (2)The term 'Spread Eagle' is an extinct bird.
- (3)A pubic hair is a wild rabbit.
- (4)A condom is an apartment complex.
- (5)McDonald's Golden Arches is a phallus symbol.
- (6)Semen is a term for sailors.
- (7)A Fallopian Tube is part of a TV.
- (8)A vulva is a car from Sweden.
- (9)An umbilical cord is part of a parachute
- (10)Coitus is a musical instrument.
- (11)Fetus is a character on GUNSMOKE.
- (12)Testicles are found on an octopus.
- (13)It is dangerous to have a wet dream under an electric blanket.
- (14)A vagina is a medical term used to describe heart trouble.
- (15)Asphalt is a medical term used to describe someone with rectal problems.
- (16)Fellatio is an Italian dagger.
- (17)A menstrual cycle has three wheels.
- (18)A G-string is a weapon used by G-Mén.
- (19)An anus is a latin word denoting a period of time.
- (20)Cunilingus is a person who can speak four languages.
- (21)KOTEX is a radio station in Dallas, Texas.
- (22)Masturbate is something used to catch large fish.
- (23)A rectum is what you are for doing this test.

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There was a young man who aspired : There was a programmer named Rex
 To screw his computer, though tired. : Who hated conventional sex,
 He wept with chagrin : But loved a muff-dive
 When he put his thing in : Or a good 45,
 And it typed back "Extension Required." : Which is what 69 is in hex.

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--Recipe for a Chicken Cake--

Ingredients: One Young, tender Chick One firm Ripe Banana Fresh cherry, Two large nuts.
 Take tender chick in arms, grasping breasts and rub gently. Take legs and spread wide
 apart, insert banana and stir until good and hot. Increase motion until banana creams,
 cherry pops, and nuts crack.--Caution! If cake rises --leave town!--

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Why are Visine Eye Drops like Tampax? They get the red out.
 What can you use used tampons for?--Tea bags for vampires.
 How do you tell a head nurse? She's the one with the dirty knees.
 What do you call this(Stick your tongue out)? A Lesbian with a hard on.
 What kind of meat does a Priest eat on Friday? Nun!!

PRIVATE PROPERTY AND LIBERTY by Walter Lippman, in THE METHOD OF FREEDOM.

"The only dependable foundation of personal liberty is the personal economic security of private property. The teaching of history is very certain on this point...

"Where men have yielded without serious resistance to the tyranny of new dictators, it is because they have lacked property. They dared not resist, because resistance meant destitution. The lack of a strong middle class in Russia, the impoverishment of the middle class in Italy, the ruin of the middle class in Germany, are the real reasons, much more than the futility of the Black Shirts, the Brown Shirts, and the Red Army, why the state has become absolute and individual liberty is suppressed."

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The one-armed customer winced each time the barber nicked him. But the barber kept talking and paid no attention. "Have you been in here before?" he asked
 "No," said the customer, "I lost this arm in a sawmill."

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The head of the local Community Fund Drive had bad luck getting money out of the richest man in town. Each of his team captains had been turned down. Finally, in desperation, he said to them, "I'll tell you what we should do. We'll all go to see him at one time. We are prominent people and he won't be able to withstand the pressure."

The man met them at the door of his store and invited them into his private office. "Sit down," he said. "I know why you are here. You want to know why I am not giving to the Community Fund. I suppose you have a right to know, although I don't like to spread my private troubles in front of all my friends. What you don't know is that my brother is an alcoholic. He is married and has 7 children. It's a terrible case. He hasn't earned a \$1 in 5 years. Then there's my wife's brother. He was shot up in the war to the point where
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he draws 100% disability. But, with eleven children, that isn't enough money to keep them in food. And on account of so many children, his wife can't work. And besides all that misfortune, there is my mother-in-law. She is an invalid and has been bedridden for many years. She has to have a trained nurse around the clock. And you know good and well that if I'm not helping them, I am not going to give anything to the Community Fund."

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VARIANTS BUM'S RUSH DIPLOMACY by Andy Phillips. If a player has fewer SCs at the end of any Fall than he had units at the beginning of that year, one of the SCs he ~~owns~~ is not counted for purposes of supply. EXAMPLE A: After W'07 France has 7 centers, 7 units. In W'08 France has 6 centers, 7 units. France must remove two (2). EXAMPLE B: As in A, but after F'08 France has a unit annihilated & has 6 SCs, 6 units. France must still remove one (1). EXAMPLE C: As in A, but during 1908 France has 2 units annihilated, & has 6 SCs, 5 units. France may not build.

ESCALATED DIPLOMACY by Dan Alderson. During Winter of each game-year, each Great Power must build 1 unit in each vacant home SC, regardless of how many other SCs it actually owns (a home SC no longer owned may not be built in). The unit built must be the same as the unit which started in that center. Dislodged units may not retreat.

