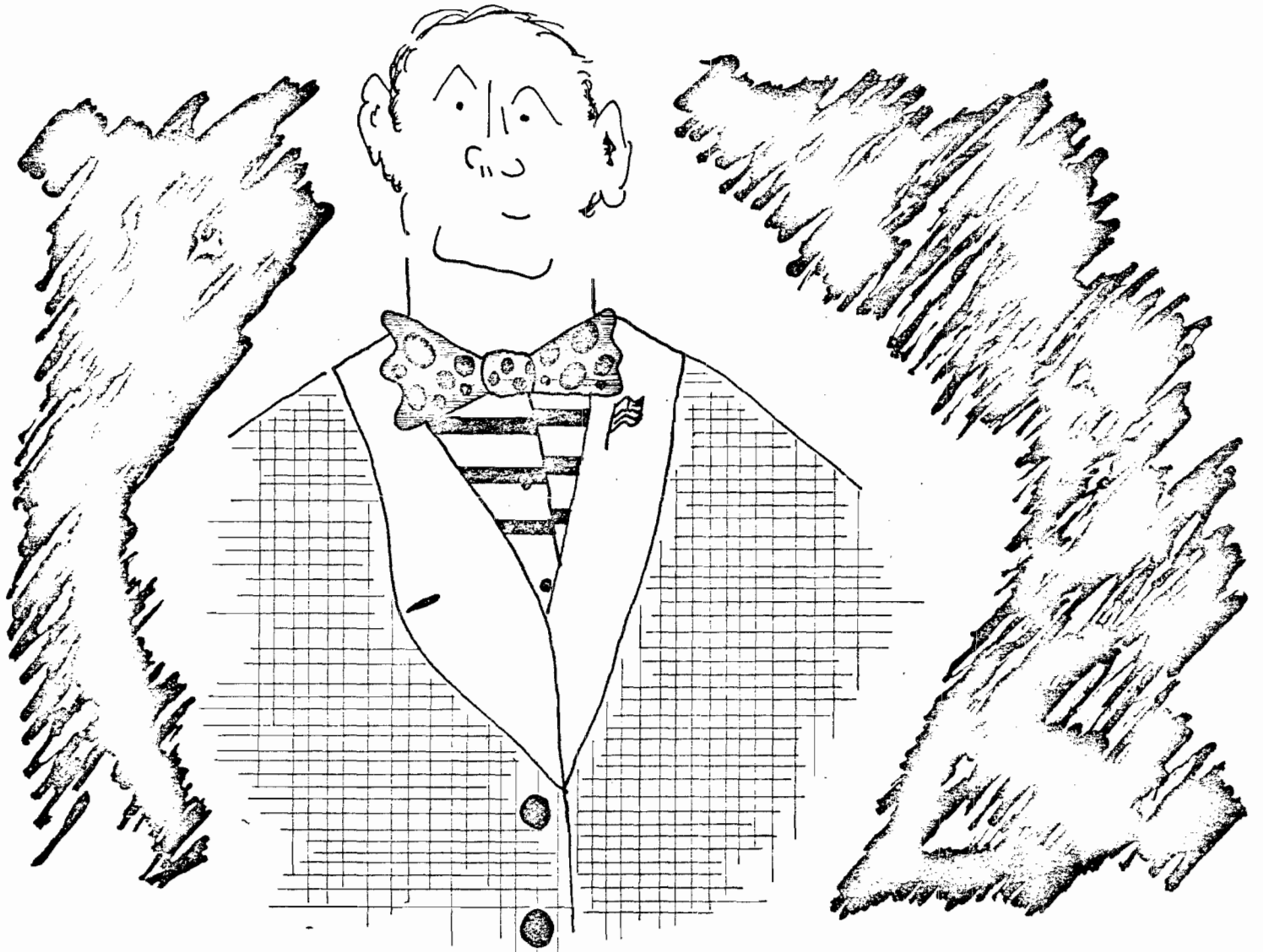


North Sealth, West George

ISSUE No. 10 A PLACE, A CONCEPT AND
NOW THE JOYS OF UNEMPLOYMENT



"WELL MR. McHALSKI, AS YOU KNOW OUR FIRM IS ALL WOMEN, AND ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING, PLUS SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE AND ARE WILLING TO WORK FOR LESS THAN THE TOP-FEMALE APPLICANT WE REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DECIDE WHICH OF YOU TO HIRE SO WE'VE HAD TO DECIDE ON A WAY TO BREAK THE TIE.

WE'VE ALWAYS FOUND MEN TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE OFFICE, YOU TAKE MORE SICK LEAVE, YOU'RE TEMPERMENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DURING... DURING... WELL, I GUESS YOU WON'T BE OFFENDED IF I SAY- 'FOOT BALL SEASON'.

ANYWAY, I LIKE YOUR SPUNK IN APPLYING FOR THE POSITION WE HAVE, SO IF YOU WOULD- ROLL UP YOUR SLACKS AND SHOW ME YOUR LEGS."

MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT

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MOS EISLEY is a roving subline of assorted ramblings put out to entertain or irritate the hobby by John Michalski, R: 10 Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. Subs are available by subbing to everything in the hobby except LE FRAUD and GRAUSTARK, which are about the only two places you won't see this, if for very different reasons. Of course with all the lies that are Tretick's stock in trade, he could probably fake one of these like he has so much else....

Normally, I run a letter or two, a sick joke or three, and some hobby news and political commentary. This time, though, Terry has asked for something of a theme issue, regarding unemployment. Sad to say, I am all too familiar with this affliction, having held three jobs in the last two dozen months, for various reasons. This last one at least was a straight layoff, instead of the other two which were basically forced firings for doing what was best for my employer instead of covering up for some incompetent Controller or similar jerkoff.

