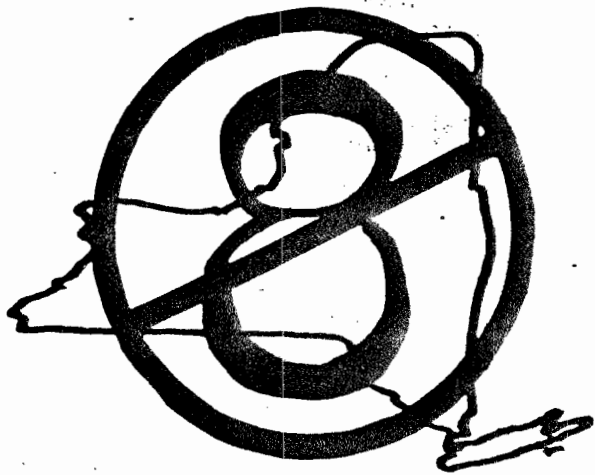



TRASH



When I got up to start work on the zine it was a beautiful day in Newfane and being the patriotic son that I am, I grabbed my Ronald Reagan t-shirt, the one with the nice red  on top of the picture. As I pulled it on, however, my eye was drawn to a stain on the shirt. In fact it looked as if some bird had maliciously done a bombing run on our president and scored a direct hit on his chin. Ruined my whole day, I can tell you.

And in case noone has told you yet, this is Not New York and my name is in the return box below and to the right, so let's not bother with that shall we?

I'll get right to the game situation:

- NNY#8 3Med by me costs \$5. to join (2.50 is a refundable NNY deposit. Currently 3 signed up.
- The Kathy Byrne Variant now has 3 as well and Michael Lee will 3M that. Fee is \$2. I believe and you can send that to Michael Lee at 3480 Janna Ct., Eugene, Or. 97405.
- The game from Ipanema is also open to takers for a fee of \$2.. please write to Ron Krukowski for details, his address is Ron Krukowski, 5339 A.Eddy, Chicago, Ill. 60641

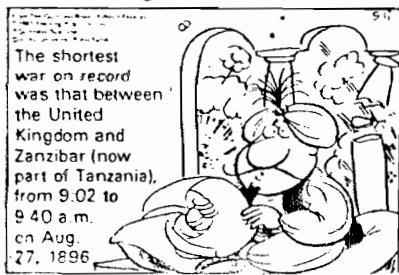
THE BULLPEN: Stephen Wilcox, Keith Sherwood, Craig Wisecup, Kathy Byrne, Dan Stafford, Steve Courtemanche, Terry Tallman, Mike Petty, Thomas Jansson, Jeff Zarse. More relievers still welcome.

NYNY, GOVT TO SUB: May go to any day now. Probably next issue when I plan to discuss my writing philosophy. For now 10 issues/84

THE BASEBALL STRIKE: I was going to do a little number on this but it looks like time has run out, so I'll just say that I think that it stinks and I've written the local radio station that carries the Sox, that I'm not listening to those Sox's anymore and I don't care what they do.

NONO: so for the third straight issue, I'm pushing this aside. Next month I'll go for four; and you couldn't care less could you...

According to Guinness



CONTESTS: The Old: STEVE COURTEMANCHE has me stunned and amazed. What do I have to do to put one by this guy? He got all the answers right for the pronunciation quiz and wins the 2 nonnos.

The New: A quickie Vermont quiz this time for two nonnos credit.

- 1) What is the creature at the right commonly called in Vermont? (It's native to VT.)
- 2) In what order did Vermont enter the Union (ie. first fiftieth?)
- 3) Which two presidents were born in Vermont.
- 4) What is the states nickname?
- 5) What color is the license plate of this state (for an extra credit what other state has a plate that looks just like it?)
- 6) What is the state nickname?
- 7) What fort in New York state did Ethan Allen take from the Brits during the revolutionary war?
- 8) What is the highest point in Vermont and what ski area is found on that mountain's slopes?
- 9) Name at least two minerals or stones or types of rock that are mined or quarried in Vermont.
- 10) Maple sugar comes from what part of the maple tree?