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TAKE-AWAY DIPLOMACY. On any Fall move, you may take away another player's country by sending in a set of orders for his country which, provided that your own units held, would give his country more SCs than his own orders would give him (providing that your units held.)

In case of a tie, no one gets his country. A player is not allowed to send in a 2nd set of orders for his own country to prevent someone from taking it over by creating a tie.

When you make a successful takeover, your orders count for your new position, and the units of your old position hold for that turn. (Dan Alderson).

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DREADNOUGHT DIPLOMACY by David Burkett

At the turn of the century, the Great Powers were considering a different type of battleship, one which would make the old type completely obsolete. This was the dreadnought. The concept of the dreadnoughts figured in the plans of every nation that was a sea power.

Unfortunately, after the first dreadnought was produced, it would start a naval arms race. Great Britain produced the first of the super-battleships in 1906.

COST OF DREADNOUGHT 1. Regular cost. Option 1a(2 SCs needed to build one dreadnought).

BUILDING DREADNOUGHTS: 2. as per rulebook, 2a. Two years needed to build Dreadnought.

SPECIAL RULES: 3. A dreadnought equals two regular fleets. That is, each would be worth two supports, which could not be split.

4. A Dreadnought can not convoy fleets.

5. Only Great Britain can build Dreadnoughts until 1907. As soon as one is produced, any nation could build them. Option 5a. Dreadnoughts could be built anytime by anybody.

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THE LAW THAT MAKES US FREE by Norman S. Ream

An old Hasidic tale relates how a certain Jew was terribly upset when he failed to be selected to succeed the Rabbi of his local synagogue. A friend sought to console the unhappy man by relating the following parable:

When the king retires at night, his crown rests on a nail fastened to the wall. Why on a nail, a common object used by common people for common purposes, and not on the head of a minister, especially selected for such a distinct honor? I shall tell you why: After awhile, with the crown on his head, the minister might take himself seriously. No such danger with a nail.

That ancient story speaks of the danger which is always inherent in government. Those who govern are nearly always prone to take themselves too seriously. They are tempted to believe that because they got elected or appointed to a high place, they somehow or other must have been endowed with superior wisdom and insight which entitles them to use the power, necessarily inherent in government, to play God with other peoples' lives. The philosophy of the Divine Right of Kings very possibly arises from this human propensity as well as from Paul's assertion that "The powers that be are ordained of God." But as Lord Acton, the English historian of the last century, put it, "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

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"The only thing to do with good advice is pass it on."--Oscar Wilde.

LETTERS

(Ken Gestiehr) "I can appreciate blind loyalty, but there is a time for reason to take over! All this hoopla over the Rose Bowl in your zine could be over-emphasized. Even though, Illinois is a good team, They were beaten by Missouri (which is going to the Holiday Bowl). By the same token, UCLA was beaten by BYU (which is also going to the Holiday Bowl). Therefore, since both teams in the Rose Bowl were ~~beaten~~ mangled by the two in the Holiday Bowl, those people who get to watch the Holiday bowl will see the better game! ((That's the kind of logic I'd expect from a Pac-10 fan. Illinois' loss occurred during their first game. They would have beaten Missouri had they played them later on when their team had begun playing better. The same thing happened to #1 ranked Michigan in 1981 when they were beaten by a clearly inferior Wisconsin team. James Wall and Mark Frueh can tell you all about it.))

"As for Hager's impression of UCLA's awesome record in football, the explanation is simple. It's just a warm-up to winter's game of BRUINball. You do remember BRUINball, don't you? That's the game created by the ~~great stupendous~~ IMMORTAL John Wooden where five men dribble a ball down a court and shoot it into a basket! Those with colonial ties may still refer to it by its antiquated name of basketball. If I was going to say something nice about Big Ten football, it would be concerning Michigan. The outside of their helmets are probably the best looking in all of college football and beats some of the pros as well. As for the inside of the helmets, I believe reams have been written on the subject by OSU students."

((When did they learn how to write?))

"P.S. I liked your Michigan-OSU history lesson."

((Ok, all you Big 10 fans. Next month's assignment is to send in letters discussing the quality of Pac-10 basketball. Use of profanity is encouraged.))

(Matt Fleming) "As you probably know, I am not given to writing many letters to the editor. Rod Walker's last letter in your column, however, as is usual with his letters, stirred me to write. I agree with his statement that most Americans, and this includes hobby members, are under read in history. But there are 2 points I'd like to make about his letter.

"First, the authors he listed, with the possible exception of Toynbee, aren't really historians. Nor is their writing properly called history. Their style is that of the political scientist. The work of Gurr's that is best known (Why Men Rebel) and Schumpeter's best known work (Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy) make the same mistake that most political scientists make. They study a phenomenon, then make a theory about it. This theory is backed up with all supportive evidence while all non-supportive evidence is done away with. Historians take a different view. They study all available, pertinent evidence and then try to figure out what happened. Their outlook is primarily causal. The political Scientist says that his theory is applicable to almost any situation where the atmosphere is the same. What nonsense! Why do men rebel? Ask Gurr and he'll go into his spiel. This argument began with Guicciardini and Machiavelli, contemporaries and friends. Machiavelli wanted a series of rules that the smart Prince could use to govern. Guicciardini laughed at him. Guicciardini laughed at him. Guicciardini's History of Italy takes a look at what happened in Italy after 1454 and asks why. His style is that of a method of finding the truth, NOT predicting it.

