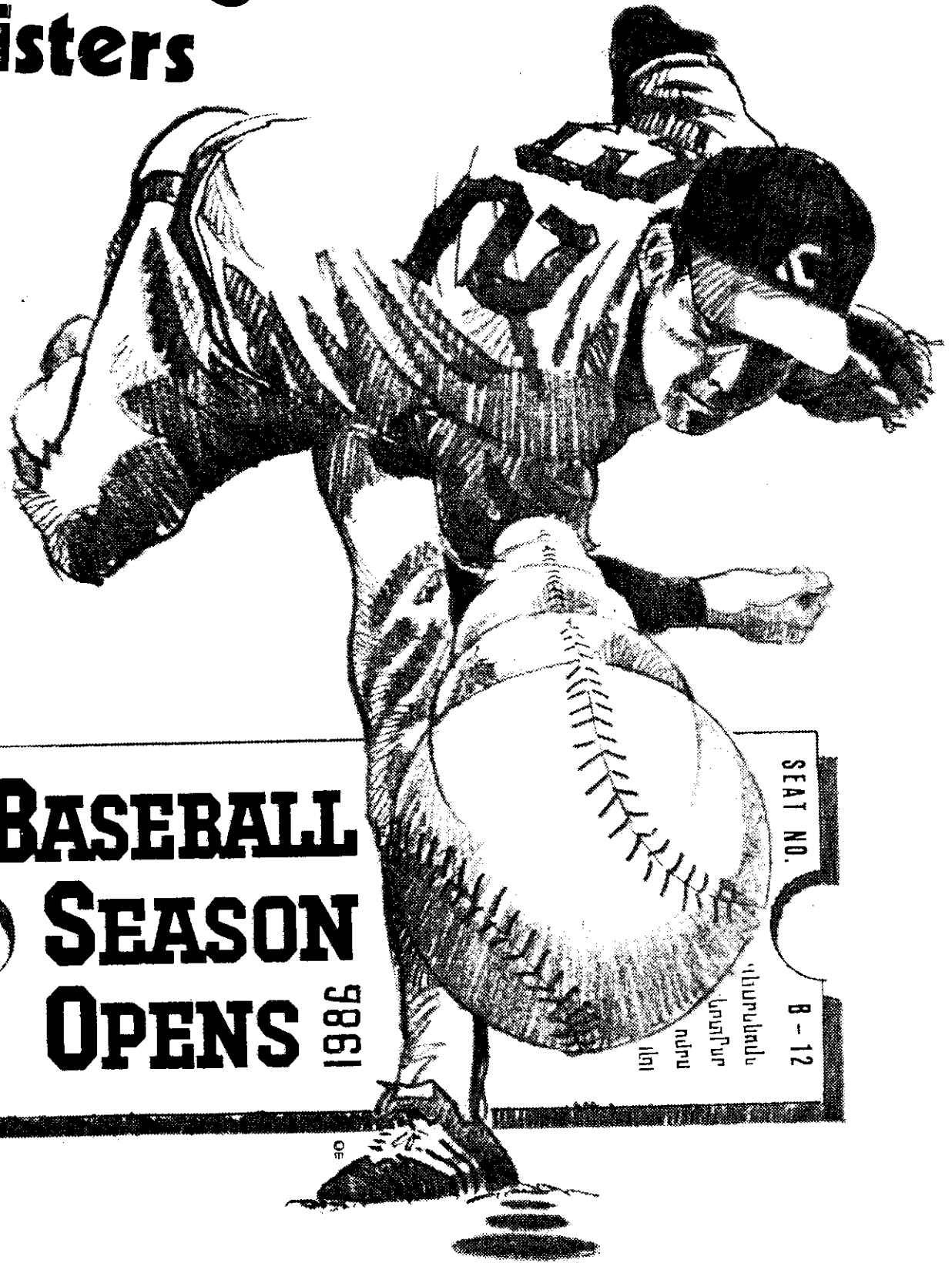


# Murdering Ministers



**4-30-86**

**St. Patrick's Day**

**# 80**

MORE CLAMORINGS

Well the 1985 season is sinking deep into the past rapidly as many managers are trying to forget last year and think about their chances this upcoming season. But before we bid the 1985 League season good-bye, let's have a last look at the final standings for last year and some of the leaders . . .

FINAL STANDINGS 1985

Team	Cruiser Division		
	W	L	GB
1. Tormentors	63	36	-
2. Assassins	55	44	8
3. Dizzy Demons	48	51	13
4. Bullets	40	59	23
Gladiators*	40	59	23

Blaster Division			
1. R.O.S.O.S.S. III	58	41	-
2. T.F. in A.	57	42	1
3. Warlords	54	45	4
4. Hooters	47	52	11
5. Gran Falloons	33	66	25

\*The Gladiators have changed their name; from now on they are the Golden Gophers.

As you can see, and I'm sure have had plenty of time to think about, the Blasters had a close race in their division with three teams having a shot at the title. In the Cruiser Division, however, the Tormentors once again tormented everyone in sight and won by a comfortable 8 game margin. Who were those statistical leaders of 1985? Read on . . .

- Hitting -

AT BATS -

- 1) J. Samuel - 410
- 2) T. Raines - 404
- 3) R. Sandberg - 400
- 4) T. Armas - 396
- 5) T. Gwynn - 389

HITS -

- 1) T. Gwynn - 120
- 1) C. Ripken - 120 (tie)
- 2) R. Sandberg - 115
- 3) J. Samuel - 104
- 4) J. Ray - 102
- 5) D. Collins - 100

RUNS -

- 1) K. Gibson - 75
- 2) R. Henderson - 68
- 3) H. Baines - 66
- 4) T. Raines - 61
- 5) Hrbek - 58

RBIs -

- 1) T. Armas - 73
- D. Mattingly - 73 (tie)
- 3) H. Baines - 68
- 4) Dw.. Murphy - 64
- 5) Hrbek - 63
- Ripken - 63 (tie)
- 7) K. Gibson - 61
- 8) Dale Murphy - 59
- 9) E. Murray - 56
- G. Bell - 56 (tie)

DOUBLES -

- 1) J. Ray - 39
- 2) R. Henderson - 38
- 5) H. Baines - 23
- 3) B. Brenly - 29
- 4) T. Raines - 28



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STILL MORE CLAMORINGS

Hitting (Con'd)

TRIPLES -

- 1) D. Collins - 18
- 2) R. Sandberg - 17
- 3) J. Ray - 11
- 4) L Moseby - 10
- T. Gwynn - 10 (tie)

HOMERUNS -

- 1) T. Armas - 31
- 2) Dw. Murphy - 27
- 3) Hrbek - 26
- 4) H. Baines - 23
- K. Gibson - 23 (tie)
- 6) A. Thornton - 22
- 7) E. Murray - 21
- 8) G. Ward - 20
- D. Mattingly - 20 (tie)
- 10) G. Carter - 18
- O. Virgil - 18
- J. Davis - 18 (tie)

BATTING AVERAGE -

- 1) C. Ripken - .314
- 2) T. Gwynn - .309
- 3) D. Collins - .302
- 4) J. Ray - .294
- 5) A. Trammel - .294 (tie)
- 6) D. Mattingly - .292
- 7) R. Sandberg - .288
- 8) L. Moseby - .276
- 9) C. Davis - .272
- K. Gibson - .272 (tie)

BASE ON BALLS -

- 1) W. Boggs - 60
- 2) R. Henderson - 55
- 3) E. Murray - 49
- 4) K. Gibson - 45
- 5) K. Hernandez - 38
- C. Bando - 38 (tie)

STOLEN BASES -

- 1) J. Samuel - 49
- 2) D. Collins - 48
- 4) T. Raines - 42
- 3) R. Henderson - 43
- 5) W. Wilson - 24

PITCHING

WINS -

- 1) J. Niekro - 16
- 2) B. Blyleven - 14
- M. Soto - 14 (tie)
- 4) O. Hershiser - 11
- J. Tudor - 11 (tie)
- 6) R. Rhoden - 10
- R. Sutcliffe - 10
- P. Niekro - 10 (tie)

KO's -

- 1) R. Rhoden - 163
- 2) B. Blyleven - 160
- 3) F. Valenzuela - 153
- 4) R. Sutcliffe - 149
- 5) O. Hershiser - 124

INNINGS PITCHED -

- 1) B. Blyleven - 188
- 2) R. Rhoden - 185
- 3) J. Niekro - 179
- 4) F. Valenzuela - 167 2/3
- 5) R. Mahler - 163

E. R. A. -

- 1) R. Darling - 2.23
- 2) O. Hershiser - 2.67
- 3) F. Valenzuela - 2.68
- 4) B. Blyleven - 2.73
- 5) M. Soto - 2.77
- 6) J. Niekro - 2.82
- 7) S. Davis - 2.86
- 8) D. Dravecky - 3.00

SAVES -

- 1) B. Sutter - 20
- 2) W. Hernandez - 14
- 3) D. Smith - 13
- 4) Scurry - 6
- Gossage - 6 (tie)

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YET STILL MORE CLAMORINGS

Now the questions arise. Who will be able to repeat atop the league categories? It's interesting to see some names on several lists of top players. And now, some Awards, as voted on by the Sportswriters of America (Chapter #110257, El Segundo) . . .

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** The winner of this year's award played every day at a key defensive position (shortstop). He led the league in hitting with a .314 average, while driving in 63 runs. He added 17 dingers while playing great defense. The winner is CAL RIPKEN, who led his team to the World Championship.

**CY YOUNG AWARD:** The winner of this recognition is best pitcher led the league with 16 wins. He was among the leaders in every major category but strikeouts. That's because the knuckle ball doesn't strike a lot out, but last year's hitters sure found it hard to connect with! The winner is JOE NIEKRO, who led his team to the National title and into the World Series.

