

THE MIXUMAXU GAZETTE

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First of all, from Dec.23 1973- Jan. 22, 1974, my address will be 556 Green Place, Woodmere,N.Y.11598, telephone 516-374-4723. I will have mail forwarded to me.

Second, we have two new games: 1972 CV, which has been transferred here, and MG 4, which has finally been filled up. Please don't send in any more money, as I will keep it, and then you will prosecute, and I will go to jail, and the games will be cancelled. The details on MG 4 will be published in the next issue; the players already know about them. Remember that I'm not running moves in the Dec.29 issue, but I am in the January 19 one, so send your moves to my temporary address. Also, some temporary COA's for players appear inside.

Thirdly, I have finally picked up a mimeo machine. The next issue should be printed on it, and this will be the last issue of MG printed by offset.

Fourth, circulation for this issue is 61. Disgusting, isn't it?

Abyssinia,
Robert Bryan Lipton
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1973 EN

Ready When You Are, C.B.

Retake, Fall 1902

I have received notes from Ray Heuer, Gil Neiger and Don Horton to the effect that section IX.6 of the rules prohibits the cutting of your own supporting units. Therefore, F Rum S F Sev-Bla succeeds, F Sev-Bla succeeds, and Turkish F Bla must retreat- Ank or be annihilated. I am extending the deadline to January 18, noon for Winter 1902 builds and removals. And Ger F Hol R-^{41 or} _{any}

1973 ER

Russians Turn to Defend South

Winter 1902

Retreats: Russia: A Nwy annihilated; F Swe annihilated; A Gal R-Ukr

Austria(Tesser): B A Tri

England(Coy): B F Edi, F Lon

Germany(Ritter): R F Bal

Italy(Pickard): B F Rom

Russia(Lanham): B A War

By virtue of his double removal, Lanham is entitled to one build. Spring 1903 moves are due by noon, Friday, 18 January 1974. Check the fill-in above for my temporary address change.

1973 FY

Italians Get Up Earlier Than French

Spring 1902

England(Trtek): F Nrg H; A Nwy H; F Nth-Ska

France(Horne): F Por- Spa(s.c.); A Pic-Bel; A Mar-Bur; A Par S A Mar-Bur

Germany(Hulland): F Den-Nth; A Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Hol-Bel; A Mun-Ber; F Kie-Hol

Italy(Kollman): F Tun-Wes; A Ven H; A Pie-Mar; F Nap-Tyr

Austria(Tatay): F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Ser-Bul; A Gal-Bud; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb

Russia(Blume): F Swe S F St.P-Nwy; F Rum S F Sev-Bla; A Fin S F St.P-Nwy; A Ukr-Sev; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Sev-Bla

Turkey(Stehle): A Bul H; A Ank H; F Bla-Con; F Smy-Aeg

Turkish A Bul is dislodged and must be annihilated. Eng A Nwy is dislodged, and the player orders it to be annihilated.

Dick Trtek takes over control of England; while at home on Long Island I received a call from Duncan Smith, explaining that he had sent in Winter builds in such a manner that they would have to be in. I agreed and told him to amil me a note about it in Easton. No note was received, nor were any moves, so he is being dropped.

Donald Stehle may now be written c/o Howard Johnson's, Manchester, New Hamp. 03102. Telephone is 603-668 2600.

Fall 1902 moves are due by noon, 18 January 1974. Check above for my temporary COA, and p. 4 for other people's temporaries.

Recently a word-association test was given in my English Language class. We were given the words "Santa Claus", "Gasoline" and "water bed." Most responded with something like "Christmas", "shortage" and "sex". One person, however, chose "Albert Schweitzer", "self-sacrifice" and "sea-sick". Will any psychologists in the audience let me know what that means?

Italia Irredentia?