The one bad thing I have noticed isn't so much the loss of money coming in, since unlike most people, I have never been one to live on a straight "check to check" basis. In fact, after three months on unemployment (which used up all my eligibility in Okla), I still have part of my final bonus check from last year in a nextegg account somewhere as a final reserve. Others would have had to sell the house in February. No, even with only \$197 a week coming in as unemployment, we got by. (This was about a 60% drop, I believe). Offsets were, no commuting/parking/meal/clothing expense for sitting at home collecting UEC; no more eating out, which we used to do about 2-5 times a week; and a general cutback in money that you normally fart away (Diplomacy and the like). So no, money isn't that big a thing right away. What IS upsetting is the uncertainty of what will come next. Mortgage, credit cards, car payments and such are constant, and you have a very limited amount of time in which to come up with something to cover them. You don't sleep well at all—I still don't sleep as well as I should, 4 months after the fact—because you don't know what will happen, where you'll go, on and on. Will you have to move? Find a job elsewhere, or just go to a cheaper place? By using savings to cover the difference between income and expenses, MOST of which are fixed, you just sit back and see everything you worked for over the last nine years (more, really) go right down the tubes. And you can't do anything about it. Oh, if you live in Michigan, you can sit back and say "if I was in the Sunbelt, all would be well", but when you are already here and know the truth, that things are fucked up all over, you're out of luck. There is no one you can attack, envy, pray to, visit, vote for, write to, or cuss out that will do you one damn bit of good. You just answer every agency ad in the paper for 2 or 3 months until you figure out that they don't have anything and aren't worth bothering with anymore. (Formerly, most professional jobs were filled exclusively through fee-paid agencies. But now, why pay a fee if you are an employer? And, nobody's hiring anyhow). I lucked into a temporary job I now have at Tinker Air Force Base here which ought to last until September. Then I hope the Air Force Reserve will put me on an active-duty school assignment 130 miles from here for 4 months after Oct 1. I rejoined the reserves after many years out, and picked up my old E6 right back, another luck-out. At the rate people are joining up, this opportunity won't last long, but I hope it will cover me until early 1984 when I can go back on UEC again and await the Trickle-Down to get to me (or await the Second Coming, which will be about the same time...). Overall, the experience has taught me a few nasty lessons about our system of what we euphemistically call "government". For one thing, much as I despise liberals, their complaints that welfare programs are administered degradingly (and I consider UEC welfare, despite what they say) is totally true. The whole system is designed to enforce dependency. E.g., if I have any parttime earnings, I lose dollar-for-dollar except for \$7 a week! Shit, why bother working then, unless you can gross enough over \$300 a week (\$200 takehome) to make it worth your while to work at all? It ought to be that your first \$100/week is yours free, and earnings beyond that cut away one-for-two or so. That would encourage you to at least take a nightclerk spot for extra money while you use days for jobhunting for something serious. But as it is, forget it.

Then there is another welfare joke, the "safety net" we all have. Ever hear of foodstamps? Right. Big bucks, free for the asking, right? Well, not for whites anyhow! I go in there and the sonofabitches say, "Oh, you're drawing maximum unemployment; you make TOO MUCH MONEY for a family of four to qualify"! I guess all the bucks are used up by some black bitch with her 16 kids (with 16 last names and no husband), so if a white man comes along and says, 'hey, I'm out of work with no opportunity to change that soon', all they can do is wish you luck. 'Get back out there and pay taxes again so we can keep on paying the folks who are our regular customers in welfare'. Sad fucking joke. My total UEC this year is almost exactly one third of what the federal government withheld from my income (not counting the social security ripoff) last year, but living on unemployment, I'm "making too much money" for help when I need it. Guess how big a supporter of welfare I am these days?

But back to unemployment. I originally went into accounting because, as an employment agency type once said, accounting is needed in every kind of business. True. An oil company, a furniture store, its all the same. Trouble is, when ALL business across the board is affected, Accounting is a great place to start making cuts. And as small businesses close down and middle and biggies cut back, they are ALL dumping accounting types on the market. So much for that plan. I guess the only safe route is to be a career military man, or get into the Post Office or a federal judgeship. There you can fuck off and be paid well for it, forever. The main difference between communism and capitalism one can see in the jobs area is that under Communism, the State is the only employer, but conversely, the State is therefore responsible for giving everyone a job. Under our free capitalist society (sure...), the government is as close to controlling the economy as is true in the other camp, but maintains the charade of 'freedom'. So when screwups cause an economic collapse, the individual worker is shit out of luck. He's on his own. Chrysler or the big banks can get a government bailout, but when the steel plant you worked at for 32 years closes up and dies, you are "free" to pursue whatever new career 50 year old steelworkers can find in a small PA or OH town... Oh, real freedom is nice alright; it's just that you are NOT free to run a business as you might like, you are only subject to all the "free" penalties. No wonder so few try. Ever try to drill a gas well and sell your product for what YOU think its worth? Or buy a truck and try to make it as an Independent? Or enforce a patent in the western district? Might as well try to start your own phone company .Or farm.

Well, enough of the bitterness. I get disgusted every time I think about it. It's not so much the way things are, it's the inability of the citizen to do anything real about it.

One thing you can do is to plan to come to PUDGECON II in Wichita the week-end of Aug 12-14. Almost all the bigname celebrity types are making backoffish sounds--Byrne, Coughlan--so I will be the only real hobby celebrity in attendance. However, that still makes it well worth your while, unless you are unemployed yourself. (And that's true of at least three other hobbyists I can name right now, plus many others unknown or dropped out). See Bob Olsen in the flesh, and it will bring a smile to your face. Maybe outright laughter! I opened his door last year when Kathy B showed up with her entourage, and she almost barfed right there on the stoop. Don't miss the excitement, the adventure, the Diet Shasta strawberry soda! Mark your calendar today!