**PERFORMER OF THE YEAR:** The best reliever in baseball last year was BRUCE SUTTER, who led the league with 20 saves.



WINDY STATE

It was a year of change here in the Blaster State of the 1980s, being unveiled a new year, 1981, which for 1980. It seems in 1981, the state is cool-looking, sexy, and ready to go (for Memorial Stadium), and the state is free drugs with the state's own '80s. However, the year has been a long one, Nitty-gritty Bugs and the state's 1981 dingers.

**DAMMIT!**  
**SOMETHING JUST STUNG ME ON THE BOOB!**



**MORE NEWS!**

(UPS) OUZO TOWER - In an effort to boost ticket sales, owner of TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA, Al Rodriguez, has ordered that the San Diego Chicken must remove the bottom part of her costume when visiting THE POND. Explained Mr. Rodriguez, "Why keep that gorgeous body locked up behind all those ugly feathers?" He said he hopes that when word gets around that the Chicken is really a Hen more people will visit the stadium to check it out.

THE NEW-LOOK SAN DIEGO CHICKEN AS DEMANDED BY T.F.I.A.



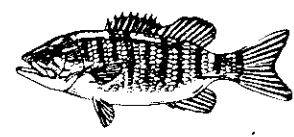
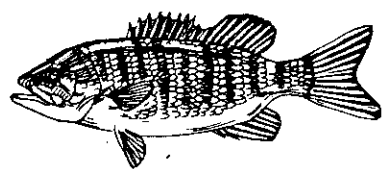
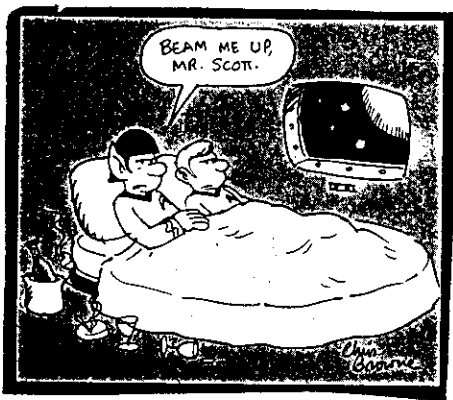
BEFORE



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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



**LUCK O'THE IRISH**



news release  
granfalloon baseball club

Lubyanka Center (AP) - Walter O'Robesky, beloved owner/manager of the Granfalloon Baseball Club issued his semi annual State of the Falloons speech at a black tie dinner held at the fabulous Lubyanka Center Office Complex. Although the Granfalloons presently occupy the celler, O'Robesky's speech was positive and upbeat. Two reporters who questioned the Falloons seeming inability to score runs were taken to another part of the building for, as Walter O laughingly called it, "re-orientation". Patience has been the key word for the Falloons from day one. "We learned a lot the first year," said O'Robesky, "and we're slowly laying the groundwork for a monster team. We're extremely proud of our young pitching staff, they're going to be the backbone of this team in the years to come." O'Robesky also had a few words about some of the competition in the Theron Patrick Collins League. "We've taken a few lumps and snide comments but we try to remember we're young and building and someday the shoe will be on the other foot." While not mentioning any owners by name O'Robesky's feelings were fairly obvious from statements like, "You know, it just doesn't take long for fish to start stinking," and "it's always an honor to play in Championship Stadium even though the friendly attitude is as artificial as their turf." As far as team growth goes O'Robesky said that the Granfalloons would have a tendency to stick with the draft although he did not rule out a trade that might bring a young power hitter to the squad. "We're really hurting in that respect," noted the beloved owner, "this year we have some real talent that might interest some of the other teams, particularly our young pitchers, but we would want a hard hitter." O'Robesky had some high praise for the local booster club, the Falloon Faithful, "They have been super supportive and I think they live and die with the team," said the big cheese, "Our last series with the world champions, ROSOS IV, was a sell out every game and damned if the team didn't rise to the, you know, event." It was, in fact, probably the high point on Granfalloon history, taking three out of four from the defending champs. "Although," said his holiness, "beating the Tormentors two out of three last year may rank up there." Executive vice president in charge of public relations, Barry Dunbier, had some words on upcoming Granfalloon promotional events. One of his biggies was 'Key Day', "We're gonna try to split a key," said Dunbier, "and just have a Gulag good time." Other promos include Batting Glove Day, Alice B. Toklas Day, a Living Tribute to Fire Brewed Strohs Day, Fish Fry Evening (TFIA series), and of course the well received Porno Day. On the second half O'Robesky noted, "We're playing exceptionally well against ROSOS IV (.500 ball) and we could be a factor. Personally, though I hate to admit it, the team to beat is the Fish. I look for them to be tough with Sandstorm right on their heels. It's tough to beat Ozone Ball particularly at Windswept Field. I don't think the SS (short schizo) will be in the hunt at the end but who knows...and the Hooters, well they're about as screwed up as the Falloons right now but could get straight." On the Faggot (Cruiser) Division his eminence had this to say, "Oh hell, it's the Tormentors all the way and I really feel for those other teams who will have to listen to that sanctimonious crap the rest of the way."

READER'S POLL RESULTS by Guess Who?

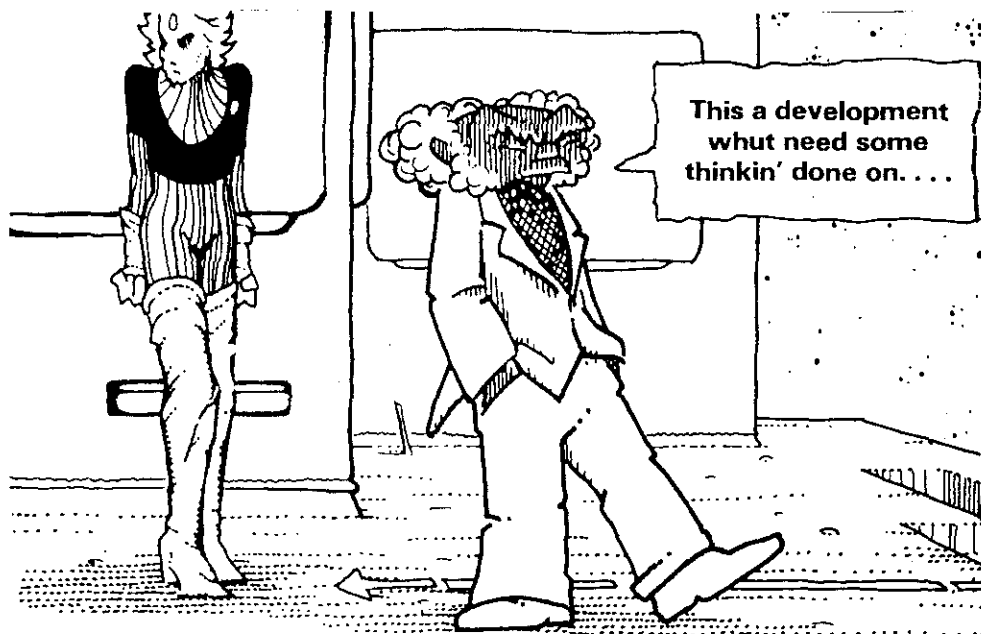
Like the dry stream bed which swells with snowmelt in the spring, only to subside to a mere trickle later in the season before returning inexorably to its former parched state, the flow of letters regarding our recent reader's poll on possible team name changes has virtually ceased. The response was outstanding, though in one case only the manager's mother wrote in, and these winners were selected by our impartial panel of highly paid, trained professional judges:

CRUISER DIVISION

- Tom's Night Sweats
- Cope's Lost Generation
- Ron's Fatted Calves
- Greg's Geldings
- Al's (tie) Dumdums or Doormats

PAN GALACTIC GARGLE BLASTERS

- Bill's Natural Gassers (Is ozone natural? In Bill's case...)
- Al's Fist Fuckers
- Ed's Legion of the Damned
- John's Totally Awesome but thus far unlucky Baseball Guys
- Tom's Kuznetskys (Russian for "Eternal Five-Year Planners")



Ha! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!  
 HAHA! TITTER! Ha! Hoo! HA! HA! Chuckle! HA! HA!  
 Goo! HA! HA! HAW! CLAP! HA! HA! CLAP! HA!  
 HA! HA! HAW! CLAP! Snicker! HAHA!

A HOOTER FLASHBACK, in which the Hooters play ball in the Time Tunnel and receive a Blast from the Past.

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to take an All-Star Hooter team back in time to play the legendary 1930 New York Yankees. The Bronx Bombers, featuring five Hall of Famers in their starting lineup, were led by local slo-pitch star, Jon (the Hammer) White, one of the great names in coaching in my estimation.

The All-Star Hooters, featuring two potential Hall of Famers, were comprised of the best cards for each player over the last three seasons, with one glaring omission. I somehow failed to include the 1983 Phil Garner card with 0-0-0-0 at second base and instead used a typically mediocre Ron Oester card.

It looked bad for the home advantaged Hooters as soon as the lineups were presented. They were as follows: (an X denotes a Hall of Famer and the Yankee stats are for 1930)

X Earle Combs	CF	.344	22	triples	7HR	
Lyn Lary	SS	.289	3HR			
X Babe Ruth	RF	.359	49HR			
X Lou Gehrig	1B	.379	41HR			
Tony Lazzeri	2B	.303	9HR			
X Bill Dickey	C	.339	5HR			
Ben Chapman	3B	.316	10HR	rookie year		
Harry Rice	LF	.298	9HR			
X Red Ruffing	P	.374	6HR	15-5	BYZ	

85 Henderson	.293	16HR	66SB	CF
83 Molitor	.302	19HR	41SB	3B
83 Murray	.316	32HR		1B
84 Baylor	.303	21HR		LF
83 Thomas	.245	39HR		RF
84 Smalley	.275	18HR		SS
83 Ashby	.257	12HR		C
Oester	.262	10HR		2B
84 Morris				20-13 BXZ
85 Moseby	.280	18HR	39SB	reserve

"... and the home, of the brave."

PLAY BALL!!