Fall 1901

Austria: F Alb-Tri; A Ser S F Alb-Tri; A Tri-Vie: has Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie(4); may build one unit.
 England: NMR: F Nrg, F Nth, A Edi all H; has Edi, Liv, Lon(3) no builds
 France: F Mid- Por; A Bur- Bel; A Mar-Spa: has Bel, Bre, Mar, Por, Par, Spa(6); may build three units.
 Germany: F Den S Russian F Bot-Swe; A Ruh S A Kie-Hol; A Kie-Hol: has Ber, Den, Hol, Kie(4); may build one unit.
 Italy: F Ion-Tun; A Tyr-Mun; A Ven-Tyr: has Mun, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven(5) may build two units.
 Russia: F Bot-Swe; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Gal-Vie; A Ukr-Rum: has Mos, Sev, St.P. Swe, Rum, War(6); may build ^{two} units.
 Turkey: A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy-Ank: has Ank, Con, Smy(3); no builds

Winter 1901 moves are due by noon, Friday, 18 January 1973. Check the first page for my temporary change of address. I'll order a standby for England.

1972 CV

Faint Heart Never Won, Fair Lady

Winter 1902

Denise Bonis has resigned as Austria and is replaced by Ed Hollshwander, box 757, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. 18042. Check p.4 for a temporary COA.
 Austria(Hollshwander): Builds A Tri, A Vie; has A Rum, A Bud, A Ser & F Gre
 England(Thomas): NMR; has A Hol, A Den, F Nwy, F Nth & F Hel
 France(Lowrance): B F Bre; has A Ruh, A Bur, A Bel, F Spa(n.c.) & F Tyr
 Germany(Douglas Weber): no change: has A Kie, A Sil, A Mun, F Swe
 Italy(Hilliker): B F Nap; has A Tyr, A Bul, F Ion, & F Aeg
 Russia(Rutledge) no change; has A War, A Mos, F Bal
 Turkey: Annihilates F Rum; no change necessary; has A Ukr, A Arm, A Con, F Eas.

Will Gil Neiger, 300 W. 108 Street, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10025 please send in standby moves for England?

All moves must be in by noon, Friday, 18 January 1973. I think I have gotten conditional moves from someone, but they were lost. Please submit new ones, whoever I'm speaking to.

The finla game of diplomacy that I will open for a while has been filled. Countries and players are:

Austria: Martin Green, 352 1/2 No. Genesee Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90036
 England: William Clumm, 6407 Kennedy Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45213
 France: Edward Hollshwander, Box 757 Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. 18042
 Germany: William Rakowski, 7210 Chamberlain St., Baltimore, Md. 21207
 Italy: Gary Moore, Rt. 1, Box 94 A-1, Commerce Rd., Athens, Ga. 30601
 Russia: David Lagerson, 19017 Vanowen, Reseda, Ca. 91335
 Turkey: Kenneth Potts, 1223 Glen Terrace, Glassboro, N.J. 08028

Preference lists were:

Lagerson	<u>REFTGIA</u>
Clumm	<u>EFGAIRT</u>
Rakowski	<u>GRIATFE</u>
Hollshwander	<u>TREGFAI</u>
Potts	<u>TEFIGRA</u>
Green	no list received
Moore'	no list received

notification went out on Nov. 29. Deadline for Spring 1901 moves is noon, 18 Jan. 1974

This space is not blank. It is covered with filthy, obscene phrases. To ~~make~~ be pure, however, all things are pure.

If You Give Me Your Attention

Somehow, of all forms of *literature*, the the type most resistant to analysis is humor. When the annotated Sherlock Holmes came out, many people were pleased. When the Annotated Alice appeared, cries of horror reverberated for months. This is probably due to the fact that a joke you have to explain is worthless. One reviewer commented that the Annotated Alice was now fit for teaching in school, something which a follower of popular literature seemed to feel made it unfit for normal consumption.

As a Gilbert & Sullivan fan (I've suffered greatly in the last few years. Record-store clerks, made hard of hearing by playing their hard rock too loudly, have mistaken my requests for Gilbert and Sullivan for Gilbert O' Sullivan) I held this opinion of these operettas. Much to my delight, I found that there is someone who can annotate G&S without ruining it.