ME:

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— 1st Class —

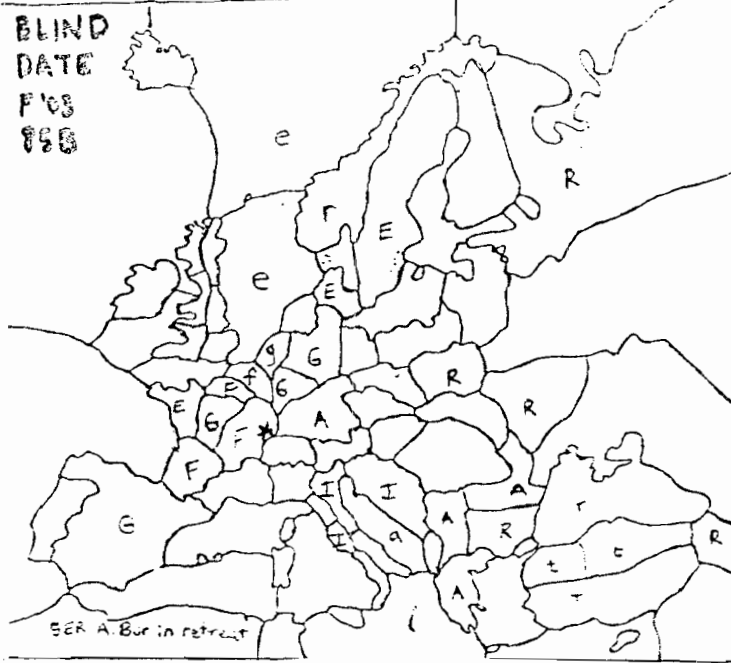
You:

Rod Walker
1273 Crest Dr.
Encinitas, Ca. 92024

sub expires; trade over player deadline; 9-2.
Nonno count: (6-1) 5 orders on file? —
84AW 85B 85AV

BLIND DATE/85B - F'03

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SEE A. Bur in retreat

...AND NOW, THE GAME THAT PROUDLY CALLS CHAOS ITS MIDDLE NAME....

BLIND DATE 85B F'03

WAR PROCEEDS WITHOUT APPARENT RHYME OR REASON AS ALL PARTIES ARE INVOLVED IN THE HACKING AND MAIMING!

SUMMER '03

AUSTRIA: retreat F.ven-ADR; GERMANY: retreat F.bel-HOL

FALL '03

A (HENRY): A.SER s A.gal-RUM, A.GRE-bul, F.ADR-ion, A.tyo-MUN.

E (CONLON): F.NRG and F.NTH s A.SWE-nwy, A.DEN-swe, F.eng-BRE.

F (BYRNE): A.spa-GAS, A.PIC s A.par-BUR, F.BEL prays for Eng, help and s Eng.F.Nth-Hol(nsc).

G (LEE): A.mar-SPA, A.KIE-den, A.RUH-bel, A.Eur(d, ret, Mar, OTE) s A.gas-PAR, F.HOL-nth.

I (TIGHE): A.ROM s A.VEN s A.alb-TRI, F.ION-adr.

R (WILCOX): A.STP s F.NWY h, A.mos-WAR, A.UKR-rum, A.ARM-ank, A.BUL s F.BLA-con.

T (CROSET): F.CON-bla, F.ANK-bla, A.SMY-arr.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1903

	dots	units	change
A: Via, Eud, Ser, Gre, ven, RUM, MUN	6	5	+1
E: Home, Swe, Den, BRE	6	5	+1
F: Por, Spa, Gas, PAR, BEL	2	4	-2
G: Bar, Kie, Hol, Mar, OTE, NRG, PAR, SPA	6	6*	0v
I: Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, VEN	5	4	+1
R: Home, Pul, Nwy, Yum	6	7	-1
T: Home	3	3	0

* Depends on retreat, could be 5/11

Blind Date Press
Starts P.5, COA'S P.7

-DEADLINE FOR W'03/S'04 IS SEPT.2,1985 AT 12 MIDNIGHT - A MONDAY.

-JM ERROR: I failed to mention Apu as a possible retreat for Austrian F.Ven, and on the map I placed Rus.A.UKR in Rum. Although, several of you mentioned the mistake (thanks Steve and Pat), but Stephen Wilcox was first, so he earns a nonoo. Also, I believe A.MUN was shown as F.VEN on the map. Stephen spotted this too.



FRANK
BURNS
W'06/S'07
84AW

FRANK BURNS 84AW W'06/S'07

THE DRAW (A-B-F-J-T) FAILS AS THE SOAP OPERA CONTINUES: AUSTRIA AND TURKEY TRY TO GET IT BACK TOGETHER, BUT WILL THEY? BERLIN FALLS TO WESTERN ALLIANCE AS BIG BATTLE OVER MAD TAKES SHAPE.

WINTER '06

AUSTRIA builds A.VIE; ENGLAND builds F.LPL; FRANCE removes F.Pas.

SPRING '07

A (GIVAN): A.spa-GAS, A.bur-PAR, A.mun-MUN, A.boh-MUN, A.BUL-gal, A.VIE-gal, A.TRI h, A.rom-VEN, F.nap-TYN, F.ION h.