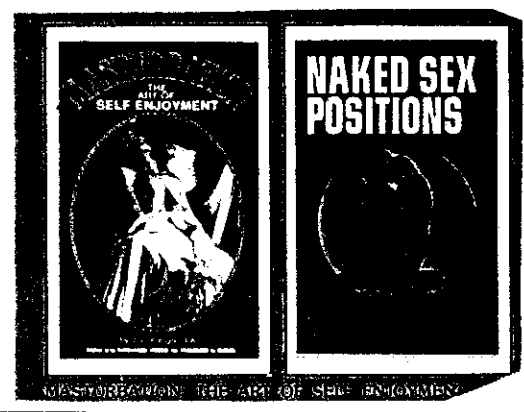
Both pitchers had their stuff early as Morris gave up two singles and a walk in the first four innings and Ruffing allowed only a single. The score-board showed no runs for either side as Morris took the mound at the top of the fifth. He promptly gave up a lead off double to Bill Dickey. Chapman sacrificed him to third and he scored on a single by the number eight hitter, Harry Rice. Morris retired the next two batters and it was on to the bottom of the inning where Ruffing proceeded to strike out the side. In the top of the sixth Morris committed the cardinal sin of walking the lead off hitter, the fearsome Lyn Lary, to get to Murderer's Row itself; Ruth and Gehrig. With 90 homers between them on the season, they gave Hooter fans-not to mention Jack Morris-something to remember by belting back-to-backers for a 4-0 Yankee cushion. With Morris' spot coming up first in the bottom of the inning, he was allowed to stay in the game and got the next three hitters routinely. Pinch hitter Lloyd Moseby opened the bottom of the frame with a triple and, after



walks to Henderson and Murray, scored when Baylor was hit by a pitched ball. Gorman Thomas then grounded out harmlessly to stifle the only threat we would present the Pinstripers in the contest. Both teams saw lead off doubles squandered in the 8th inning, one by Lary and one by Moseby, making the Lloyd the only player with two hits in the game, and the Yankees won this exciting ballgame 4 to 1. Ruffing got the complete game victory, striking out eleven along the way, with Morris suffering the defeat.

In two other games the Hooters lost 2-1 to the 1930 Cubs featuring Hack Wilson in his major league record 190 RBI year, along with his fellow members of the Hall of Fame Gabby Hartnett and Kiki Cuyler; and 4-3 to the 1930 Phils in which pitcher Rip Collins, not noted for his hitting during his career, hit a home run and an RBI double.

Lose, lose or lose though, it was educational and fun, and all we've got to say to any wisecracking managers who might be out there is we've lost to better teams than yours!



\*\*\*PRESEASON PREDICTIONS FROM THE HOOTER BRAINTRUST\*\*\*

1. Vince Coleman will be the #1 draft choice.
2. It will be moved, seconded, voted on and defeated that we get rid of the DH.
3. Eddie Murray will hit his 100th career Hooter homer this season. He needs 22.
4. I/You won't have Jose Oquendo to kick around anymore.
5. At least one manager who still doesn't have his 1985 stats turned in (as of Feb. 86), will accuse the Hooters of "slow play."
6. A large earthquake, sometime in July, will move Ridgecrest even farther away from Bakersfield.
7. The Fish will trade a first basemen to the Assassins for a shortstop.
8. The superior division Blasters will rout their lesser Cruiser division foes again.
9. Tom's Tormentors will make it to the 7 game crap shoot for the third straight year, His opponent will be Al's Trout Fishermen, who will be rolling for all the marbles in their post-season debut.

YET STILL EVEN MORE CLAMORINGS

OK, OK, I know you guys want to pick my brain on this years' draft possibilities, so here's a real quick rundown on how the Dizzy Demon front office perceives the candidates in this year's version . . .

How about beginning at the beginning (how's that for logic? right, Spock?), and first considering the first round possibilities. The top seven players, in approximate value according to how much impact they will have this year in particular as well as future value, as we see it are:

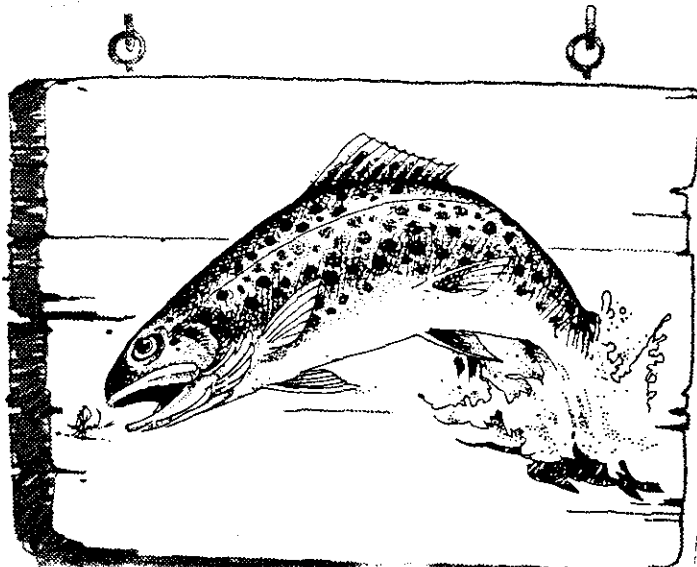
1) Vince Coleman; 2) Charley Leibrandt; 3) Tom Browning; 4) Don Carman; 5) Ricky Reushel; 6) Joe Hesketh; 7) ozzie Guillen. Now, I don't really know who will take who throughout these initial seven, but there's a very good chance that by the time the 8th spot in the first round rolls around, all the above will be claimed. Guillen is a question mark. How many managers need to, or feel they can afford to, take a shortstop in the 1st round? Oswaldo is far and away the best SS available in this year's draft -- so perhaps he will be grabbed in the 1st round. He certainly will never make it more than 1/2 way through the second round. After these seven (The Magnificent ??!), the guessing game begins as those who need pitching help desperately will be grabbing those few BC starters available and/or some of that quality relief help that's out there. Besides Carman, whose A\* J-0 rating makes him a bona fide 1st round pick, other quality relievers who it will be hard to imagine lasting past the 2nd round are: Brian Fisher, Tim Burke, Steve Ontiveros, Greg Harris, and Scotty Garrelts. The only other B starters, Mike Scott, and Danny Jackson probably will be taken in the last portion of the 1st round or early 2nd round action. There are about 9 quality part time players available and these guys and some of the solid B\* pitchers should be gone by the end of 3 1/2 rounds. After that, it's all speculation for the future! Well, I've been looking forward to Draft Day 1986 -- and I'm sure you have to!

Here's to the 1986 version of the Theron Patrick Collins Memorial League! Long may she wave!

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\*LAST MINUTE NEWS UPDATE\* (The Hooter Dome) It was revealed today for the first time why owner of the Hooters, John White, closed down the luxury box seats last year half way through the season. Hooter owner Mr. White had invited several of his closest associates to visit and take in a game against the Champion Sandstormers. As the waitress was bringing the 15th round of martinis, some of the coarser elements present decided to relieve her of her uniform. The boxes were ordered closed until after the trial has been completed. A photographer captured the moment as shown in this recently released AP photo.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

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This is For Immediate Release, the official newsletter of the Dipcon Administrative Committee for Dipcon XIX, the 1986 version of the National Diplomacy Tournament. The Committee includes:

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Although this is being typed on time, it stands a good chance of being held up due to lack of funds on my part. The Committee has no forwarding balance from last year, so I (Pete) have to pick up the tab and hope to get reimbursed at MaryCon. (A note there: I will not be at Dipcon personally. I made this clear a year ago, but a few Dipsters apparently are expecting to see me there. Sorry, folks.)

Among the people who will attend are Russ Rusnak, Greg\*Ellis, Ron Spitzer, and Don Scheifler, so most of the country will be represented. In addition, Malcolm Smith (from Belgium by way of Norway) will be in the States for the convention again this year.

AIR WARS: There will be a group-discount airfare available IF we can assemble 20 people from either L.A., Houston, or Chicago. Greg Ellis (address above) is your contact for this. There should be a description of the times and prices enclosed.

There will be a prize to anybody who signs up the most bodies in their city: a free ticket! (This is providing that city gets the 25-person free-ticket minimum.) For instance, if Ron in L.A. gets 18 people to pay, and Jay gets 8, Ron gets his seat free. Call Greg ASAP, and start rounding up Dipsters.

CORRECTIONS: to last issue. There will be only a two-round minimum for the Dip Tournament, but there will be four rounds available. Also, the college is still named Mary Washington College; the name change to Washington-Monroe isn't yet in effect. Finally, I have been duly reprimanded by Ed Wrobel for confusing National Airport and Dulles International. The Fredericksburg shuttle runs to/from National; the group air plan runs out of Dulles, but there is another shuttle between the airports.

MORE MERRY PEOPLE: In addition to the well-known players and publishers from all over the United States and Canada (though I'm not sure which Canadians, I've heard that some are coming), Allan Calhamer, inventor of Diplomacy, and Rex Martin, editor of The General, will both be on hand.

NEW SITES: In addition to Madison, WI, we now have a bid from the New York Game Board to run Dipcon XX, either at Origins (which may be in Baltimore) or at NYClone 2 (apparently a N.Y.-local con which I haven't heard of). The Houston contingent is ALREADY making plans for a 1988/Dipcon XXI bid.

I have received NO interested comments on Charter amendments, so I've decided not to spend my money and yours on printing proposals. These include specifying methods of succession (?) for the Committee, providing for an ongoing Dipcon monetary fund, and (again) rotation. Now, somebody is sure to write and say, "You have to open public discussion on these amendments." But I have and nobody has discussed, so I'll leave it to the convention attendees.

I do want your input!

Some last-minute news--Ken Peel will be printing and distributing this, so we can get it to you sooner.

Believe me (as I beat a dead horse) we'd love to hear from you. We have to go to the Dipcon Society with recommendations on how to amend the Charter and how to spend the tourny fees, but we'd rather not have to decide all by ourselves. That's our job but your help would enable us to do it better.