This genius is Martyn Green. Green was the principle comedian of the D'Oyly Carte company for twenty years, then came to America. In an accident in (I believe) 1959, he lost the use of his legs. Since then he has occupied himself in directing and various other activities.

One of these activities was the production of Martyn Green's Treasury of Gilbert & Sullivan. It is a folio-sized book, over 700 pages long, partially illustrated by Gilbert's Bab drawings. It contains all the plays except Thespis (the music of which is missing, except for two songs, one of which, "Climbing Over Rocky Mountains" was transposed into Penzance, the other existing in songsheet form), Utopia Lmtd., and The Grand Duke.

For the other plays, Green gives a small forward, the text, and the music to the more popular plays (most of them.) Interpolated into the text are the footnotes which, wonder of wonders, are entertaining and informative *and not* boring. They give stage directions, and reminiscences of accidents and gags that occurred a few times; the time when Green, playing Ko-Ko in Mikado jumped into the arms of Pooh-Bah on being informed he would have to marry Katisha; Speculation on what the characters were really saying: was Captain Cocharan really Josephine's father? Inconsistencies in text: Why did Ruthven Murgatroyd call Adam "Gideon Crawle?"

There is only one drawback to the book: It costs \$19.95.

If you are putting on a production of one of the operettas, you need this book. If you are a diehard fan, take some of the money you're saving for a first edition of the Bab Ballads and buy this. Urge your library to buy a copy. It's from Simon and Schuster.

Press Releases EE 1

Paris to the governments of Britain and Germany: Foreign Sirs, as both of you can either be foes or friends of the peaceful nation of France, we hereby propose peace on all possible grounds. To this end we say first, that Belgium is French by rights and, any power who should try to change that (especially in the first year of the century) would inherit the wrath of the French peoples. Thus we say that if either of you attacks Belgium in a false attempt to enslave the people there, we will consider that an attack on France herself and ally with the other against you. Further more, if either of you should support our army in Burgandy into Bel, we would consider that reason for possible alliance and surely for support elsewhere. Thus, if you leave us alone, we will leave you alone and may join you.

To the British... we suggest that the Channel be impassible and that, if you are there, you move elsewhere (not including Brest or Picardy) or support our army into Belgium.

Woodmere, L.I. (IDUNNO): Sic, sic, sick.

Paris to the Germans: demilitarize Burgundy and Ruhr and split the low countries unless you try something sneaky and then we will most certainly stomp you into the ground even if we would also go down. You have a much more promising future (as I am sure you know) in the north where you have the virgin lands of Denmark, Sweden, and of course Moscow and Warsaw.

Paris to Russia: sorry about the preceding and, if the Germans attack us, you may count on our aid in the struggle.

Paris to Italy: If you are now in Piedmont, stay there. Marseille will not be worth much to you and Tunis is more valuable. Tyrolia is also nice in the fall I understand. Franco-Italian wars are much too expensive and only help the Austrians, Germans and English. Head elsewhere and pick up the fertile lands of the Poppy fields and the balilyka players.

Paris to Turkey: Sorry about the preceding, don't come this way and I won't come near you.

To Austria: If Italy is coming my way, we can always divide her in some equitable manner. If not, we shall see what happens.

Paris to all: How do you like truthful, open, above board negotiations? I tell the truth and will the whole game (well most of the time anyway). As none of you know who I am I know none of you, good luck. I hope this game is as much fun as it appears it will be. For now, how about some of you being truthful too? You can trust me as an ally. More next issue.

Woodmere, L.I. (IDUNNO): As this magazine has a peculiarly timed deadline, we can't guarantee that anything submitted after the Wednesday before publication will be printed immediately.

Dictator Muscle-ninny today unveiled a new 16 phase economic program. As a result, Tank Drivers Local 297 of the T-sisters Union are planning a shutdown of all roads in Europe by blocking them with their equipment. Help would be appreciated to clear the mess, especially in Kiel. How about it, France?