Mark Berch Dept.: Springtime usually comes to Oklahoma the first week of February. Well, the bitter 30s-type cold did break, but not by much. Overnight lows still touch towards freezing, although we have had a couple of hot days. But damn few. It's almost May as I type this, and I'm still scrounging up wood for our fireplace insert to heat hhis damn place. I certainly can't afford \$200 electric bills. Without heating, this last one was a mere \$114. Country living is great. I keep telling myself that. Maybe we could get one of those nice quiet little places Israel is selling on the occupied west bank, hey?

Lots of publishers are afraid of white space, but not me. Watch this: J. M.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE DIP HOBBY BY JIM BURGESS

The President says the recession is nearly over but our hobby is still plagued by its vicious effects. Some say that the biggest problem in our hobby at the moment is feuds (some say there are too many, others say there are too few, yet others say they're no fun any more, and still others are too busy feuding to care). Other people say the hobby's biggest problem is polls and how to run them (these people are good candidates for the Mark Berch Memorial Pearl Diving Society). Other people are concerned about the demise of too many of the funszines in the hobby (witness the recent loss of DBM and JAF, as well as the hibernation of TSS). It seems to me that we should take this last issue to heart and smoke it for awhile to see if it burns clean. I would like to take just one sub-issue involved in the proliferation (or lack thereof) of funszines and look at how the hobby is affected by it - - - unemployment.

Like most issues there are at least two sides to the effect of unemployment on the dip hobby. I shall limit my discussion to two issues for the sake of brevity. I know that the average attention span of the average NSWG subber is disgustingly short. This problem is caused mostly by Terry's open ended subbing policy, not to mention the drag of Jack Masters' subbers (fortunately, we lose them and their monstrously boring variants soon).

Anyway, the first issue is obvious. How can the hobby continue when subbers and pubbers keep losing their jobs? We all know of Michalski's sad plight, lost in the dust bowl of Oklahoma, hardly a bite to eat, throat parched from lack of water . . . Dear sweet Cathy Cunning still hunts high and low for a job that will allow her to find enough cash to visit her handsome elvish lover at Dipcon and (one hopes) Pudgecon too (or should that be two). Meanwhile she must live in a commune with half starved and completely crazed veggie types while the last crumbs of her savings dwindle away (of course preppie Valley Girls never Quite go broke . . .). And I haven't even mentioned the harried publisher of our very own North Sealath, West George, Terry Tallman. His plight should be well known by now to all my fellow subbers (send your renewal checks and donations now!). Yes, and even I return to the wilds of Rhode Island, jobless, nearly destitute, and only one step away from the bread line at the church. Not only that but the recession causes others of us to take jobs we'd rather not have. Witness poor Bernie and his now famous (but still nameless) "asshole supervisor". What are we ever going to do without Le Front to kick around any more? It could take Bernie years to think up a new pseudonym and set up appropriate maildrops to cloud his return. I recall Al Pearson making similar apologies when Just Among Friends folded. Do we need a sharp upturn in the economy to get this hobby going again? What's the answer? Scottie Hanson has tried to get the President interested in our precarious situation by signing on Mr. Reagan as a standby in Irksome, but has it done any good? Have any bills been introduced

in Congress to grant us emergency relief? NO! Well that brings me to the second issue . . . what happens if the economy turns up and we all get our jobs back?

Heaven? NO! Disaster!! Why? Let's take Michalski as an example. Since he lost his job, what's changed? We see more Mos Eisley Spaceports than ever before! Why? Because he has the time to do them as well as the inclination (the need to get free issues from the pubbers). Why if poor John gets a job he may drop out of the hobby forever and then where would we be? All you have to do if you want to hear from John is send him a stamp and he'll be sure to send you a postcard in return (I did!). In doing so you will multiply the effect of your action because John will use your stamp to hobby superstars like the In-6 (a secret no name (no one knows who they are) society of well known hobbyists who think they run this hobby but have all the influence and sense of the fleas trying to live on the top of Mark Berch's head) and you'll get your very own cheap run-of-the-mill Postal Service issue 13c postcard. What more could you ask for? What do you think will happen to Cathy's Ramblings if she gets a job? Between worshipping Roger Gloverson (or whoever) and writing daily letters to her heartthrob in Chicago where will she find time to balance all that with a job too? Easy, she won't write to those of us out here hanging on every word that pours from those golden lips! And God forbid if Terry ever picks up some honest employment . . . Do you really think that I'd have time to write this article now if my job obligations hadn't ended yesterday? Of course not!

So what's a hobby to do? We need money to survive but we can't afford the time that jobs take up. The answer? A rich hobby benefactor who could make grants to szines and players based on how much fun they were or how many game openings they offered. Just think of the controversy it would stir up . . . "I'm sorry Brux, those house rules have to go or I'm going to give the ten thousand dollar grant for zit faced pubber development to Peery. He promised to give the kids a good clean education." And that's just the start. Think of the contest prizes that our sponsor could grant. One way tickets for two to Wichita, Kansas, a week alone with the hobby sex ghod, gold plated Dip sets, and the grand prize of a one year sub to every szine published in North America with an option to buy on the rest of the world. Are there any volunteers? It's a job filled with controversy, power, responsibility, and opportunities for advancement. The advantage to the rest of us would be that as long as we wrote interesting press, interesting articles, and published good szines we'd never have to work again. Boardman should go crazy over this idea! Oh well, it's an idea anyway. Comments and proposals welcome.