B (HEIMTSMAN): F.BEL s GER.A.Den-Kie, F.hol-WTH, F.bel-ENG, F.IRI-NAG, A.kie-BER, F.lpl-IRI.

F (CONLON): F.AAO s F.POR-spa(so).

J (WINSLOW): A.den-KIE, F.BAL s ENG.A.kie-Ber, F.BAR s A.STP h.

T (LINCOLN): A.Ser(d, ret, SII, OTE) s A.war-PRU, A.LVN s A.AOS-stp, A.rus-UKR, A.bul-CON, A.ALE-tun(lmg), F.J&E h, F.tun-JAF, F.VES s F.LYO-spa(so).

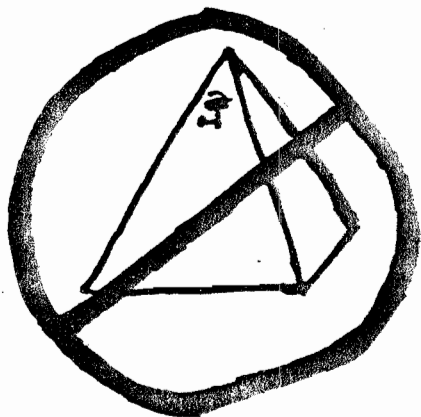
-DEADLINE FOR FALL'07 IS: Sept.2, 1985 midnight EDT. That's a MONDAY.

-JIM: PAT CONLON, BOX 16047 LSU, BATON ROUGE, LA. 70803

-STEVE COURBEMANCHES has correctly pointed out that I failed to properly indicate that the Turkish moves A.KIE s A.BER-tun did not go through. However since I was just reporting a season that had been played earlier via Elier I checked the original from which the Elier had been made and found that these moves were reported correctly there - hence no JM error, X error was in typing over to the NNY format.

Frank Burns press
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NOT NEW FNORD #16

Published by that unemployed mad scientist-in-training,

MIKE EHLI

1360 Alder St. #9
Eugene, OR, 97401-3764
(503) 435-0774



This is PAGE NOT NEW 5

MY GOD! I'VE BEEN LAMPOONED! WHAT'S NEXT? A fake NNY?!!

Actually, I guess that having Mike Ehli do an NNY Fnord means the stamp of approval has descended upon NNY. In return, let me point out that Fnord is a subzine that helps make The Life of Monty (Don Del Grande 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, Ca. 94904-1339) a welcome sight in the mailbox each month. Don's "Dipwarz" series was nominated for the Rod Walker Award for Literary excellence, deservedly, and runs a Diplomacy pursuit take-off on T.P., that I have yet to try (**fraid I'd B-O-M-B).

CORPORATE CRIMINALS/85AV-W'OD



THIS IS THE "UNIVERSAL STANDBY" FORM THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN E.64 PUBLISHERS PLEASE REPRINT.

YES!! I WANT TO BE A UNIVERSAL STANDEY.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

I AM WILLING TO STANDEY IN _____ GAMES. ((# of games))

SIGNATURE

Bill Quinn
301 Conroe Dr.
Conroe, Tx. 77301

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

The cartoon at right is from the "American Machinist," a union "organ" from 1951. It does an excellent job of bringing back the political flavor of the times. Meanwhile this cartoon is for Corporate Criminals, newly re-christened as 85AV



- DEADLINE FOR S'01: Sept. 2, '85, a Monday at 12 midnight (feel free to call - (802) 365-7635. Collect charges will not be accepted.)
- So far I have advance orders from England and Italy. Make sure that you get orders in on time. '01 NMRs are often fatal - neutral orders are not used in NNY.
- There is a COA for England and I will run all your addresses to make sure that you've all got them.

- Austria: Lynden McPherson
P.O.Box 536, Randle, Wa. 98377
- England: John Crosby (COA)
1496 Washington La., West Chester, Pa. 19382
- France: Herb Barents
2350 Burdette, Ferndale, Mi. 48220
- Germany: Jeff Zarse
1N. Stonegate Rd., Lake Forest, Ill 60045
- Italy: Nelson Heintzman
#C-4 2225 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14216
- Russia: Rich Delzer
2819 N.77th St., Milwaukee, Wi. 53222
- Turkey: Mikel Petty
4800 Hindman Dr., Orlando, Fla. 32806

85AV's first press - top p.5.