Press Release- 1972 CV

Paris: The French government today has announced a treaty of mutual support and friendship between the German and French peoples. To this end, all French forces will be withdrawn from east of the Rhine River. The Elysses Palace also called upon its Island neighbor to do likewise. It was also announced that the new French fleet in Brest is defensive in nature only and will be ordered to the Mid-Atlantic Ocean to assume defensive positions. It has been so long since the positions were reviewed that the French have determined to merely hold the possessions that they now enjoy and see who is and who is not allied with France before assuming any hostile attitudes.

Press Releases- 1973 FY

The Kremlin via Zurich (KUS) 1 April 1902: In honor of the apparent collapse of the British government, His Imperial Highness, Brianovich III personally gave several high-ranking Russian statesmen a tour of his new trophy room. All of the guests except one expressed great appreciation of this new addition to the palace, even though there were no trophies yet. The one dissenter was later executed by the Czar's orders for entertaining "communistic thoughts."

Paris (RIP-OFF): General Malpierre was indicted today on charges of attempting to cover up recent discoveries concerning Hertz. He is also charged with being a spy from Luxembourg, sent by Adjutant-General Avis of the Electro-Lux army. WH20-TV will start live coverage at 2:00 P.M., G.M.T. (1400 hours for you idiots) on Thursday, 18 April 1902. Special coverage will be provided by the following networks: British Babbling Company, Italians Telling the Truth, French Information Bureau.

Since press seats have not been sold out, the area of Luxembourg will be blacked out.

Luxembourg, Luxembourg (IDUNNO) Erich Several here for IDUNNO news. We will interview guests of the luxurious, two-roomed Luxembourg Hilton to find what they think of our country. Excuse me, sir, I'm Erich Several of IDUNNO news, and we're getting people's opinion. What is your name please, where are you from, and what do you do for a living, if you don't mind?"

"My name is Irving Avis, and I'm from Washington D.C., America. I'm an inventor."

"What do you think of Luxembourg, Mr. Avis?"

"I think it's lovely, but I was upset by that shower of black paint last night."

"Tell me, as an inventor, what do you make of the French claims?"

"Ridiculous, all of them. This television, for example, sending pictures through the air! It's as impossible as splitting the atom, heavier-than-air flights, or traveling through space."

"I seem to recognize your name... are you related to the man the French claim is Adjutant-General of Luxembourg?"

"Ah... why... no, I'm not."

"Come back, Mr. Avis. Well, this is Erich Several for IDUNNO news."

Temporary Changes of Address

Mike Friedman Dec 20-Jan 15: 76 Halyard Rd., North Woodmere, N.Y. 11581
 Ed Hollshwander Dec 20-Jan 23: 827 Media Street, Bethlehem, Pa. 18017
 Peter Horne Dec 20-Jan 23: 10 Church Street, Port Allegany, Pa. 16743
 Dick Trtek Dec. 14-31: 215 S.E. 24th Ave., Hillboro, Ore. 97123

Stand bys needed for E E I

If You Love Harpo, Honk Your Horn

Our beloved nation, the United States of America, is a nation divided against itself politically. Half of the people want President Nixon impeached, half believe him to be the latest incarnation of God, and half don't know what to think. What we need is some means of healing our wounded political body.

We need, to use a perhaps overworn phrase, someone to bring us together again. What are the characteristics of a man who would be ideal for such a difficult assignment?

We would need someone who can appeal to as many groups as possible. We would need someone who appeals to the intellectuals, but so as not to upset the anti-intellectuals, he would have to be on non-speaking terms with them. His not being on speaking terms with them would not upset the intellectuals. After all, didn't most of them vote for Johnson in 1964?

Since we want to appeal to the anti-intellectuals, we should appeal to the actively stupid. If we could run an idiot, it would not only appeal to these two groups, but the mothers of America would be touched by a figure that needs mothering. The intellectuals would support the candidate an obviously underprivileged group.