Respectfully, Pete Gaughan

# DipCon at MaryCon '86

DipCon at MaryCon '86 is a three-day Diplomacy and Diplomacy variant tournament, Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, on the campus of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA (50 minutes south of Washington, D.C. on interstate 95 - ground transportation available hourly from Washington National Airport). Those unable to arrive before Saturday can still participate in DipCon, the annual national Diplomacy championship, by selecting DipCon (option #2). A minimum of two rounds of Diplomacy must be played to be eligible for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place plaques, or the seven "best country" trophies.

Friday events: VariMaryCon (Diplomacy variant tournament), Tournament of Champions (one-round tournament for 7 top placers of past MaryCons), first round DipCon (standard Diplomacy tournament, run by the national DipCon administrative committee), round table seminar with Allen Calhamer (inventer of Diplomacy), and open gaming beer party. Saturday events: additional rounds DipCon, DipCon Society meeting (which will select the site of 1987 DipCon), and open gaming beer party. Sunday events: final round DipCon, and awards ceremony.

For additional information on travel, schedule, or other matters, contact MaryCon at the address below (see form), or contact Ken Peel, 8708 First Ave. #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910, tel.# (301) 495-2799.

### PRICE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

VariMaryCon\* (May 30) lunch, dinner, beer party, lodging;  
(May 31) breakfast.

VariMaryCon (local) (May 30) lunch, dinner, beer party.

DipCon (option #1) (May 30) dinner, evening beer party, lodging;  
(May 31) breakfast, lunch, dinner, beer party, lodging;  
(June 1) breakfast, lunch.

DipCon\* (option #2) (May 31) lunch, dinner, beer party, lodging;  
(June 1) breakfast, lunch.

DipCon (local) (May 31) lunch, dinner, beer party; (June 1) lunch.

\*Those attending both VariMaryCon and DipCon should select "VariMaryCon" and "DipCon (option #2)." Total cost = \$87.

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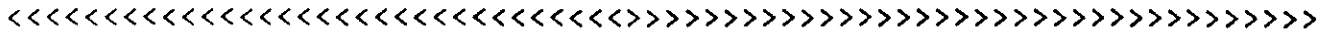
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Let's make this a Con to remember and take advantage of these fares!

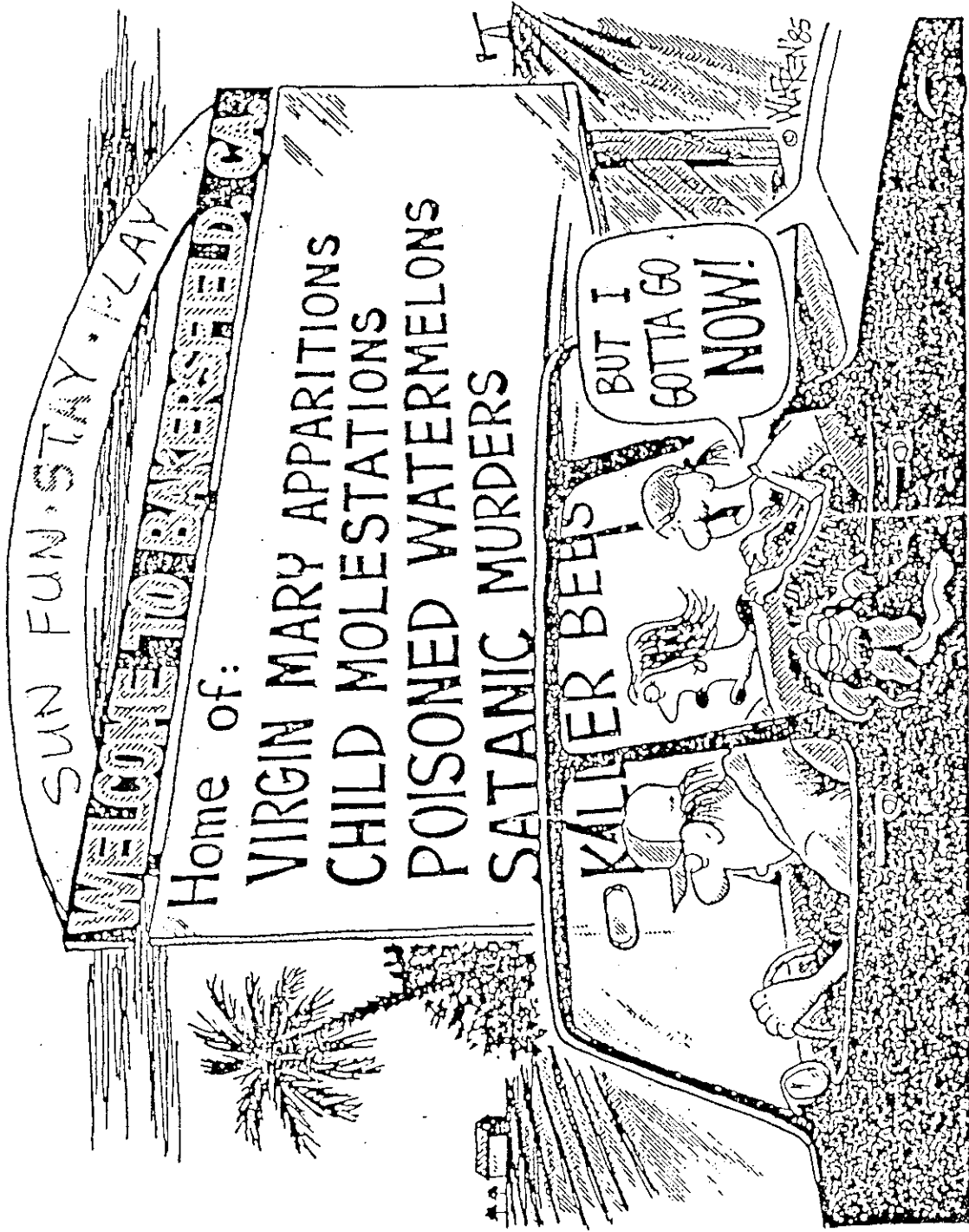
## AIR FARE TO DIPCON '86

U.S. Air has agreed to work with our group and have provided some very reasonable rates for DipCon attendees. There will be three groups, each with a different fare. Each group is required to have at least 20 people buying tickets, and we have space available for as many as 50. Here are the cities, flight and fare information:

<u>City/ Flight</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Arrives</u>	<u>Fare</u>
Chicago to Washington			\$215
ORD to PIT			
AL 486	9:50am	12:03pm	
PIT to IAD			
AL 52	1:00pm	1:59pm	
DCA to PIT			
AL 43	5:55pm	6:45pm	
PIT to ORD			
AL 253	7:20pm	7:40pm	
Houston to Washington			\$246
IAH to PIT			
AL 90	8:45am	12:13pm	
PIT to IAD			
AL 52	1:00pm	1:59pm	
DCA to PIT			
AL 43	5:55pm	6:45pm	
PIT to IAH			
AL 5	8:00pm	10:00pm	
Los Angeles to Washington			\$298
LAX to PIT			
AL 28	8:05am	3:17pm	
PIT to IAD			
AL 386	4:35pm	5:31pm	
IAD to PIT			
AL 184	4:00pm	5:02pm	
PIT to LAX			
AL 27	5:45pm	7:36pm	

All of the flights will be arriving in DC Friday and leaving DC on Sunday, and these are the round trip prices. You can have your tickets sent back by registered mail for an additional \$3, or sent by regular mail free. We will hold all the money until April 15, which is the deadline. If we get the twenty people that we need from your area, then we will issue the ticket on that date and send it out. If there aren't enough people to make the group then we have two options: either return your money or make alternative arrangements. The reverse of this letter is the order form.

100% ARGENTINA



I HEAR THE RESTROOMS IN FRESNO ARE MUCH CLEANER, DEAR.

MACHIAVELLI No. 52 Fall 1457 NORTHERN ITALY ERUPTS INTO ALL-OUT BRAWL!!  
WILL PEACE TALKS SUCCEED?!

Milan (Albrecht): A2 Turin-A-Provence; A3 Trent-H/d/-r-Milan, Bergamo, OTB;  
A4 Genoa-A-Modena; A7 Savoy-A-Genoa; A9 Carinthia-S-Trent; A10 Parma-S-Modena;  
All Cremona-A-Mantua; A5 Slavonia-A-Carniola.

Venice (Coburn): A1 Lucca-A-Modena; A2 Croatia-A-Carniola; A3  
Brescia-A-Mantua; A4 Dalmatia-H; F1 UppAdr-S-Dalmatia; A5 Vicenza-A-Trent; A6  
Verona-S-Trent; A7 Friuli-A-Carinthia; A8 Sienna-A-Florence; F2  
Romagna-A-Bologna.

Naples (Heflin): A1 Florence-H; A2 Bari-A-Aquila; F1 GofNap-A-Nap; F3  
Palermo-H.

Papacy (Patejak): A1 Perugia-A-Arezzo; A3 Rome-A-Patrimony; F1 Ancona-H.

Turks (Palter): A1 Herzegovina-A-Ragusa; F1 LowAdr-A-Dalmatia; F3  
Salerno-A-Naples; F4 BayofTun-A-WesMed; F5 WesMed-A-WesTyS.

Builds and Adjustments Phase 1457 due April 30, 1986.

There is a proposal for a concession to Milan! There is a proposal, also, for  
a Milan/Venetian Draw! Please vote with your next orders, remembering that  
\*NVR\*=**Yes vote**\*,

FAMINE - Good Year (5) Column only - (5) column - Famine strikes in:  
Patrimony, Padua, Salerno, Carinthia, Montferrat, Pavia, Pisa - Place Famine  
Markers in the above areas.

WHO CONTROLS WHAT-

Milan: Como, Milan, Pavia\*, Fornova, Piacenaz, Parma, Cremona, Bergamo,  
Genoa, Montferrat\*; Carinthia\*, Austria, Swiss, Turin, Savoy, Bosnia,  
Slavonia, Hungary, Tyrolea, Saluzzo, Provence, Modena.