YES, BOYS & GIRLS, BEING UNEMPLOYED IS A DRAG. I'VE BEEN OUT OF WORK SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER. PRIOR TO THAT AND THROUGH THE PRESENT WASHINGTON HAS BEEN SECOND ONLY TO MICHIGAN IN TOTAL % OF EMPLOYMENT. SO WHEN YOU FINALLY DECIDE THAT YOU'RE NOT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE FIND WORK IN YOUR OWN FIELD YOU START TO LOOK AROUND. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, JOBS OUT THERE. BUT YOU AND 73 OTHER PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT EXPERIENCE SEND YOUR RESUME. AND YOU DON'T HEAR ANYTHING.

YOU KEEP APPLYING FOR JOBS IN YOUR SKILL BUT YOU MEET PEOPLE WITH MASTERS AND DOCTORAL DEGREES APPLYING FOR THE SAME ENTRY LEVEL POSITION AS YOU. AND THEN WHEN YOU FIND A POSITION YOU'VE GOT 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE FOR YOU FIND THEY Hired SOME BODIES NEPHEW. AND EVERYONCE IN A WHILE YOU GET A LITTLE DISCOURAGED SO YOU DO THE ONLY MATURE THING POSSIBLE... TAKE A SIX PACK OUT IN THE BACK YARD AND TALK TO THE SQUIRRELS.

UNLIKE OKLAHOMA THE BENEFITS HERE LAST A FULL YEAR SO I DON'T NEED TO PANIC FOR ANOTHER MONTH OR SO. BUT I WOULD NEVER HAVE SURVIVED IF I'D HAD TO SUPPORT ANYONE ELSE. I LIVE WITH A YOUNGER BROTHER OF MINE WHO CAN AFFORD TO WRITE ME OFF AS A LIVE-IN GARDENER.

BUT FOR THE OTHER FOLKS LIFE ISN'T SO EASY. THE SEATTLE WATER FRONT HAS ALWAYS HAD A HIGH NUMBER OF TRANSIENTS. BUT OVER THE LAST YEAR WE'VE SEEN A NEW CHANGE AT THE SOUP LINES AND MISSIONS-FAMILIES. IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR A FAMILY TO BE OUT OF WORK AS WELL AS BEING INELIGIBLE FOR AID FROM THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. AND THESE ARE "NEW" POOR. PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS HAD JOBS, WHO'VE NEVER HAD TO RELY ON ANY ONE TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS OR THEIR KIDS FED. THEY OFTEN SPEND ALL THEIR SAVINGS BEFORE APPLYING FOR BENEFITS. AND THEN THEY REALIZE THAT WELFARE, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND FOOD STAMPS DON'T ALLOW THEM TO KEEP UP CAR AND HOUSE PAYMENTS. THEY WIND UP LOSING THEIR EQUITY THAT THEY'VE BUILT UP.

REMEMBER ALL THE STORIES YOUR GRANDPARENTS TOLD YOU ABOUT THE "GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 30'S"? WELL, WE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL OUR OWN GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT THE DEPRESSION OF THE 80'S.

AND THEN ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END. THE SECTION OF THIS ABOVE WAS WRITTEN OVER A WEEK AGO. SINCE THEN I'VE TAKEN THE STATE REAL ESTATE EXAM. I PASSED IT BUT IT WAS A BITCH. SO I'M NOW A LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENT. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS YOU DON'T GET PAID UNTIL YOU SELL SOMETHING.

MAY BE I'LL DO AN ISSUE ON THE JOYS OF POLYESTER.

THE ECONOMY OUT HERE IS STILL THE PITS BUT HOUSING SALES & STARTS ARE UP. MY NEW BOYS SEEMS PRETTY EXCITE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A SIGNIFICANT JUMP IN THE MARKET. WE'LL SEE.

FOR ME THIS IS A FAIRLY MAJOR CAREER CHANGE. I'VE WORKED AS AN ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, PRIMARILY FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING FIRMS.

THE OFFICIAL N.S.W.G. HOUSE RULES MAY 1983

1. SPRING 1901 ORDERS IN THE EVENT OF AN NMR SHALL BE:

AUSTRIA A BUD-SER, A VIE-H, F TRI-ALB
ENGLAND A LVP-YOR, F EDI-NWG, F LON-NOR
FRANCE F BRE-MAD, A MAR-SPA, A PAR-PIG
ITALY A VEN-H, A ROM-APU, F NAP-ION
GERMANY F KIE-DEN, A MUN-RUH, A BER-KIE
RUSSIA F SEV-RUM, A MOS-LIKR, F STP-BOT, A WAR-H
TURKEY A CON-BUL, A SMI-H, F ANK-CON

2. DRAW VOTES AND CONCESSIONS MUST BE UNANIMOUS.

3. DRAWS NEED NOT INCLUDE ALL SURVIVORS.

4. NO PLAYER MAY VOTE AGAINST A CONCESSION TO HIS OR HER POSITION.

5. PRESH IS GRAY EXCEPT MICHALSKI'S WHICH IS DINGY GRAY.

6. THE EDITOR RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EDIT.

7. FUEDS IN N.S.W.G. ALWAYS INCLUDE THE EDITOR.

8. PRESH MAY NOT IMPLY ANOTHER PLAYERS BY LINE.

9. IF I CAN'T READ IT, IT'S UNORDERED.

10. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9 P.M. ON DEADLINE DAY.

11. THE G.M. IS ALWAYS RIGHT.

A. IF YOU DISAGREE TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR MOM AND SEND ME A CHOICE OF THREE OMBUDSPERSONS-PREFERABLY FROM THE OMBUDSPERSON SERVICE LIST.