We want to get the votes of the young unmarried, the woman chasers and the woman chased. But to assuage the consciences of the highly moral, he should chase girls, but never catch them.

He should appeal to the nostalgic, those who remember the joyous '30's, when eggs were a dime a dozen and nobody had a dime. He should appeal to the forward-looking, the visionaries, who foresee a day when communication will no longer depend on the spoken word.

He should appeal to the artists, and should at least play an instrument. He should appeal to those who oppose the arts and who would gladly destroy a piano.

He should appeal to the rich, dress well, be the sort who wears a top hat. He should appeal to the poor, those who cannot afford a new coat.

He should appeal to the stylistic trend-setters, appear in something different, like a wig. He should appeal to those who do not think about their appearance, and never bathe nor comb their hair.

He should appeal to as many minority groups as possible. He should have one brother that's Jewish, one that's Italian, and one that no one can be sure of.

There are, of course, many other attributes that the candidate that can bring us together again should possess, but I have not the time to discuss them all. There are two important qualifications he should possess.

1: He should never have said anything with which anyone could disagree. This is very important. Eisenhower was swept into office without anyone knowing or caring what he stood for, only that he was against killing. McKinlay won two elections by sitting on his front porch, not saying a word (I think it was McKinlay, but he never told anyone his name.). Coolidge succeeded very nicely by keeping his mouth shut. Our candidate should do the same.

2: He should be dead. Think of how despised politicians become noble statemen as soon as they're in their graves. Didn't you despise the Kennedy Brothers until they were killed? Wasn't Martin Luther King a pushy nigger until 1968? Didn't the New York Times, which hated Johnson while he lived, give him a beautiful obituary? Wasn't Lincoln, who couldn't control his congress, and told jokes at the worst possible time, elected to godhood?

Nor does being dead disqualify one from running for political office. Millard Fillmore was a candidate for president in 1972.

Now, who fits all of these qualities? There is only one man:

HARPO MARX

So that he may be elected, I have formed the Marxist Party of America, Unlimited, Unincorporated, and Unsane. If you support me in my goal to see the perfect candidate elected, help, by signing petitions, writing your congressman, and holding rallies. To help the cause, any part of, or all of this editorial may be reprinted by a supporter. I would appreciate notification and a copy of such an appearance.



Robert Bryan Lipton

Press Releases 1973 FY

Bern(GAD): The "Hoffsburg Beer Parlour" region was bombed last night, in which six innocent bystanders were killed. The bombing appears to be the work of the infamous Franz Leiber. The Kaiser has issued an ultimatum to the Swiss people: "Your chocolate tastes like shit!"

Bern(IDUNNO): Franz Leiber, leader of the liberation Front of Switzerland held an interview with reporters immediately following the Kaiser's statement. After noting that German beer tastes like piss, he asked for questions, requesting that they be whispered.

In reply to the statement that he had bombed several innocent bystanders in the Hoffsburg Beer Parlour, Franz explained that he had been in the Stube himself, and was also bombed. He then terminated the interview, placed his icebag back on his head, and replaced his sunglasses.

Press Releases 1973 ER

Moscow: Today in a discussion with his ministers the Tsar expressed surprise that France and Italy had not found a way to join the attack on Russia.

Woodmere, L.I. (IDUNNO): Reports have filtered through to this news agency that Phumpha is about to declare its support for Russia. If this is true, all is lost.

It Is, It Is, A Useful Thing, To Be An Orphan Boy

Greg Warden has assigned game 1972 CV, late of Armadillo, to the Mixumaxu

Gazette. The players, addresses, and supply centers are:

Austria: Denise Bonis, 16980 Beverly Dr., Brookfield, Wisconsin. 53005

England: Mark Thomas, 10 Terrace Place, Danbury, Conn. 06810

France: George Lawrence, 3722 Mary Mont, San Antonio, Texas 78217

Germany: Douglas Weber, Box 1210, Station 2, Amherst, Mass. 01002

Italy: Chic Hilliker, P.O.B. 1195, Bloomington, Ind. 47401

Russia: Mark Rutledge, 1344 Laukshi St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Turkey: John Hendry, 205 Thatcher, U. of Mass., Amherst, Mass. 01002