Venice: Brescia, Verona, Padua\*, Venice, Vicenza, Treviso, Friuli, Istria,  
Dalmatia, Ferrara, Mantua, Carniola, Croatia, Bosnia, Romagna, Bologna, Lucca,  
Sienna, Trent.

Papacy: Rome, Ancona, Capua, Arezzo, Partrimony\*, Perugia

Naples: Bari, Otranto, Messina, Corsica, Tivoli, Spoleto, Urbino, Marsailles,  
Florence, Aquila, Palermo.

Turks: Durazzo, Albania, Herzegovina, Tunis, Naples, Ragusa\*\*, Salerno\*

\* = famined

\*\* = province but no city

1457 Income Chart

Power	Provinces	Cities	Variable	Total
Milan	22	13	3	33 + 15 = 48d
Venice	20	12	8	38 + 1 = 39d
Papacy	6	4	2	11 + 15 = 26d



Naples	11	6	3	17 + 3 = 20d
Turks	8	5	1	13 + 2 = 15d

1983CS FALL 1908 DRAW FAILS!! IS SOMEONE DETERMINED TO WIN THIS GAME!?!

- Austria (Hager)\*: A Bud-RUM; A Gre-BUL; A SER-s-A Gre-Bul.
- England (Johnson): A Mos-UKR; A WAR-s-A Mos-War; A LVN-s-A War; A StP-MOS; F Bar-NWG; F Nwg-CLY; F NTH-H; F BAL-s-F Ber; F BER-s-A Hol-Kie; A Hol-KIE; A BEL-H.
- France (Rowell): F Ion-GRE; F Tys-ION; F Röm-TYS; F Spa(sc)-WES; A BRE-H; A MUN-H; A Sil-BOH; A VIE-s-A Sil-Boh; A Tri-BUD; A Ven-TRI; A GAL-s-Austrian A Bud-Rum.
- Italy (CD): F ALB-H.
- Russia (Gorham): A Boh-H/d/.
- Turkey (Pitas): F SYR-H; F EAS-H; A Bul-H/a/; A Ank-CON; A Arm-SMY; A Sev-ARM; A Ukr-SEV.

Winter 1908 AND Spring 1909 due April 30, 1986. The E/F Draw is proposed once more; please vote with your next orders, remembering that NVR='Yes' vote!

GM Note: One player has indicated he would like to see a separation of seasons for W'08. It takes two such requests for such a separation to be granted. If you would also like for Winter to be separated, please inform me by the next deadline.

\*COA - Ken Hager, 808 Magnolia Ave. No.6, Pasadena, CA 91106.

1983CS 1908 Supply Center Chart

Austria-	Bud,Rom,Tri,BUL,RUM,SER.....	(3) 0
England-	Home,Bel,Hol,Den,Nwy,Swe,StP,Kie,Mos,WAR,BER....	(13)+2
France-	Home,Spa,Por,Mun,Tun,Ven,Vie,Nap,Ber,GRE,BUD,TRI...	(14)+2
Italy-	Gre.....	(0) OUT
Russia-	War.....	(0) OUT
Turkey-	Home,Bul,Sev,Rum,Ser.....	(4)-2

1983CS Press-  
TURKEY-WORLD: Sultan Ted has left his palace to conduct the war from abroad. His magnificence has taken 100 of his finest harem girls and the entire Turkish treasury so that these treasures would not fall into the hands of the advancing barbarians.

AUSTRIA: If I remember correctly, the Turk sure was brave when he and Italy had me surrounded. He certainly doesn't seem so brave now, does he? His troops make a better track team than an army!

ENGLAND: Why is this game like Thanksgiving? Because we're about to carve the Turkey.



# Murd'ring Ministers Insert

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1983AY

headlines of the day:

**FRENCH FLEET CONTINUES ITS TOUR OF THE LOW COUNTRIES, BUT DESPITE THE OMINOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE CRUISE THE GERMAN CAUSE IS OTHERWISE SUPPORTED.**

**SLEEPING ITALIANS AWAKEN AND CATCH INVADING TURKISH ARMY UNAWARES. TURKS FALL INTO THE SEA.**

**GERMAN FLEET RETURNS HOME WITHOUT OPPOSITION BUT FINDS THE RESULTING TRADEOFF LESS THAN FAIR.**

**FRENCH, GERMAN, AND RUSSIAN NAVAL FORCES CONVERGE ON UNOCCUPIED ENGLAND. INFORMED REPORTS SUGGEST THAT THE INITIAL DIVISION OF THE CONQUERED ISLAND WILL BE EQUAL, PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.**

## *Autumn 1907*

GERMANY(Albrecht): R f den-BAL.  
RUSSIA(Brown,CAN): R a tyo otb.

## *Winter 1907*

FRANCE(Lucas): bld f BRE.  
RUSSIA(Brown,CAN): bld f STP(NC), a WAR.

## *Spring 1908*

FRANCE(Lucas): f bel-HOL, a BUR S GERMAN a mun, f bre-ENG, a rom-APU, f TUN-ion, f wes-MID, f TYH S ITALIAN f nap, a TUS S a pie-ven, a PIE-ven.  
GERMANY(Albrecht): a TYO S FRENCH a pie-ven, a MUN S f bal-ber, a kie S f bal-ber (d r:ruh,otb), f nth-EDI, f bal-BER.  
ITALY(Gardner): f NAP S FRENCH a rom-apu.  
RUSSIA(Brown,CAN): f HEL S a ber-kie, a SIL-mun, a gal-VIE, a BOH-tyo, f stp(nc)-NWY, f DEN S a ber-kie, a SWE S f den, f nwg-NAO, a war-PRU, f AEG S TURKISH f eas-ion (nso), a ber-KIE.  
TURKEY(Brown,USA): a smy-CON, f EAS S f gre-ion, f GRE-ion, f ION-tyh, a TRI S a ven, a VEN S a apu-rom, f ADR S a ven, a apu-rom (d ann).

**THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER AND FALL 1908 IS MAY 1ST, 1986**

## *Addresses of the Participants*

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ITALY: Paul Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 2338, Newfane, VT 05345  
RUSSIA: Ron Brown, 70 F Chesterton Drive, Nepean, Ontario, CANADA K2E 5S9  
TURKEY: Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304  
GM: Jim Burgess, 100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908, (401) 351-0287

## *Game Notes:*

1) The F/T draw is rejected (I don't announce voting details). FR, FRT, and FT draws are proposed. Please vote with your next set of orders. A NVR still counts as a no.

2) The map follows on the next page. Germany has the only summer retreat, fall orders may be made conditional on that retreat.

3) No press, we'll see you in a month!

1984CH WINTER 1904

Austria- No Adj	Italy- No Adj
England- Builds A EDI	Russia- Build A MOS
France- Builds F BRE	Turkey- No Adj

1984CH SPRING 1905 ACTION ALL OVER BOARD AS WARS HEAT UP EVERYWHERE!!!

Austria (Johnson): A Vie-GAL; A Tya-VIE; A RUM-s-Turkish A Bul-Sev/NSO/; A SER-s-  
 England (umpas): A EDI-Lpl; F Eng-IRI; F NTH-Bel; F DEN-H; A StP-H/a/; F  
 France (Kelson): A KIE-Den; A HOL-s-A Bur-Bel; A Bur-BEL; A Mun-TYA; F  
 LPL-H; F Bre-ENG; F MAO-s-F Bre-Eng; F MAR-H; F SPA(sc)-s-F Mar.  
 Italy (Gorham): F Adr-TRI; A Pie-VEN; F Tys-ION; F Lyo-TYS.  
 Russia (Schilling): A Mos-STP; F FIN-s-A Mos-StP; A War-LVN; A  
 BER-s-French A Kie; A BOH-s-French A Mun-Tya; F SWE-builds lots of Volvos for  
 the Tsar (H).  
 Turkey (Hugh): F Bla-SEV; A BUL-H; F GRE-s-A Bul; F Con-AEG.

Fall 1905 due April 30, 1986. Much thanks to Jerry Lucas, whose standby orders were not needed.

1984CH Press-

PARIS- GME AND VIENNA: Stop blowing smoke at us.

TURKISH FREE PRESS: Citizens! There is justice, there is apple pie, Chevelle does produce an automobile, and they do play football in Huntington Beach, California without pads!!! Turkey is not dead - (almost)- He is alive and in rare form. The "Old Supermen" of yesterday shall humbly fall many times, pretending that their youth never fails - (but) - shall rise again. Have faith, you young whipper-snappers, this salty-dog with die with a DIPLOMACY map in his pocket!

BEST PLAYER

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

BEST ZINE

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_

BEST SUBZINE

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail ballots to:

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 Akron, Ohio 44313

by: June 6th, 1986

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## STUFF

MURD'RING MINISTERS is published by Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304. Subscriptions cost \$5.50/12 issues or 50¢ each. MM is dedicated to the play of postal DIPLOMACY, MACHIAVELLI, and other multi-player conflict games. There are no current openings.

WINSOME-LOSESOME has finally reached its end as its last running DIP game has come to a close. Judy Winsome certainly created quite a stir when "she" burst upon the postal DIP scene way back when. Judy was one of the best and most reliable GMs that I ever played under (so to speak). Many thanks, Judy, for the years of producing a top-notch zine. Because of the class of Judy's zine, it should come as no surprise that she closed out the zine with a classy fold.

Steve Heinowski, 12034 Pyle, Oberlin, OH 44074 is the new Boardman Number Custodian. He brings to the office a great deal of experience in the postal DIP hobby, a calm reasonable, rational approach to the hobby, and a great deal of reliability. I would like to commend Bill Quinn for his excellent choice in naming Steve as his successor, and also for providing the Hobby with a great deal of service and sacrifice in running the Boardman Numbers as efficiently as he did. Thanks. And remember, you all, when requesting a new Boardman Number from Steve, please send \$1 in to help support the operation of the "Numbers".