12. IF YOU ABUSE THE G.M. HE'LL ABUSE AND VICE VERSA.

13. QUOTING ANY BODDY'S HOUSE RULES WILL BE AMUSING AT WORST.

14. FAILURE TO VOTE ON A CONCESSION OR DRAW VOTE WILL EQUAL A YES VOTE AFTER 1905.

15. YOU MAY IDENTIFY PLAYERS YOU DON'T WISH TO PLAY AGAINST.

16. FOOLING THE G.M. WILL BE MARVELLED AT.

17. GETTING CAUGHT WILL BE DEALT WITH ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

18. JAMES WATT IS NEVER AN EXCUSE.

19. REAGAN OR GLENN IN 84? I'D RATHER VOTE FOR MARK BERTH.

20. LISTING THE G.M. AS A RECIPIENT OF A NOT-FOR-PRINT LETTER AND NOT SUPPLYING G.M. WITH NAME WILL RESULT IN RUDE PRESH ABOUT YOUR HAMSTER.

THE YAWNER POLL

THE VOTING HAS BEEN A LITTLE SLUGGISH BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL ALL HAVE DECIDED WHO TO ABUSE BY JUNE 15TH. JUST LIKE THE OTHER POLLS GRUDGE VOTES ABOUND. FEW SURPRISES AND A COUPLE OF NAMES I DON'T KNOW. BUT IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS POLL FROM BEING TOTALLY BOGUS-VOTE! AND VOTE FOR AS MANY PEOPLE OR SZINES AS YOU WISH TO HONOR. SIMPLY RANK THEM NUMERICALLY.

MOST BORING SZINE MOST BORING PLAYER MOST BORING PUBBER
MOST BORING SUBSZINE MOST OBNOXIOUS HOBBY MEMBER
MOST OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE HOBBY HOBBY PEARL DIVER

THE RINESTONE POLL

THIS ONE GETS THE MOST COVERAGE BUT IS ALMOST AS VALID AS THE YAWNER. YOU VOTE FOR ANY SZINE OR SUBSZINE YOU'VE SEEN AT LEAST TWO COPIES OF. YOU ALSO VOTE FOR ANY G.M.'S YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH. RATE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING ON THE EVER POPULAR 1 TO 10 SCALE- 1 IS THE PITS, 10 IS DAMN SWELL. THIS IS A POPULARITY CONTEST. STAY TUNED AND SEE REPUTATIONS MADE AND HEARTS BROKEN. IF LUCK HOLDS TRUE N.S.W.G. WILL BE NEAR THE MIDDLE HOME PLACE.

I ALREADY SENT MY BALLOT IN. I VOTED FOR 37 G.M.'S. WHILE I HADN'T PLAYED UNDER ALL OF THEM I FELT I KNEW THEM WELL ENOUGH TO RATE THEM. I GAVE NINE G.M.'S THE COVETED 10. I RATED 8 AT 5 OR LESS AND OF THAT GROUP 2 RECEIVED THE DREADED 1.

I VOTED FOR 37 SZINES AND ONLY GAVE ONE 10, TO THE DEFUNCT "DIP BY MOONLIGHT". THREE RECEIVED A 5 OR LOWER. ONLY "THE PINK DRAGON" GOT A 1.

SIX SUB-SZINES, A LONE 10 AND THE ONLY ONE BELOW 5 RATED A 1.

SO BASED ON MY OWN VOTE TWO DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS ARE POSSIBLE. EITHER IT'S A LOT EASIER TO BE A GOOD G.M. THAN PUT OUT A NIFTY SZINE,

DR SZINES ARE RARELY PERFECT IN ANYONE'S EYES EXCEPT THE FUBBER'S MDM!

CATHY SENT COPIES OF THE LAST ISSUE OF THIS TO SEVERAL OF HER ENGLISH TOADIES. THIS CAUSED SOME CONFUSION APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE ONLY TWO SZINES MOST OF THEM SEE ARE "VOICE OF DOOM" AND "EUROPA EXPRESS!"

LITTLE DID THEY REALIZE THAT A BIG WORD COUNT AND TOADY LETTERS DON'T HAVE TO BE THE SOLE CONTENT OF AN AMERICAN SZINE. ON THE OTHER HAND MY OWN LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH HOBBY SHOWS THAT THEY ARE AS DIVERGENT, STYLISTICALLY, AS WE ARE.

THEY DO, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, HAVE A BERNIE DAKLYN-TYPE AFFAIR OF THEIR OWN. IT SEEMS CHRIS STEADMAN, A PLAYER, GOT 3 FRIENDS - NON-DID TYPES I ASSUME - TO SIGN UP FOR A GAME WHICH HE ALSO SIGNED UP FOR. SEEMS HE WROTE EVERYBODY'S ORDERS FOR A WHILE. EVENTUALLY THE SITUATION FELL APART FOR SOME REASON. THIS WAS INTERESTING TO ME BECAUSE MR. STEADMAN ALSO PLAYS IN THE ENGLISH VERSION OF "TRIBES OF CRANE". I KNOW - WHOOPES!!

I'VE MANAGED TO FINISH A FEW MORE GAMES. GOT MY DOORS BLOWN OFF IN IRKSOME BY DON DITTER AND THE LOVELY JIMMY WALL. I THINK PUTS ME DOWN TO ABOUT A DOZEN. I'VE STILL GOT A FEW DOG-STANDBYS. MAYBE I'LL START WRITING LETTERS WHEN A COUPLE MORE FINISH.

IT'S 11:15 P.M., SUNDAY MAY 22 AND I'M LISTENING TO THE DR. DEMENTO SHOW ON KZOK, A LOCAL P.M. STATION. EARLIER WATCHED "STAR WARS" FOR THE UNMTEENTH TIME AND THE LATEST EPISODE OF "THE PAPER CHASE".

SOME OLD CREECH & CHONG AND ASSORTED WEIRD SHIT.