Supply center listing is:

A: Vie, Tri, Bud, Gre, Ser, Rum(6) B 2

E: Edi, Liv, Lon, Hol, Nwy, Den B 1

F: Bre, Par, Mar, Bel, Por, Spa(6) B2

G: Mun, Ber, Kie, Swe(4) no change

Ita: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bul(5) B 1

Russia: War, Mos, St. P(3) no change

Turkey: Con, Smy, Ank, Sev(4) R 1

The positions and builds are in the moves section, p. 1&2. My rules are basically the 1971 rulebook, miss one move and I call in a standby, two and he takes over, include the date of the moves, and your signature, and a draw will be between all surviving countries, if they all agree. I hope that you will enjoy the game here. No money will be accepted. Checks will be torn up and cash will be mailed back. So don't bother

WHY ALL THESE STUPID LINES?

Well, we finally got my sister married off, to a young man from the Lake District of England which is, I assume, somewhere in the Midlands. This reminds me of a story...

A Jewish family worried that the eldest daughter, although a pretty, intelligent girl, would not get married. So, they called in a matchmaker.

The matchmaker examined the girl's teeth and said: "I've got the perfect boy (note: to a Jew, a boy is any male who is not married, even if he is 80 years old, has a two-foot long beard and lives with three women.) for your girl. Prince Charles of Wales."

The family was, naturally, disturbed. "He's not Jewish!"

"So? There are a lot of Jewish boys marrying shiksas. Isn't it time some goyim suffered? Besides, he comes from a good family. Fought the Nazis, and believe me, he doesn't go around dressed in shmattas." She finally convinced them. "But listen," said the mother, "My mother won't agree, and if she doesn't, it's off."

So, the matchmaker went to the grandmother and argued, and finally wore her down. "Well," she finally said, "I would like it if she married a nice Jewish boy, but if the Prince will make her happy, I'll agree." The matchmaker thanked her, went outside and sighed to herself.

"Half done!"

In Carson City, Nevada, a man was divorced from his wife, and asked for an allowance of \$250 from his wife each week. The money was to come from their whorehouse, which netted over \$30,000 last year. Apparently, the family that pimps together, doesn't stick together. (New York Times 15 Nov. 1973)

Ev'ry Little Symbol Has a Meaning All Its Own

If you receive the Mixumaxu Gazette regularly, you may notice that your address is on a sticker. To the right of your name, you will find a symbol. If the symbol is an Arabic numeral, that number is the last issue of the Mixumaxu Gazette you will receive, barring renewal of subscription (you lucky person!). If the symbol is IV, it means you are enrolled in my fourth game which at this writing has not begun. You will receive 30 issues, or until the game ends, whichever is more.

If your symbol is "N" you are in game 1973 EN, and will receive every issue until the end of that game, et c. If it is "R" the game is 1973 ER. If "Y", 1973 FY.

A "T" indicates you trade your publication with mine. A "C" is for a complementary subscription.

If there is more than one symbol, it means both apply. If there is a game symbol plus an arabic number, it means that your sub will run to the end of the game, plus some extra issues.

If you find that I have made a mistake about your symbol, please let me know.

The Importance of Being Early

You people in my games have probably noticed a large number of missed moves. Since this doesn't help the game, it is something to be avoided. When I have asked for players to get their moves in early, they have told me that they were in the middle of negotiations, and that I shouldn't worry.

And they've missed their moves.

I would like to suggest the following plan. As soon as you receive the issue, send in your next season's moves, then negotiate. I will accept move changes up until the deadline. If your moves that you've worked out by negotiations fail to get in on time, you won't suffer unduly.

The proof of this has already come in. I suggested to one player that he send in preliminary moves. He did. I did not receive a later set of moves by Friday, so I used the first set. The next day I received the second set of moves. Accompanying this was the comment that the preliminary moves were unnecessary this time, but they were a good idea in any case.