Do you have a computer at home and a modem? Electronic Mail Games of DIPLOMACY are increasing in number. The main zine of this branch of the DIP hobby is THE ARMSHAIR DIPLOMAT. It is edited by Ken Hill, 3092 Sawdust Lane, Dublin, OH 43017. E-Mail games are run through CompuServe on the games SIG. Contact Ken for more information.

Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043 has revived his variant zine, THE HOME OFFICE after an absence of 5 years. Fred is starting up play of his massive COLONIA VI. He also has openings in one regular DIPLOMACY game, and another variant, YOUNGSTOWN. Fred is asking \$6.00/12 issues and is interested in trades. If you want to play, let Fred know by sending a sub fee and he'll send you the rules and map for COLONIA at no charge. Also no game fees, paid-up subscribers will be allowed to play! If you've ever thought of playing in a DIP variant, COLONIA could well be the one for you to try! Write to Fred for more info; or better yet, just send your sub fee and jump right in!

Well, last issue (way back when) I mentioned that I'd probably get to attend ORCCON in Los Angeles this year. Well, guess what? Not only did I attend but an entire little contingent of "The Bakersfield Bunch" visited the Southland for ORCCON. It was held Feb. 14-17 at the Los Angeles Airport Hyatt Hotel. Dan Kuszynski, Al Rodriguez, Mike Johnston, and Scott Atwater joined ye olde Main Minister. We were fortunate enough to have arrived early Sat. morning and have a room right there at the hotel for two nights, staying until the convention wrapped up Monday afternoon. The convention was one of the largest I've been to in relation to sheer numbers. There were a wide variety of games and tournaments going practically non-stop 24 hrs. while the huge open gaming area was always crowded with a multitude of games in progress. We opted not to play in the DIPLOMACY tournament after learning of the scoring system and the fact that the Tourney "Director" was a guy who had never played DIPLOMACY before and didn't even know the rules of the game. It's not that that was such a big deal - just the chance to play DIPPY is big enough and seldom enough that just playing the game and having fun would be nice - but Al wanted to play in another tournament and so did I. Plus another big factor was having a four day convention but not playing the DIP tournament until Mid-Sunday, and playing only two (consecutive) rounds until late Sunday night. As it ended up, after the second round was played, a third round was decided upon with the top seven players who could make it and play for the championship.

((Con'd next pg.))

Why can't these people get a competent DIPLOMATIC person to handle their DIP tournament and efforts into hosting a big tournament. I don't understand it. Anyhow, I did get to see Jay Schufeldt again. I also got to meet Ron Spitzer and Ken Gestiahr. I didn't recognize anyone else there. So, instead of DIP, I went off to play some SQUAD LEADER. We also spent a lot of time playing CIRCUS MAXIMUS. The most fun I had, though, was just walking around watching people play games and shopping in the dealer's area. I ran into a guy in the dealer's area who I stopped and talked to. Actually he stopped me. He was a football coach at Atascadero High (whom we play) and noticed my South High championship T-shirt. We began talking and pretty soon we had figured out that we had met before years ago at a wargaming convention in Fresno (the old War Games West) and talked before. It's a small world. Of course we did manage to play some DIP while we were there. We played a just for fun little pick-up game with Al, Dan, Scott, me and three strangers. The highlight of the game was when Kuszynski was conducting diplomacy with the Turk (Dan was Italy). The only problem, however, was that Dan thought he was talking to Russia! Dan went into extraordinary detail and very persuasive diplomacy in giving this guy a great plan for the destruction of Turkey. (I was allowed to be present as part of a three-way conversation). Naturally I remained silent and didn't say a word. When Dan had finished his 5 minute oration, the guy said, "Are you sure you really want to be telling me this? I'm Turkey." Ha! Dan just looked blank for a second and then said, "Oh. I thought you were Russia." I about fell down laughing! All in all it was a very great experience and mucho fun. In fact, we all plan on returning to the Airport to participate in ORIGINS this summer. In fact we'll probably bring a bigger contingent this summer that we did to ORCCON. Hope to see you there!

Well, I've waited until now to give you a bit of explanation about the first ten pages of this issue. Once in a great while, I publish a little zine entitled BAT&GLOVE. It is the newsletter of the Theron Patrick Collins Memorial Baseball League. We have ten managers who manage their team through a 99 game schedule. We have a perpetual trophy and individual championship trophies for each season. It's a blast and you've heard me speak of it before in MM. Anyhow, I thought you might care to see how last year's season wound up and give you some of the speculation that's going through some of the manager's minds. I hope you enjoyed some of the humorous stuff therein as well.

A good friend of mine did me the great good deed of running off most of this issue on a photocopier. Although he is an amateur at it, some of the pages are upside down. I'm sure it won't cause any major difficulties for you.

Immediately following the the baseball stuff in this issue, you will find a series of flyers, announcements, response forms, poll forms, etc., etc. I believe all are self-explanatory. Please support all these hobby projects by participating. If there is any way you can make the DipCon, please go! You will not regret it!

Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St. Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226 will be publishing a new Publisher's Handbook before long. It has been a long time since one has been printed and I'm sure that Bruce will do his usual good job. As soon as I know when it's available and how much it will be, I'll pass that along to you.

I suppose I'll stop rambling now and finish this thing off. Please note one last thing: The games results which appear immediately before this STUFF section are the last results which went out to players by flyer. The games which immediately follow on the next page are the current game results! Please watch your deadline, players. And lets get those endgame statements in MACH. NO 52 and 1980CS players!

Take care!

1983HX SUMMER 1907 - English A Bur-r-PAR  
1983HX FALL 1907 BATTLE LINES LESS THAN STABLE AS CENTERS CHANGE HANDS!!

England (Hugh): F GAS-H; F STP(nc)-H; F Nth-SKA; F ENG-Nth; A BEL-s-A  
Hol-Ruh; A Par-BUR; F HEL-Hol; A Hol-Ruh/a/; F PIC-s-A Bel.

Germany (Gorham): A Ruh-HOL; F KIE-s-A Ruh-Hol; A  
Bur-Bel/d/-r-Ruh,Mun,OTB; A Mun-s-F Kie/NSU/\*; F DEN-Nth; F SWE-Den.

Italy (Lucas): A VEN-s-Russian A Vie-Tri; F Tys-ION; F NAP & F  
TUN-s-F Tys-Ion; A MAR-s-English A Par-Bur; F Spa(sc)-LYO.

Russia (Gardner): A Vie-TRI; A Bud-Ser/d/-r-Vie,Gal,OTB; A RUM-s-A  
Bud-Ser; A UKR-s-A Rum; F SEV-s-A Rum; A MOS-s-F Sev.

Turkey (Torckelson): F BLA-Rum; A BUL-s-F Bla-Rum; F ARM-Sev; A SER-s-A  
Tri-Bud; A Tri-BUD; F ADR-s-F Ion; F Ion-s-F  
Adr/d/-r-Gre,Alb,Aeg,Eas,Apu,OTB.

Winter 1907 AND Spring 1908 due June 18, 1986.

\* GM Note - Most all of you noted that Germany was allowed a build last winter that he was not entitled to. As noted in the 1907 Supply Center Chart in MM No. 79, if Italy retreated to Ven, he would own it and Germany would be even at 5 SC's. Italy did retreat to Venice but I went ahead and listed the given German build of A BER. That unit was never officially in existence, so is listed in the adjudication as /NSU/. All clear?

1983HX 1907 Supply Center Chart

England- Home,Nwy,Bre,Stp,Hyv,Bel,Par.....	(8) 0
Germany- Home,Den,Swe,HOL.....	(6)+1
Italy- Home,Tun,Mar,Spa,Por.....	(7)+1 (was one short)
Russia- Mos,War,Sev,Rum,Bud,Vie,TRI.....	(6) 0
Turkey- Home,Bul,Gre,Ser,Adr,BUD.....	(7) 0

1983HX Press-

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Methinks thou hast verily fergot that mine entrance to this very game wast in time after thine knife had found its way to the hilt in Germany's back. Sir, what pact?! You dream.

ENGLISH JOKE OF THE MONTH: Why does the Easter Bunny deny that he lays eggs? Because he doesn't want anyone to know that he has been screwing around with chickens!

MOSCOW-BERLIN: Pay no heed to England's talk.

MACCHIARELLI NO. 52 Builds and Adjustments - 1457

GAME OVER! MILAN WINS BY CONCESSION!

Macchiarelli No. 52 has reached a conclusion with a concession victory to Jeff Albrecht's Milan. Congratulations, Jeff!! Endgame comments due June 18, 1986. Many thanks to Stefan Patejak, Tom Reffin, Mike Coburn, and especially those original players who stuck it out, like Jeff, Dan Palter, and Jim Broshot.

1983CS WINTER 1908 GAME ENDS!! ENGLAND AND FRANCE RULE EUROPE TOGETHER!!

1983CS has ended in an E/F Draw. Congratulations to the winners, Stan Johnson (England) and Mark Rowell (France)! Please turn in your Endgame Statements by June 18, 1986.

1984CH FALL 1905 ENGLAND DEFENDS HOMELAND BRILLIANTLY BUT CAN HE LAST?!

Austria (Johnson): A Ser-TRI; A VIE-s-A Ser-Tri; A Gal-s-A Vie; A Rum-UKR; F Nap-ROM.

England (Bumpas): A EDI-Lpl; F Nth-LON; F IRI-Wal; F NWY-Swe; F Den-s-F Nwy-Swe/d/-r-Hel, Ska, Bal, OTB.

France (Torkelson): F MAO-Iri; A BEL-Wal; A HOL-Bel; F ENG-c-A Bel-Wal; F LPL-s-A Bel-Wal; A KIE-s-Russian; F Swe-Den; A TYA-Pie; F MAR-Pie; F Spa(sc)-WES.

Italy (Gorham)\*: NMR! F Tri-H/d/-r-Adr, Alb, OTB; A VEN-H; F TYS-H; F Ion-H/d/-r-Tun, Adr, Alb, Apu, Eas, OTB.

Russia (Schilling): F FIN-Swe; A STP-H; F Swe-DEN; A BER-s-French A Kie; A BOH-Gal; A Lvn-WAR.