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from p. 4, Corporate Criminals first press:

Dear Corporate Criminals! How shall I plague thee? Let me count the ways.

from p.3, Blind Date press:

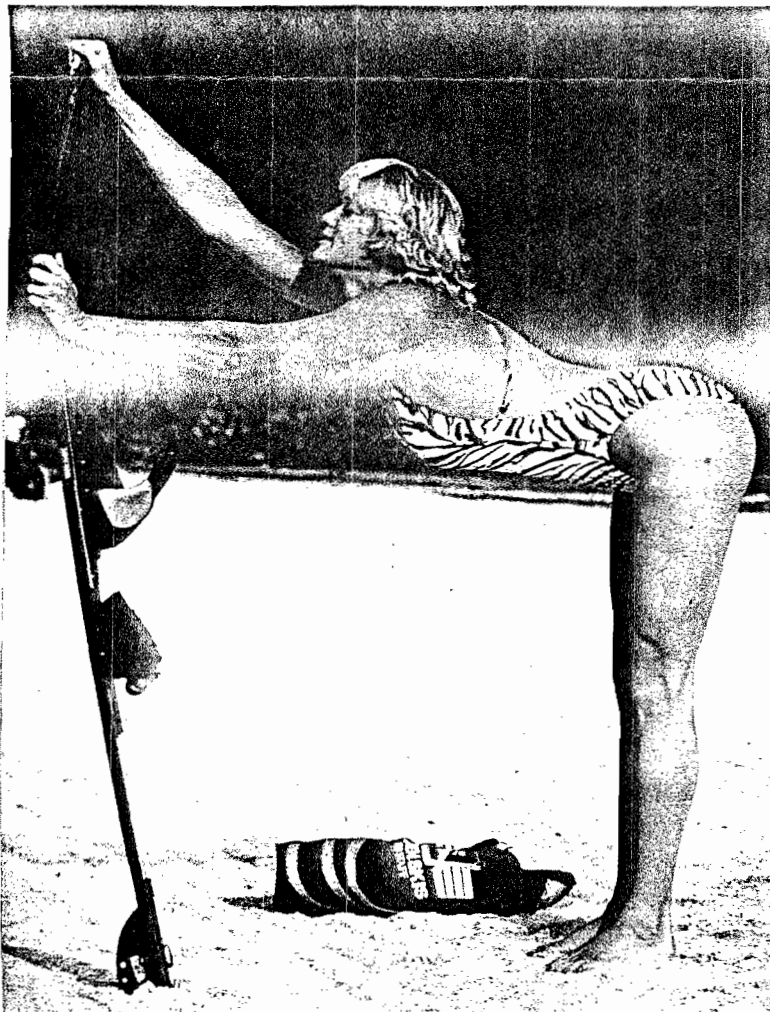
AMERICA - TURKEY: Try something else, your tactics are failing miserably.

ITALY - GM: Is there any way to block out the "Voice of America"?

GM - ITALY: That depends on how many Lira you've got kicking around in the royal coffers.

PAT - PAUL: While you are liquid-papering these adjudications, I will be hiking along the southern end of the Appalachian Trail, from Springer Mt., Ga. through the Great Smoky Mountains. Why am I telling you this? It is my hope that, when the typing of the adjudications gets especially grueling, you will think of me relaxing under the starry skies and go completely berserk. But hey, what are friends for, anyway?

PAUL - PAT: That's a good question, although I'd place the emphasis in a slightly different location. And while you're reflecting on that, reflect on this: while you're out there on the trail sweating along under a hot sun and a heavy pack, being driven to distraction by the mosquitos at night, I'm sitting here in my cool kitchen doing



Camille, a.k.a. the Golden Goddess

nothing more strenuous than punching-out typewriter keys, and occasionally basting the page with a drop of l.p. so it comes out jusssst right. Don't you love the way the GM gets the last word? HAR, HAR!

PAT - PAUL: I wanna nonoo. In S'03 you typed one of Russia's orders as follows: "A.rum-UKR". But on the map you showed the Russian army in Rumania still.

PAUL - PAT: Grumble, grumble...Yeesss, that's right. See 3.4 ERRORS above.

MS.EYRNE - MR.FOOL GARDNER: John Crosby's address is wrong. If anyone wants to write to John he is at: 1496 Washington La., West Chester, Pa. 19382.

EYRNE - TIGHE: Sure I'll be your blind date, anything's better than going out with Mr. Gardner.

PICTURE PRESS: Asked if rumors of Italy propping up France in the next few seasons were true, Kevin Tighe answered, "That story is completely false. France can take care of herself without my help. Is



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n't that right Kathy?"

FRA - ENG: "pretty lady", "Mets are looking good" - boy - do you know how to get your way with me!