SCOTTER HANSON HAS BEEN DOING SMALL REVUES OF ALL THE SZINES HE GETS. FOR THE MOST PART I AGREE WITH HIM, AND THAT BRINGS UP AN IDEA.

WE HAVE THE SZINE DIRECTORY AS WELL AS TWO DIFFERENT OPENINGS LISTINGS. BUT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE NO ONE HAS SEEN FIT TO DO AN ON GOING REVIEW OF CURRENT SZINES.

THERE ARE OF COURSE SEVERAL PROBLEMS SUCH A REVIEWER WOULD FACE. THE MOST DISCOURAGING WOULD BE THE HEAT DERIVED FROM NEGATIVE REVIEWS. A RECENT SERIES OF REVIEWS WAS BEGUN IN EITHER RETALIATION OR G.M.A.W., I FORGET WHICH. A MAJOR PROBLEM WAS THAT THE REVIEWER WAS ANONYMOUS AND HIS REVIEWS HAD SOME BITE. PEOPLE REVIEWED WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO KICK THE MASKED REVIEWER IN THE TEETH. OBVIOUSLY AN "HONEST" REVIEWER HAS PROBLEMS.

SO IT WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY THAT WE'LL EVER SEE AN EFFORT AT REAL CRITICISM IN DIP-PUBLISHING. AT LEAST UNTIL WE STUMBLE ACROSS SOMEONE IMMUNE TO FLIES AND SUB-CUTS.

THE BOTTOM-LINE HERE IS I'D LOVE TO SEE IT DONE BY SOMEONE. I AM NOT PREPARED TO EXPOSE MY OWN BUTT IN SUCH A MANNER, HOWEVER.

FOR YOU SICK-PRESS FANS THE LOVELY BOB OSUCH IS RUNNING ANOTHER "MAD'S MURDERS" GAME. IT'S ON A TWO WEEK SCHEDULE AND THE PLAYERS RECIEVE IT BY FLYER. A ROUND-UP IS DOWN EVERY 5 WEEKS IN EUROPA EXPRESS.

WHAT IS MAKING IT MEMORABLE IS THE PRESS. THE GAME INCLUDES MIKE MAZZER, PAT CONLON, BRAD WILSON, GARY COUGHLAN, AND ONE OF THE HOBBY'S BEST KEPT SECRETS - THE MENAGE-A-TROIS OF MICHALSKI, ERIC OZOG AND CATHY CUNNING.

IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD BUT A LOT OF THE HUMOUR IS COUCHED IN SEXUAL TERMINOLOGY THAT CATHY IS UNFAMILIAR WITH. SO SHE SHOWS UP HERE WANTING ME TO EXPLAIN WHY MUFF MUNCHIES ARE FUNNY AND JUST WHAT THE SIGNIFICANCE IS IN RELATIONSHIP TO HER POTENTIAL CAREER AS A GEISHA. A LOT OF THE TIME IT APPEARS SHE UNDERSTANDS THE MECHANICS OF WHAT'S BEING SAID BUT SHE ISN'T REAL SURE THAT MY INTERPRETATION IS WHAT THIS MERRY BAND OF PERVERTS REALLY MEANT.

(DR. DEMENTO IS PLAYING MONTY PYTHON'S "LUMBER JACK SONG")

OKAY. HERE IS THE WHITE SPACE MICHALSKI PROMISED YOU AT THE END OF MOS EISLEY.

NHWG 1-1982 H.S. THE HOT SHIT GAME

AUSTRIA-BASSETT: A GAL 5 GER A SIL-WAR
F AEG 5 A BUL-LON, A SER-
 BUL, A BUD-SER

ENGLAND-RAUTERBERG: F LON-WAL, F EDI 5 RU5
 F NWY-NTH, A LVP FLIPS THE BIG BIRD TO
 FRANCE IE HOLDS

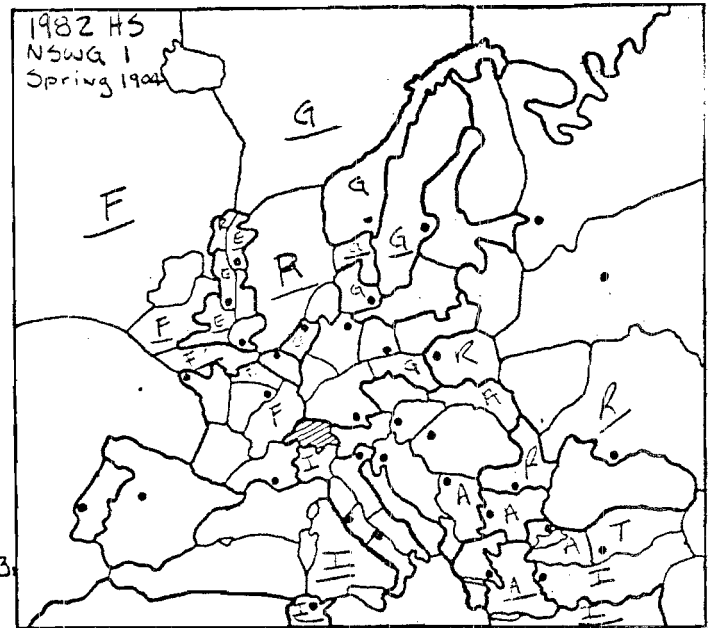
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LON, F NAO-LIV, F IRI 5 F NAO-LIV

GERMANY-STAFFORD: BUILD A KIE; A SIL-WAR, A
SWE-NWY, F NWG 5 F SKA 5 A SWE-NWY,
 F BAL-SWE, A KIE-DEN, A BEL-HOL

ITALY-BUMPAS: BUILD F NAP; A SMY 5 AU5 A BUL-
 CON, F EAS 5 A SMY, A VEN-PIE, F ION-TUN,
 F NAP-TYN

RUSSIA-QUIRK: RETREAT F SWE OTB; A CLY 5 ENG
 A LIV, F NTH-LON, F NWY-NTH DR BAR, STP(NC) OTB,
A RUM-GAL, A WAR 5 A RUM-GAL, F SEV-RUM

TURKEY-PALTERZ: R F 5 YR OTB; B A ANKIA-ANK-MS
 A CON (SNUFFED)



PRES:

FRANCE TO RUSSIA: RUSSIANS IN ENGLAND? IVAN GO HOME! YOU CAN'T BECOME MY ALLIE
 BY INTERFERING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON TO PARIS: NOW THAT TURKEY IS ALMOST GONE WHERE DO YOU THINK ITALY WILL
 GO? AREN'T YOU A LITTLE OUT OF POSITION TO DEFEND YOURSELF?