Turkey (Hugh): F SEV-H; A BUL-H; F Aeg-ION; F GRE-s-F Aeg-Ion. Winter 1905 AND Spring 1906 due June 18, 1986.

\*Would Jerry Lucas, 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, California 94062 please standby just in case for Dan's Italy? Thanks!

1984CH 1905 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Home, Ser, Rum.....	(5) 0
England- Lon, Edi, <del>Nwy</del> , <del>Wwy</del> , <del>WAP</del> , <del>WAA</del> .....	(3)-2
France- Home, Por, Spa, Kie, Hol, Mun, Lpl, BEL.....	(19)+1
Italy- <del>Nwy</del> , Nap, Ven, Tun.....	(3)-1
Russia- Mos, War, <del>Wwy</del> , Ank, Swe, Ber, DEN, STP.....	(7)+1
Turkey- Con, Smy, Bul, Gre.....	(4) 0

1984CH Press-

LONDON: Russia, how much more of English centers can you get? Time to start growing in the middle, unless you like 2nd or 3rd.



## Murd'ring Ministers Insert

1983AY

headlines of the day:

**GERMAN CAUSE BEGINS TO LOOK HOPELESS AS THE HOMELAND AGAIN FALLS TO THE WHITE CLAD HORDES FROM THE EAST. CAN ANYONE STOP THEM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?**

**TURKISH SETBACKS AWAKEN DISSOLUTE SULTAN. ABDULLAH ABANDONS THE FAIRER SEX TO HEAD FOR THE FRONT, BUT WILL HIS MIND SOBER QUICKLY ENOUGH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNOCCUPIED ITALIAN CAPITAL?**

*Summer 1908*

GERMANY(Albrecht): R a kie-RUH.

*Fall 1908*

FRANCE(Lucas): f HOL S GERMAN a mun-kie, f eng-IRI, a BUR-mun, a APU S GERMAN a tyo-ven, f TYH S f tun-ion, a TUS S GERMAN a tyo-ven, a PIE S GERMAN a tyo-ven, f TUN-ion, f mid-NAO.

GERMANY(Albrecht): a tyo-VEN, a mun-kie (d r:sil,otb), a RUH S a mun-kie, f ber S a man-kie (d r:bal,otb), f edi-NTH.

ITALY(Gardner): f NAP S FRENCH a apu.

RUSSIA(Brown,CAN): f HEL S a kie, a sil-BER, a vie-TYO, a boh-MUN, f nwy-NWG, a KIE S a boh-mun, f DEN S a kie, a SWE h, f nao-LVP, a PRU S a sil-ber, f AEG h.

TURKEY(Brown,USA): a con-BUL, f EAS S f ion, f GRE S f ion, f ION S f adr, a TRI S a ven, a ven S RUSSIAN a vie-tyo (d r:rom,otb), f ADR S a ven.

*Supply Center Chart*

FRANCE: 9 or 10 cntrs - bre,par,mar,spa,por,bel,lon, (has 9, even (TUR. r:rom) or bld 1 (TUR. r:otb))  
tun,hol,rom?

GERMANY: 2 cntrs - edi,ven (has 3, 4 or 5, rem 1 (2 r:otb), rem 2 (1 r:otb) or rem 3)

ITALY: 1 cntr - nap (has 1, even)

RUSSIA: 14 cntrs - stp,mos,sev,war,rum,swe,bud,vie, (has 11, bld 3)  
ber,den,nwy,kie,mun,lvp

TURKEY: 7 or 8 cntrs - ank,con,smy,bul,gre,tri,ser, (has 7 or 8, even)  
rom?

(total = 34 cntrs)

**THE DUE DATE FOR WINTER 1908 AND SPRING 1909 IS JUNE 5TH, 1986**

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RUSSIA: Ron Brown, 70 F Chesterton Drive, Nepean, Ontario, CANADA K2E 5S9

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GM: Jim Burgess, 100 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908, (401) 351-0287

*Game Notes:*

1) The FR, FRT, and FT draw proposals are all rejected. An RT proposal is made. As before, vote with your next set of orders. The NVR counts as a no.

2) The map follows on the next page. Germany and Turkey have autumn retreats, orders may be made

conditional on those retreats. Two requests will be sufficient to separate Winter and Spring.

3) Thanks for the press!

*Press:*

(RUSSIA-GERMANY): Maybe you've forgotten about your attack on Sweden in 1901, but I haven't!

1983CR MURD'RING MINISTERS (Ron Brown) Austria: Bill Hugh (Out W'03); England: John H. Masters (Dropped F'02) Al Rodriguez.. France: Jerry M. Jones (Dropped F'05) Dan Gorham; Germany: Dan Kuszynski (WIN F'07); Italy: Timothy R. Haffey (Dropped S'05) Stan Johnson; Russia: Brian Sherin (Dropped S'05) CD; Turkey: Bill Schiwautz.

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A	5	3	0	X	X	X	X			* GM Comment - 1983CR was quite an interesting
E	5	3	4	4	5	3	1			* game in its own right. As you check over the
F	4	6	6	5	3	2	1			* starting lineup, you are sure to recognize some
G	5	7	8	10	11	15	19	WINS!		* of the better-known names in California DIP
I	4	5	5	5	4	3	3			* circles. This was an All-California game -
R	5	4	4	1	1	1	1			* the first ever such game in <u>MM</u> , similar to
T	4	6	7	9	10	10	9			* some of the lineups from the <u>LIBERTERREAN</u> and
										* the like. I have had the pleasure of meeting
										* and/or knowing seven of the players in the
										* game (5 of them original players!). So you

see, I thought it was a lot of fun to run this game! It kind of increases your enjoyment to have actually known the players and met them before. However, I must warn all GMs and potential GMs that there is a lot of pressure emanating from the East Coast to declare all such games "local" and therefore "Irregular". I know I could never start up a game like this one again because of these kinds of publicly known BNC feelings and rulings. I will never be able to enjoy this kind of situation again. And that's why I am afraid to start any more DIP games. Anyway, this game was kind of weird because although Dan "the Mad Pole" Kuszynski might disagree, I think Germany had a very easy time of it in this game. There is no doubt that Dan's opening moves and early diplomacy were both very effective. But along about 1904-05 resistance crumbled rapidly as several standby players came in and seemed like they had a hard time getting together with one another. This enabled Dan's German troops to swarm over Western Europe and into the Russian steppes so rapidly from 1905 on that the only respectable power remaining, Bill Schiwautz' Turkey, could offer but token resistance. Congratulations to Dan, especially for some brilliant tactical moves in this game!

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#### MURD'RING MINISTERS STANDBY LIST

Regulate DIPLOMACY - Dan Gorham, Jim Bumpas, Bill Hugh, Stan Johnson, Paul Gardner, and Jerry Lucas. Anyone want on or off?

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#### STILL MORE STUFF

One last note here, let's congratulate a few recent postal DIP winners! Listed winners in EVERYTHING #67 (Spring 1986) are: Bill Hugh for 82IT, Ron Brown (Canada) for 1983V as Germany, former MM player Paul Goodrich as England in 1976(!)BD, and finally hearty congratulations to one of the nicest guys in Dipdom, Don Swartz for winning both 1984D with Austria and 1984HR as Russia!

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"When sorrows come, they come not  
single spies,  
But in battalions."

HAMLET IV, v, 78.

"Cudgel thy brains no more about it."

HAMLET V, i, 61.

ADOLPH HITLER: CATALYST IN THE CREATION OF  
THE JEWISH STATE

by  
Stanley E. Johnson III

World War II was a horrible event in the history of mankind. One of the most atrocious aspects of it was the German death camps. How could people do that to each other, one must ask.

I suggest taking a Biblical perspective. Any Christian that believes his Bible must admit there is a special relationship between the Jews and God that goes way back. The Jews established a covenant with God. Throughout the Old Testament, whenever the Jews broke the deal God came down pretty heavy on them with invasions, plagues, the exile in Babylon, etc. Due to their rejection of Christ or some other reason, God gets mad and scatters them to the wind. Yet they remain Jews. I think anyone must admit that retention of a language and culture while not having a country for almost 2,000 years is a remarkable feat. (Only the Basque can beat that). Over the course of 2,000 years people get to like where they live; they try more to fit into the prevailing culture. According to the way I interpret the Bible, God wants the Jews living in Israel. God decides to chastise the Jews, so he delivers them into the hands of Hitler and the Germans. Did Hitler have to kill them? Maybe, maybe not. He could have shipped them to Israel or somewhere else. The Germans were horribly punished by WWII; perhaps because they abused power they had been given over the Jews. On the other hand, when Moses dealt with the Pharaoh, God hardened the Pharaoh's heart so he wouldn't listen to Moses without plagues.

The reason God chastises the Jews is because by living in Europe and not trying to re-establish their own Israel, they are breaking their covenant. It also could be argued close contact with Gentiles was polluting Jewish culture.

Why did everyone get mad at the Jews?? They were persecuted by most national groups throughout Europe. Perhaps God hardened the Peoples' hearts against the Jews. They were reminded that however much they might try to fit in, they would always be different to their Gentile-neighbors. While unpleasant, this must have also reinforced their feeling of Jewishness or identification with a Jewish Identity as opposed to a German or French one.

The rigors of the camps in a sense acted as a catalyst in a natural selection process. The survivors of camps were hard people who knew how to survive and thrive. They also knew the price of defeat. "Never again!" is their cry.

Was Hitler the monster he's painted to be? Perhaps not; the history books are always written by the winners.

But even examining him from our perspective, he was an amazing man. He led Germany out of a severe economic depression. Before the War, he peacefully recovered all Germany's lost territories and then some. If you examine the record, before Poland, Hitler is in line for Statesman of the Century. Even the start of the War and defeat of France, (Germany's centuries-old enemy), were superb accomplishments, from a German perspective.

What effect did such accomplishments have on the psyche of a man who was from a lower class background? As the War continued, it's said that Hitler immersed himself in planning to such an extent that he exhausted himself and began to use stimulants heavily. You're King and have the keys to all the Drug Stores.