GM - METS FAN: One of the nicest and most decent people I ever knew was a Mets fan, also our local minister - till the congregation voted him out. In the summer of '69, he steadfastly predicted that the Mets were going to win the Series from about June on. If I was ever going to believe in miracles, that would have been the time. Now if only he had made that prediction for my Red Sox...

AUS - FRA: Write to me, Kathy. Anything you say... I never did find out if you ever lived in Coldwater, Mi.

FRA - AUS: Since Ger is concentrating on me, if you had half a brain you'd slip into Mun.

AMERICA - GM: If noone could function at the agency, then there must be alot of frustrated males in this game. Will Kathy fill the need?

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Blind Date Press cont. from p.5

GM - AMERICA: An interesting question. I'm sure she could do it if the guys were worth it.

AMERICA - ITALY: Don't show Fra what came up, she'd die laughing.

ITALY - AMERICA: Just because I'm slippery doesn't mean I'm greasy.

MONTEUX: Ladies and gentleman, both of you, and all you rock-n-rollers out there, here comes Dick Dagger and the Stoney Trolls singing their latest hit, "Masturbation"

I can't make no...masturbation
I can't fake no...grand elation

When I'm thumbing thru my zine,
Looking for that centerfold.
I recognize that lady's face.
But she can't be a lady cause she always smokes
That's Kathy staring back at me.

oh, no
I can't make no...masturbation
I can't fake no...grand elation

When I'm scooping on the beach,
Hiding lust behind mirror shades
And checking out all the babes.
There she stands like death on the sand
That's Kathy staring back at me.

I can't get no...

HUNK - CUTIE: Are Eugene and Flushing sister cities? Here I find Mike Ehli has a big crush on Phyllis, and...well, we all know what I have for you.

ENG - GER: Mais oui, Baton Rouge est Francais. And soon cher Kathy will feel the power of mon baton rouge.

GM: Seems the sexual immendo is getting a trifle thick around here. I don't think that I'd better leave a copy of this issue lying around the convent. And Kathy, don't you think you ought to tell Kevin about John? Really, it's getting embarrassing!

PAT - PAUL: Hey, thanks for the green stockings! Green is such a hard color to find! But next time, please send me a clean pair. These are stuck together.

MS.EYRNE - MR.GARDNER: Feel free to come visit me anytime between Aug. 10 - 16, as I'll be in Calif. Just tell my walls your horror stories, that way I am spared the torture of listening.

MR.GARDNER - KATHY: Oh, Kathy! You're just saying that. We all know you're dying with curiosity.

ORYGUN: C'mon Paul, 'fess up. You put that blonde in the last issue for Lu Henry, not for Kathy. Everybody knows Kathy digs those swarthy Mediterranean types.

PAUL - ORYGUN: That's Ed, not Lu. Maybe you ought to write to Austria more often.

AUS - RUS: I still believe in you--I think. Time for some Budweiser...

PAT - PAUL: JC Penney's sent me a credit card and I never even applied. I guess that means they consider me a preferred customer. They also sent me a certificate for a free manicure and pedicure. I wonder if the little cutey who does that makes house calls?

AUS - ITA: If you retreated OTE, we'll get along just fine.

ITA - AUS: Time to get hot.



PAT - KATHY: Hush, chile, I wuznt referring to that thar blind date feller, my pickshur is the one wit me sholdin ma breath.

WORLD - AUS: Conlon is now under control by his Big Brother who will keep His Eye on him.

AMERICA - ENG: Be a good boy and we'll let you untie your pink stockings.

FRA - GER: If I stay even you really are odd!

WORLD - FRA: Put out that red light, you are attracting too many Germans.

AMERICA - GERM: Your soldiers don't pay for services rendered. Get out of France now or pay up.

WORLD - RUSSIA: You are totally unbearable!

AMERICA - ITALY: Send us your poor, your wretched, your down-trodden masses. Our sweatshops need workers.

TIGHE - GM: How come Kathy's blind date looks better than ours?

PAT - PAUL: Who gave you permission to print my picture? I gave that to Coughlan for his mystery photo contest.

--Let's go through the addresses again. We have a bunch of COAs this month again, but this time I will leave them unreduced to make sure they can be read unless the copies get real bad:

Ed Henry 32120 45th Pl. SW#C-5, Federal Way,
Wa. 98023

more blind date COAs on p.7

NNY#8 AUG 7, 1985

more Blind Date COAs + Add-resses:

*Pat Conlon Box 16047 LSU, Baton Rouge, La. 70893

Kathy Byrne 29-10 164th St., Flushing, N.Y. 11358

Stephen Lee 23690 Doane Crk., Sheridan, Or. 97378

*Kevin Tighe 2026 Agate, Eugene, Or. 97403
Stephen Wilcox 5300 W.Gulf Bank#103, Houston, Tx. 77088

*John Crosby 1496 Washington La., West Chester, Pa. 19382

* COAs: if you can't read them, or are not sure call me and I'll pay the cost of the call (this does not mean I'll accept a collect call).

from p.3, Frank Burns press-

FRANK BURNS SHAW

WORLD - PAT: Now that you've "tased" Turkey, watch out for Austria. I can just see him licking his chops.