LONDON TO BERLIN: AREN'T THE AUSTRO-ITALIANS GOING TO HAVE ANY OPPOSITION WHATSOEVER?

LONDON TO ROME: IF THE RUSSIANS HELP ME OUT I'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD THE FROGGIE
 TO NO BUILDS AGAIN THIS YEAR. BUT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ATTACK HIM WHERE
 ELSE ARE YOU GOING TO GO? MOST GM'S DON'T ALLOW FLEETS TO GO TO MOSCOW.
 YOUR LACK OF WRITING IN THIS GAME IS APPALLING. BY THE WAY, DID YOU EVEN
 BOTHER TO READ MY LETTERS.

**NHWG 2-1982 IA THE LEFRONT TOADY'S
 GRAND PRIX**

AUSTRIA-SHERWOOD: A TRI-VEN, A VIE-TYO, A BUD-
 TRI, A BER-SIL, A GAL 5 TUR A RUM-UKR,
 F GRE 5 TUR F CON-AEG

ENGLAND-OLSEN: F LON-ENG, A LVP-EDI, F BRE-MAO,
 F EDI-NWG, A STP-MOS, F BAR-H, F SWE H

FRANCE-MICHALSKI: F SPA(SC) 5 A BUR-MAR, A BUR-
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GERMANY-DZOG: F PIC-BEL, A MUN-BUR, A KIE-BER,
 A HOL-RUH, A DEN-KIE

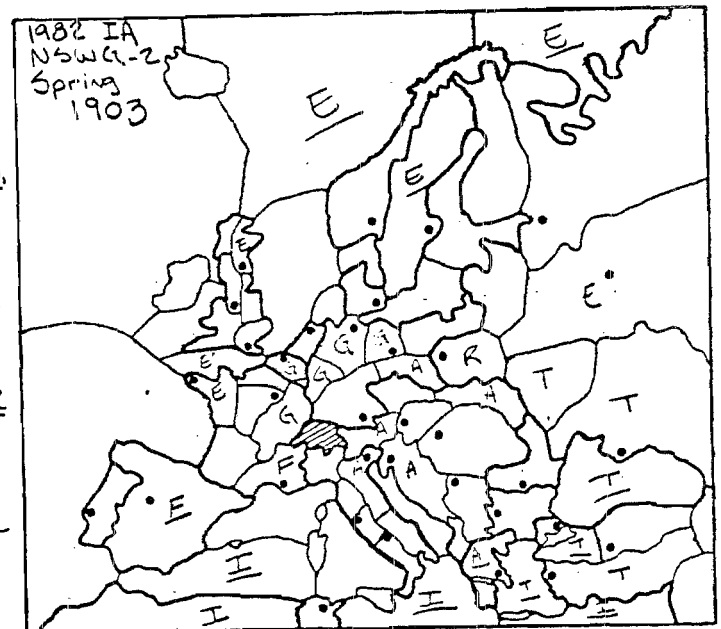
ITALY-BURGESS: F WES-MAO, F ION-AEG, F EAS 5 F
ION-AEG, A TUN-NAF, A MAR 5 GER A MUN-BUR
 D R PIE, GAS, OTB;

RUSSIA-BYRNE: A UKR 5 A WAR 5 ENG A STP-
MOS (A UKR SNUFFED)

TURKEY-SCHAUBERT: F CON-AEG, F AEG-ION, F SEV-
BLA, A ARM-SEV, A RUM-UKR, A SMY H

COA DAVE SCHAUBERT P.S.C. BOX 3066
 CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CA. 95337

JAMES-BOB BURGESS BOX B PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02912



PRES:

FRANCE: WE HEARTILY WELCOME THE CZARINA, JUST AS WE CONDEMN THE OUTGOING
 FARCE OF A PLAYER LEAVING THAT THRONE. IN TRUETH TRUETH TRADITION HE LEAVES
 NOT WITH A BANG BUT A SNIVEL. SO TOO SHOULD IT BE FOR HIS WHIMPERING LACKY HERE,
 JIM-BOOB, AND THE MISGUIDED AND MISTYBRAINED KAISER. FRANCE HANGS ON TO SEE
 WHAT IT CAN OF THE FUTURE, HOPEFULLY A FUTURE OF LITTLE PROMISE FOR THESE TWO.

CHICAGO-NEW YORK: ARE YOU GOING TO BOTHER ME IN THIS GAME TOO, BAG LADY?

SEATTLE TO WICHITA: I APOLOGISE MOST PROFUSELY BUT YOUR PRES GOT LOST IN
 MY OFFICE. I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHY BIFFY HAS SO MANY KNICKNAMES.

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: NO, I'M NOT IN HIBERNATION. BUT WE NEED NOT POINT OUT THAT ANY KUCH RUNTY DICKLICK AS THE LATE, GAMENAME PLAYER WOULD NATURALLY HAVE AN ASSHOLE FOR A SUPERVISOR. (9 WORDS ILEGIBLE). IF THEY DON'T KNOW IT, LET THEM SUBSCRIBE TO LE FARCE AND FIND OUT THE HARD WAY.