And to top everything off, he did better with the first set than he would have if the second set had gotten in on time.

So, please, make the game a little better for you. Send in a set of moves as early as possible and you won't be hurt as bad. The number of orders that come in on the deadline...for issue #7 they totalled 8... makes me worry. The mails are not completely dependable, as you may have noticed.

Poetry, Cornered

John Updike, in addition to being a novelist who does not know enough to quit when he is only slightly behind, manages to turn out poetry that is amusing to those of us who like to read the New Yorker. Some of his poems have been collected into a volume called Telephone Poles, available from Knopf. For example:

I Missed His Book, But I Read His Name

"The Silver Pilgrimage" by M. Anantanarayanan...160 pages.
Criterion. \$3.95.

-The Times

Though authors are a dreadful clan
To be avoided if you can,
I'd like to meet the Indian,
M. Anantanarayanan

I picture him as short and tan.
We'd meet, perhaps, in Hindustan.
I'd say, with admirable élan,
" Ah, Anantanarayanan—

I've heard of you. The Times once ran
A notice of your novel, an
Unusual tale of God and Man."
And Anantanarayanan

Would seat me on a lush divan
And read his name—that sumptuous span
Of "a's" and "n's" more lovely than
"In Xanadu did Kublai Khan"—

Aloud to me all day. I plan
Henceforth to be an ardent fan

Of Anantanarayanan—
M. Anantanarayanan.

Q. What is the energy crisis?

A. The energy crisis is the finest all-purpose alibi in America today. If you can't deliver the goods, it is because of the energy crisis. If you want to raise prices, it is necessitated by the energy crisis. If you want to cancel a visit with your wife's relations, tell them, "Sorry, it's the energy crisis." If your children bump into you leaving a pornographic movie house, just explain that it's the energy crisis.

Q. Instead of going on Daylight Saving Time to cut electricity usage a little at the end of the day, why not close down television after 9 O'clock so people will have to go to bed?

A. If television shut down at 9 P.M. TV news shows all over the country would not be shown at 11. These shows are vital to fight the energy crisis because they are often sponsored by gasoline companies whose commercials advise the public how to cut gasoline consumption. ((Russel Baker, New York Times, 1 Dec 1973))

Secondary reading: first 30 pages of Robert A. Heinlein's Man Who Sold the Moon.

Bye-Bye

Since I have received no copy of Mike Worthington's Nemo since early Oct., I am suspending trade. Will Greg Warden look into the situation? There was a game that may need salvaging.

Also, unless Gil Neiger sends in money, his subscription will lapse after this issue.

People refuse to take anything on authority these days. Recently, in Portland, Oregon, an elephant was given a device which, on the pressing of a lighted button, would deliver a sugar cube. She had been trained on this device eight years previously.

The elephant was offered the device twenty times. Nineteen times she managed to get a sugar cube nineteen times; a 95% retention after eight years is amazing; one might say elephantine in its implications.

So, it is true, or almost so, that an elephant never forgets. ((New York Times, 27 Sept. 1973))

Meanwhile, in Skegness, England, forty woman-libbers broke into a burlesque show and stormed the stage, while the men in the audience shouted: "Take it off, girls!"

Later, the star of the show, a girl who calls herself "Erotica", told the audience: "They dash around telling people not to wear bras. You won't catch me not wearing a bra— except when I'm working." ((New York Times, 1 Oct. 1973))

Now, who says the Times doesn't run a comic section?

Almost alone in the world, it seems, I am not going to raise my prices. In part this is due to a dislike of inflation; in part it is due to my foreknowledge that I was going to lose money at publishing. And in part, because you would be overcharged, no matter what my rates are.

Please excuse me if I am a long time in answering correspondence. My electric typewriter broke down, and I'm going to have to use borrowed ones until I can get home to pick up my old, manual typewriter.

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P.S. We have filled up
our 4th & final game.