AMERICA - AUSTRALIA: Who are you trying to kid? You're just sticking France.

TURKEY - GERMANY: The next time you see Olga, remind her that SHE owes ME the \$50. We Turks don't come cheap, you know.

OLGA - TURKEY: I'll take that \$50 and forget about it if you can get that big, handsome, Germany as my sex slave.



Aboard the Royal French Flagship:

The French monarch in exile delivered to the English government a terse summation of current relations between the two nations. "We shall defend our own, whatever the cost may be. We shall never surrender." The message was to be delivered by a young naval attache named Churchill.

LONDON: The Fraternal Union of Cloak and Kiester has claimed responsibility for the latest bombing of a government office here. Their only stated goal is to make every royal Brit heir taste a common man's staff.

NIGHTENGAL - GERMANY: Help! Medic! Somebody gave Turkey a bloody nose. Quick, get some bandages.

TURKEY - ENGLAND: Report on Kiel: We have met the enemy, and they annihilated us! Sigh...

Aboard the SS Deutschland:

German and French diplomats discover common distrust of English. After comparing notes, these diplomats have realized how quickly the English have been to lie to their erstwhile allies. Franco-German alliance agreed to in principle, to establish a united front against any would-be English treachery.

PARIS: Startling Franco-Austrian pact signed! Austrians to train and equip new French army. French naval vessels garrisoned with Austrian troops. Amphibious exercises planned for late next year.

EARN A BILLION! PAY NO TAXES!

This was a topic that I would like to have covered in issue #4/5, but was too busy running around in circles to do. He's busy running around in circles putting issue 8 together, but what the hell? These things have to be done sooner or later.

William Greider covers politics for Rolling Stone and he does a good job. This article reveals what us liberal (bleeding and non-bleeding) hearts knew all along; thanks to Reagan big business is raking in the dough and paying next to nothing in taxes on it. The gist of his report is that he takes a companies annual report and finds out that from '81 to '83 the W.R. Grace and Company made 684 million dollars and paid a modest taxes on it, but sold tax-sheltering benefits to other companies, so that in '82 the company netted 12.5 million off the tax code.

Greider goes on to mention a show down between a congressman and the president of this company. At a hearing in the house budget committee Rep Charles Schumer is telling J. Peter Grace, "...it is wrong and unfair to have large corporations that make millions of dollars of profit each year paying no taxes or even getting a refund from the federal government."

Grace agrees, "I'm with you, why don't you write the tax laws properly?". Schumer comes back with, "...on a volunteer basis, to pay more tax year?", which is obviously not going to work. From this point Greider spreads the blame around between Reagan, Congress and the lobbyists. Congress, of course, will let the "scandal" slide and look the other way.

The most interesting point is from a report a Citizenx for Tax Justice committee that shows that so-called investment incentives are either not working at all, or very poorly. They found that the 50 lowest taxed companies, as a group, cut their capital investment 22%. I could go on and at a later date, I think I will

GANGRENE #1

The one flaw that I saw in "The Cream Shall Rise" was that because of the Linsey vs. Byrne/Tallman feud, certain zines were non-entities in Runestone ^{the} Poll that have done very well in the past. Maybe nonentity is the wrong word. In any case, zines whose biggest fans did not vote suffered and to that extent, the poll suffered as well. To rectify that, I thought of running Terry Tallman's poll representing the anti-Linsey half of the hobby. ^{Side by side with the Runestone} I did not do that, because it did not look like an even deal. Although Terry gives no names or numbers, I doubt that a large fraction of the hobby voted in his poll. Further, there is so much unnecessary feud-talk with the poll that I decided that I needed a special section to run this sort of thing. I leave it to you to draw your own conclusions from these results:

1. The Inner Light, 2. Magus, 3. Feudess, 4. Whitestonia
5. Retaliation, 6. Rebel, 7. Cathy's Ramblings, 8. House of Lords, 9. Europa Express, 10. Bersagliari, 11. Perelandra,
12. No Fixed Address, 13. North Sealth, West George, 14. Coat of Arms, 15. The Concert of Europe, 16. The Prince, 17. Irksome,
18. Politesse, 19. EFGIART, 20. Graustark, 21. Sleepless Knight Knights, 22. Flick of the Wrist, 23. Italiano Pribe, 24. Big Hits of America, 25. The Canadian Diplomat, 26. Appalling Greed
27. Winsome Losesome, 28. Redwood Curtain, 29. Life of Monty 30. Not New York, 31. Cheesecake, 32. Anduin, 33. Zombie Flesh
34. The Diplomacy Review, 35. The Dogs of War, 36. Costaguana 37. Lone Star Diplomat, 38. Who Cares!, 39. Diplomacy World,
40. The Diplomat, 41. Everything, 42. Festungs Hof, 43. Macabre, 44. Murd'ring Ministers, 45. Ouinipique, 46. Liberterrean,
47. Thirty Miles of Bad Road, 48. So I Lied, 49. Excelsior, 50. Feuilletonist's Forum, 51. Hail Jikail, 52. Hansard
53. Midlife Crisis, 54. Diplomacy Digest, 55. The Buzzard's Breath, 56. Electric Penguin, 57. Erewhon, 58. Bushwacker,
59. Fol Si Fie, 60. Hoof and Mouth, 61. Xenogotic, 62. Raging Main, 63. The Orphanage, 64. Enchain Macha, 65. Snafu, 66. The End Justifies the Means, 67. Boast, 68. Give Me a Weapon,
69. Paranoiacs Monthly, 70. Kaissa, 72. Voice of Doom.

Terry's theory is that the Runestone Poll "will ever be a serious endeavor again" is more of a wish or a whim than a logical or reasonable prediction. As for the "Undarkside Poll" as Terry calls it, enjoy now - it may be a one-time thing.



These two cartoons are also from the American Machinist (See p.4 for the other) - a Union news organ.

THE AMARCHELIST #3

By Ron Krukowski

Deter and Wolfgang left the area quickly after the collapse of the bridge. Their faces and arms were covered with scratches and welts from their headlong flight through the underbrush and Wolfgang had lost his hat in the confusion. They made their way back toward the railyard but stopped a short distance away. Something was happening. There was so much activity in the yard. Every light was aglow and bells, whistles and sirens could be heard above the shouting of men and the hissing of live steam. Not wanting to be discovered, but none-the-less curious, they crept closer to get a better look.

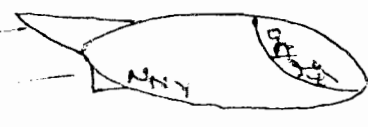
Soldiers were everywhere, rounding up all the local railroad men and the work train, which now included a wrecking crane, was waiting with steam up on track number one. Right behind it was another locomotive hitched to a long string of passenger coaches, a troop train. A couple of ambulances were parked by the station house and medical personnel were loading supplies onto the cars. It seemed readily apparent that word of the disaster had gone out.

As they lay there, concealed in the weeds on the far side of the yard, Deter realized that the time had come to leave Kiel. There was just too much evidence that might connect them to the bridge. He mentioned this to Wolfgang and he agreed. The loss of his hat convinced him. Surely the authorities would come looking for them and this time with a vengeance. Their only hope was to flee. Wolfgang explained that he had some radical friends in Vienna who might be sympathetic to their plight. They could travel by rail to the capital of the dual monarchy. The regular run to Munich was scheduled to depart early the next day. All they had to do was hide in a freight car and wait.

Their planning was suddenly and somewhat rudely interrupted by a rustling in the bushes behind them. Then they heard voices...not too far off. They didn't dare move. Time seemed to stand still as every nerve in their bodies came alive. Then a voice called out, "Hey, over here!"

Thanks, Ron - 2 names -

Maybe next Month? ZELMO



McCarthy is obviously Sen. Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin, leader of the '50s witchhunt for "reds".

The Garden Report - II

I didn't really think I'd have to much to say about my garden this time when I got finished with the last one, because this deadline was just two weeks behind the first G.R. Actually, though I wrote the first one at least a week before I mailed out NNY#7 and before it had even been put together, some fairly major things happened on the garden front. Well, one really - I transplanted a bunch of my tomatoes. Since I started out expecting the worst, I just dumped all the tomatoe seed I owned into two short rows in the garden. Probably 120 or so, eventually germinated. About 6 plants will keep two adults in tomatoes for the six weeks that the plants are producing. I have been thinning the plants - yanking the lesser ones bodily out of the ground to die - right from the start. However when the little suckers started to show some promise I got soft hearted for a while and even went out after dinner on a night that the no-see-ums were ferocious to transplant a bunch of the better prospects that were crowding their neighbors and vice versa. I Started by breaking up some soil for a planting spot, then dug a hell of a hole - 10" deep - for plants that were barely 8 or 10" high to start with. Each hole was filled with water and the plant removed from its original spot with as much of its original soil still with it as possible, plunked down in the bottom of the hole and covered rapidly (those bugs were driving me to hurry). To my surprise, none of the plants showed any sign of wilting or browning or any kind of distress. So now I found myself with about thirty tomatoe plants all growing like crazy and I don't plan to can a single tomatoe, so I got ruthless in a hurry. I'm now "down" to 20 plant plants and any time they cross branches (my yardstick for determining that there is some crowding going on.) I yank a couple more.