"So in this way the authors listed are not historians. Their works shouldn't be seen as "BASIC" either. For a strong background, one should turn to writings of Braudel or Bloch or LeRoy Ladurie. (And not his pop stuff, like Montaillou either.) Leroy Ladurie's Le Paysans De Languedoc or Times of Feast Times of Famine repay reading in ways that the limited perspectives of Shumpeter never could. These authors help to provide a ground work for moving into other fields. I'm not trying to say that the works of the other authors Rod cited are useless. What is best is a critical method that could be used when reading the opinions of men like Rostow. Only then can one make sense out of the writing of Marx &c. Braudel's reasoning can be applied to any pertinent material. Marx' method has often proven inflexible. How does this all relate to the real world? Here I see how my own ideas merge with Rod Walker's. For reading, of things history or political science, broadens one's horizons.

"Rod's statement about the caudillismo hit home. Only I would think its economic basis would be more important than its psychological effect. The idea of the caudillo, caudillismo and bands was largely transported from Spain to the New World. This seems to be so since all we know about pre-1492 America comes from Archaeology and Anthropology, but we know that the caudillo was long a part of the society of the Mediterranean basin. Here, in Spain, in Italy and North Africa, many people were living on lands that could barely support them. It was natural to turn to the family and then a larger clientage group for protection and survival. Yet once the Black Death swept through these area the population was decreased

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and the people no longer had to rely on a clientage system as much as in the past. The same seems to be true in Central America. Large groups of people who must rely on the leadership of their particular caudillo are bound to act in ways we can never understand. Since childhood they are brought up on the idea that the group is more important than the individual, and they act accordingly. It is also interesting to note the case of Venezuela and Columbia. Most of Central America has never had intrinsic resources to help them develop. Their precious metals were taken long ago. But the prosperity of Venezuela and Columbia, coming from exports, seems to have loosened the ties of the bands. So, the psychological implications seem to be secondary in its economic basis. I could go on with thoughts...

"I must commend you on the promptness with which I receive each issue. I think every issue has reached me the Tuesday after the deadline. Remarkable! ((What's even more remarkable is that many people tell me they usually get their issues Monday. I mail every issue off the morning after the deadline to maximize player negotiating time. Once I stayed up until six AM putting the zine together so it'd go out in Saturday mornings mail. Usually, though, I drive out to the PO by midnight Friday to drop it in the mail.

Now, about your letter, I must say I really appreciate it, and you certainly seem to know what you're talking about. Have you written a term paper on caudillismo, perhaps?))

(Bob Albrecht) "As far as Rod Walker goes, I'm surprised he hasn't mentioned some of the real political theorists of this century--men such as ((unreadable)), Kennedy, Churchill--even Hitler. Most peoples' conceptions of History (one of the few 'exact' social sciences) are badly colored by their personal beliefs. Try to get the correct version of the War of 1812 from a Canadian or an American, for example. (See Fred Davis' article in the latest SNAFU!) "Human psychology does not change. If this "wave of neo-Marxist revolutions sweeps the Americas, I predict that it will collapse of its own initiative. The course of human history has always been towards more freedom, not less. Marxism simply results in tyranny due to the greed factor inherent in all of us.

"Why on earth would Rod see a total reversal of history? There isn't any basis for it. (Unless another 'Middle Ages' is supposed to sweep the earth, and that isn't possible due to the 20th century advantages in communications technology.) Perhaps he should stay out of the history and stick to ideology."

(Rod Walker) "That's Hari Seldon, Keith. And you won't have to wait several millenia for him, either. The implied principles underlying 'psychohistory' are already being worked out in the social sciences, although it's to be doubted that we will ever reach the sort of mathematical precision Asimov suggests. But you never know. ((I wouldn't count on it.))

"To say that something is inevitable is not to suggest that people sit back and do nothing. You just don't waste your time fighting what can't be fought. Fascism was inevitable in inter-war Europe. ((So we shouldn't have wasted our time fighting it???) In fact, it was a global phenomenon characterized by the appearance of charismatic demagogues--in this hemisphere, people like Getulio Vargas and Juan Peron. And Franklin Roosevelt, who answered the description in every particular except demagoguery. We got lucky. This country was perilously close to Fascism, and never more so than in the post WWII era (the McCarthy period) ... If Japanese historical trends hold true, in the future you're going to see a movement toward very close ties with China and a revival of a more aggressive military posture ((I agree with the former, but I seriously doubt Japan will pay their fair share of defense burden for many years to come.))

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