In our society, the self-destruction of people on the top in entertainment, sports, and politics has become commonplace.

Add to the above the fact that Hitler was a veteran of heavy combat in WW I. Was he suffering from delayed stress syndrome? Adding all these factors together, one can see how Hitler could have been pushed over the edge of sanity as so many are.

However, as head of a nation, he is saddled with the deeds of thousands of people. Is this fair? Was Hitler an Anti-Christ or a regular man who went wrong? You must decide for yourself.

((Thanks for the article, Stan. You get 2 more issues to your MM sub. I could say quite a bit in response to your article; but let's wait and see if we get any response for the old RRR generated from it. How 'bout it out there? Any comments? - RB))

READERS' RHETORICAL REPLIES

(( from Steve Langley ))

(Feb. 19, 1986)

Dear Ron,

The exchange between you and the other Ron Brown was not about integrity, it was about ratings. Sorry if I couldn't read between the lines.

So, it is a question of integrity. Just who is making it such a question? Not the BNC. The BNC must treat everyone equally. According to what you are saying, because of your integrity, you deserve special treatment. You seem to be the one who is causing whatever question of your integrity that might be asked, to be asked, by expecting special treatment. What sort of integrity is it that allows you to request special treatment? Until you brought it up, I hadn't thought to look at it that way.

You made a fairly simple mistake. You didn't tell a Guest GM how to go about assigning countries when he asked, you just went ahead and got them assigned. You compounded the mistake by not supplying him with a list of standbys. For whatever reason, another player in the game petitioned the BNC to rule the game irregular.

You could have made your argument to the BNC and accepted the judgement. You could have apologized to the rest of the players in the game, for not thinking of the correct way to deal with the problem. Or, you could put your integrity on the line and insist that you did nothing wrong.

Sorry if I don't see your point.

I think you are blowing this whole thing way out of proportion.

If I ever saw something in print that shouldn't have needed a "Not for Print", it was the postcard from Bob Olsen that you published. I guess the suggestion that one can rely on the good sense of the publisher was tested and found wanting.

Best,  
Steve

(( Boy, Steve, it's a real joy to hear from you, let me tell you! Of course, you have decided to look at things your own way. And as we can all tell from the tone of your letter, whatever you say must be so. Please forgive me for committing all the terrible sins you have listed above. I have stated my position as clearly as possible and if you still get the above impression of the whole matter then nothing else I can say or do will change anything. I appreciate all your comments, especially your judgement of my editorial skills. Thanks. - RB ))

(( from Ben Schilling ))

(Feb. 10, 1986 )

Dear Ron,

1) I can call the Lepanto Opening, "Italy attacks Turkey by convoy". People will probably figure out what I mean, but it's so much easier for them if I say it is a Lepanto.

2) To refresh your memory, check page 3 of MURD'RING MINISTERS #72 for the quote in question (dated July 6, 1984). That was well before I said anything about moving the game.

Best,  
Ben Schilling

(( Thanks, Ben. I checked that reference and it seems to me that I was saying that if 83AY was irregular for the reasons given then what would keep another game, say like 84CH from similarly being irregular. I was in NO way saying that I thought 84CH should be irregular. Why don't you go back for another look. I'm not sure of the point you are trying to make in #1, but I agree with you. Was I supposed to disagree? Sorry - RB ))

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(( from Stan Johnson ))

Ron,

In my opinion, with all the work you put into your zine, you have the right to comment on 83AY or anything else you care to.

I feel sorry for persons killed in the Shuttle explosion. However, it's hard for me in comparing this tremendous outpouring for seven people to what happened during the Viet Nam War, when we were losing 3-4 hundred men a week killed, not to mention those merely crippled for life. Most of the guys in Nam were not volunteers either. There's still a couple thousand M.I.A.'s I'd like to know the fate of. There have been too many sightings in Laos to dismiss them. The government doesn't want to find those men, then they'd have to explain why it took them 13 years to do something.

Yours truly,  
Stan Johnson

(( Thanks for writing, Stan. I'm glad somebody feels as you do about publishing "rights". I think that people felt the effects of the Space Shuttle Tragedy so deeply because no one expected it, there was an ordinary citizen involved, and so many actually saw it happen live on TV. Although no one is happy about soldiers being killed, there is a more willing acceptance of it because everybody knows and accepts the fact that soldiers get killed. Your concern regarding the Viet Nam M.I.A.'s is well-founded and I'm sure many of us feel the same. - RB ))

(( from Alan Stewart ))

Dear Ron:

Thanx for the complimentary copy of MM. I had the opportunity of picking up a few old MM's at BruxCon a few years ago, and I enjoyed them very much. I would have picked up a few more, but Nelson Heintzman, being an American, naturally responded to Bruce's invitation to all present to look through his 'zines and pick out the ones we wanted to take by saying "Thanks, Bruce", and proceeding to empty as many of them as he could get his hands on into a giant green garbagebag he had brought for the purpose.

I only heard about the 83AY affair in bits and pieces, but I can give you my opinion - I understand that a player handled the country selections. I know no more about it than that. The only question is, was the GM present? In other words, was the player merely acting as an agent of the GM, acting under his supervision and constant scrutiny? If the player was doing whatever the hell it was he did while being watched by the GM, then it was OK -- if not the game is obviously irregular, because the GM delegated a crucial function to a player.

I disagree with Bruce Linsey's suggestion that there be an appeal board -- a body of people (if two can be a body) that would have final authority over the BNC in Policy decisions while doing none of the work. It is illogical to have an authority beyond the BNC to which such matters can be appealed -- who would choose it? Where would its authority come from? How can the BNC operate as BNC at all if there are people with the power to overrule the very decisions the making of which is the BNC's business? It is important, however, for the BNC to solicit advice wisely.

I understand your frustration with the ruling going against you, however. I'm rather outraged the the BNC's rulings, such as they are, on the matter of local games, and at his trying to declare Dennis Agosta's games irregular (over his retreats policy - not standbys). But what we need (as a hobby) is a determined effort to have a hobby-wide discussion about the policies and principles that the BNC should be following, with the idea of providing him with the kind of informed advice that leads to better decisions. I admit to doing nothing to make this happen--but it is something that I have always intended to write about in my 'zine sometime. If you believe in GOD, please pray that Bill Quinn chooses someone competent as a replacement. As a player, I'd be a little

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((Stewart's letter))

disappointed if my GM stopped GMing merely because he was screwed by Bill Quinn--if the GM is conscientious enough to take an interest in such abuses, then his departure means only that there is one less good GM. Stick in there, and don't give up until sensible BNCing policies are adopted. (By the way, if you care to provide me with the background info on this thing, I will publicize it in P--at least bringing it to the attention of another audience.) (Notwithstanding that I apparently disagree with you on the decision you are concerned about).

I notice that people have been throwing around the word "arbitrary"--it just has to be reasoned, not random or capricious. "The GM delegated part of his functions to a player." --that's all you have to say to negate the charge that the decision is arbitrary; you've given a good reason for it. I'm surprised to see Mark Berch seemingly accepting this incorrect usage, which is being adopted only to make a polemical point.

Well, this letter rambled a bit--I've been typing it a bit of a time as I read the zine. Hey, you really were w sharp with Mark Berch because he disagreed with you on this GMing point! You may want to take a poke at me too-- I have no doubt that a majority of players in the hobby would agree that for a GM to let a player handle the country assignments makes a game irregular for rating purposes. And that the BNC was right to make that decision if that is in fact what happened. (Your next question, of course, should be, "And who the hell are you?").

Yours truly,  
Alan Stewart

(( Thanks for writing, Alan! I appreciate you taking the time to write such a thoughtful and well-reasoned statement of you opinion about the 83AY thing. However, there is one point that you are incorrect about. A player in the game making country assignments is definitely a "No-No". Any game wherein that happened would and should be noted as irregular. However, in 1983AY that did not happen!!! The fact that those who are defending the Irregularity decision are stating that fact brings me back to the integrity thing again. I am being "accused" of making the assignments. I, being a player did not do that. However, here is where the "arbitrary" part of the decision comes in. I've never heard it said (or seen written any place) that the GM could not delegate that duty to an agent. A disinterested third party drew the country assignments for the GM, and this is what has caused the game to be irregular. To me, stating that this makes a game irregular is indeed arbitrary. Do you still agree with the decision? I'm afraid that I still feel the same -- that is, that I'm afraid to GM any more games. Who knows what unknown "rule" I might break next? Do as you please as far as discussing this in PRAXIS (Alan's very fine zine). I am through with the topic and have nothing more to say about it. Thanks for the very kind words about MM. And thanks a bunch for writing! - RB ))

(( from Randolph Smyth ))

(1/31/86)

Ron:

Thanks for the sample of MM#78, which only just arrived here fter going to Medicine Hat (I haven't lived there since August) ((What's Randolph's new address, anyone know?-RB)). . .

Anyhow, I enjoyed the zine, particularly the long letter column. Rather amused, though, that you know most of the 'influential' US players (pp.19-20), but the only meaningful comments about the 3 Canadians is that they're Canadian. Oh well, I only know Dick and Paul well enough to give a comparable description myself . . .

Until then,  
Randolph

(( I guess why I don't have more Canadians mentioned is that I don't play that much in Canadian zines. There's nothing wrong with playing in Canadian zines (some of the best places to play are from the Great White North). It's just that those 6 week deadlines make for 1-on-g games. And there are definitely some xlnt. players there!! Looking forward to seeing a copy of FSE soon. Thanks. - RB))

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Send your ballot to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226 (USA) or to Nelson Heintzman, P.O. Box 203, Bowmansville, NY 14026 (USA). Deadline for votes to Bruce is June 28, 1986. Deadline for votes to Nelson is June 21, 1986. PLEASE VOTE EARLY.

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Hi Larry!

Will you be attending ORIGINS  
this summer? Maybe I'll see  
you there.

Best,  
Ron