Stephen Lee's 'Ole movie tomatoes (I swear, that's the real name. See NNY#3 if you don't believe me.) are leading the way. He didn't know anything about them when he sent them to me and his early report for this year didn't sound too good from his side. Maybe they like Vermont because it has taken them less then 2 months to grow to blossoming and some are now 18" high with pearl size green tomatoes. And boy just look at me talk about my tomatoes! I guess you can tell that I enjoy my garden. This one is beginning to look like it might give me my three favorite garden things: Tomatoes, Watermelon and Corn. While I was away at KabinKon, the watermelon actually started to grow and now there are tiny green watermelons with unopened female flowers formed on one of the vines. Corn ears are also starting to appear beneath the tassels of the corn male flower. By next month I expect to be doing some serious munching.

OF NOTE: Michael Lee has been out for a while just fiddling about, but now The Concert of Europe is back and with Harvey Zaychek (who I've been meaning to plug for some time) and his subz "Subists Corner" in which he's trying to fill a game of Limited Intelligence dip where the game report only tells you where your units are and what adjacent to them and there's no dipping because you don't know who the neighbors are. I'm signed up and looking forward to to it. Mike also has a new subz, Hiroko's Bonsai Notes that looks intriguing. Of course Screen with Bart Aikens, is back.



Mike Lee's Back!

Also of note: The Main Minister, Ron Brown of Murdering Ministers is back in the saddle and hoping to keep his games going smoothly till they finish and then he'll be folding, which coupled with Jim Bumpas' announcement to fold Lib (about a mo. ago) will leave the west coast seeming a bit emptier.

IN THIS ISSUE: Blind Date generated an incredible amount of press this issue as games were spread over five pages; Ron Krukowski came up with yet another Anarchist story; and Mike Ehli's vicious lampoon of NNY is revealed in all it's infamy on p.4; Somewhere around here I'm hopefully going to have room for the second Garden Report; my week at Lake George in NY with Bruce Linsey gets looked at closely and Terry Tallman's "Underkside Poll" gets exposed in Gangrene#1.

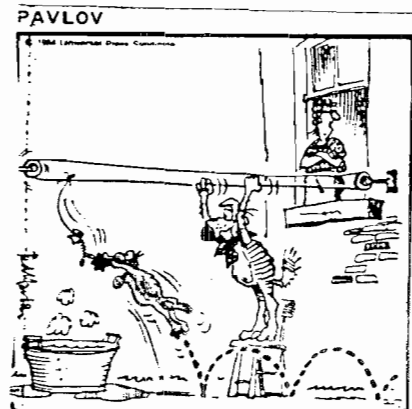
Next time may be two weeks away with another reading issue or it may be a regular one in four. In any case there should be a letter column in there somewhere.

Kabin Kon '85

Just 10 feet from me my intended victim was standing on the rocky path that lead from our cabin down to the beach. There was a nice cooling breeze coming off the lake through the pines above and around us that muffled the sound of my approach. My victim was really lucky that I had a good, proper upbringing. I did the humane thing. As he was helpless there before me with no protection from my knife - I aimed for the heart, and he was on to the next world before his body had even slumped to the ground....

Well, this is the sort of thing I think about when someone says "Kon" or "Con". However, this "Kon" was more of a vacation from the hobby and games playing in general than to it. It started back in May when I first got here from Oregon. Bruce Linsey called me from his place in Dalton and asked if I would be interested in spending part of two weeks at a cabin on Lake George in NY. Now, this next line is supposed to say: "I never dreamed what I was getting myself into.". Actually the opposite is true. It was a very sedate vacation and the only thing that ties it to the hobby for me was Bruce's presence and the fact that I brought all my dip files with me and actually tried to catch up on some of my game correspondence. It was a waste of time as the distractions were numerous. In fact it would be more appropriate to say that the dip was distracting me from the real business at hand - which was having a good time.

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"Remember saying it would be worth five bucks to get the cat bathed?"