JIM-BOB: TO THE WORLD, GREAT BEYOND, AND EVEN MICHALSKI: I HEREBY REQUEST THAT I NO LONGER BE REFERRED TO AS JIM-BOB. IT'S JIM OR BOOB, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATELY INSULTING NAME FROM NOW ON! I DON'T EXPECT ANYONE TO LISTEN BUT I'LL FEEL BETTER FOR TRYING!

G.M. TO JAMES-ROBERT: AS IN THE CASE OF DECLARING TOADYISM DEAD - ME THINKS YOU PROTEST TOO MUCH. ONCE A LEGEND IS ESTABLISHED ONLY TIME OR A GREATER LEGEND CAN REMOVE IT. AND WHERE WILL A MORE LEGENDARY TOADY BE FOUND?

GERMANY TO WORLD: LET IT BE KNOWN THIS GHETTO-ELF IS GOING TO BE DEADWOOD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO COME.

FRA TO TRO: SORRY BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO TRUST YOU WHILE GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO CUT MY SUPPORT. IT'S TOO CLOSE ALREADY AND BEING FIRST OUT IS OH SO DULL...

MORE JIM-BOOB TO PUDGE: OK, OK I KNOW I'VE BEEN GROSSLY NEGLIGENT BUT I HAVE A FUNNY FEELING I'M ABOUT TO PAY. IN BLOOD AND REAL SOON. WELL COME AND GET ME! I'M NOT AFRAID O GREAT TOAD!

BOOB TO MOP TOP: I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING YOU SAID IN YOUR LAST LETTER BUT WHAT WILL I TELL MY MOTHER? PS. THANKS FOR THE TAPE, A RETURN ISSUE WILL BE ON IT'S WAY SOON.

G.M. A THREAT IF I EVER HEARD ONE.

BOOB TO CZARINA: OH THANK YOU, MY DARLING. WILL YOU MEET ME FOR TEA NEXT SPRING ON THOSE AZURE BLACK SEA SHORES. PLEASE DON'T THROW ALL YOUR CENTER TO HONEY.

MARZ TO MO'S: HI KATH! WELCOME TO ANOTHER NON-CONTROVERSY GAME. JOHN WOULD LIKE THIS ONE - ALL FOR LAUGHS. WE'RE ALL STILL WAITING THOUGH...

GERMANY TO G.M.: I THINK I CAN HANDLE POSTAL MONOPOLY - SIGN ME UP.

G.M.: SEE THE NOTE ELSEWHERE.

F to R: BY THE WAY, WHY DOES JOHN BLAME THE LEAVE-JOHN-HOME CAMPAIGN ON ME? BOB SAYS THERE ARE OTHERS ((RIGHT ON!!!)) IS IT BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE OFFERING MONEY TO THE CAUSE? HOW DID HE FIND OUT ANYWAY? CAN YOU CONVINCHE HIM THAT WE ALL LOVE HIM, WE JUST DON'T WANT TO MEET HIM AS WE DO YOU!

G.M.: RIGHT ON!

BOOB TO MICHALSKI: A POSTCARD, A POSTCARD, MY KINGDOM FOR A POSTCARD FROM ON HIGH. ME THINKS SENDING STAMPS PAYS NOT HALF BAD. A 20¢ STAMP YIELDS A 13¢ POSTCARD. IS THAT INFLATION OR DEFLATION? I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT ISN'T - A STAGGERING RATE OF RETURN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AN OLSEN TOADY, EH? JUST WAIT TILL WOODY FINDS OUT YOU'RE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BED.

FRANCE TO TALLPERSON: OK, NOW YOU'RE GETTING THE IDEA. NEXT THING YOU NEED TO DO IS CALL HIGHFIELD FOR THE NEXT OPENING HERE.

G.M. TO MOOZE: THERE ARE LIMITS TO EVEN MY SENSE OF THE BIZARRE.

STILL FRANCE TO TALLPERSON: ER, THE PROPER FOR THE PLACE "SOUTH OF OKLAHOMA" WHEREIN DWELLS WHAT YOU KINDLY REFER TO AS "SOME TWIT," IS "BAJA OKLAHOMA," FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE NORTH AND EAST, WORD "I" IS PRONOUNCED BAH-HAH.

BOOB TO SILENT ONE: SURPRISE! LOOK WHO CAME TO DINNER! HAVE YOU SET ME A PLACE IN CONSTANTINOPLE, YET? IT WON'T BE LONG NOW. BY THE WAY WHERE ARE YOU THESE DAYS?

BOOB TO THE ELF: HI ARE YOU STILL HANGING ON AS DEAD WOOD OR DO I SENSE SIGNS OF IMPENDING ACTION? COME JOIN ME FOR A VACATION ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA AND MAYBE BY AUGUST WE CAN MAKE IT TO PUDGE'S HOUSE.

BOOB TO PUDGE: YES, YOU HEARD IT RIGHT, EVEN ALL THE WAY FROM THE WILDS OF NEW ENGLAND. CAN I COME?

G.M.: SOUNDS LIKE A QUESTION FOR WOODY.

NSWG 3 1982 IJ GENE DAMAGE
AUS-TRIA- HENRY: R F GRE-ALB; FALB-GRE,
A SER SF ALB-GRE (SNUFFED) A TRI-VEN,
A VIE-S A BUD A BUD SA SER (SNUFFED)

ENGLAND - SCHAUBERT: F ENG H, F NTH SF ENG,
F NWY-SKA, A YOR-LON

FRANCE - LUEDI: A SPA H, F BRE-ENG, F MID SF BRE-
ENG, A PIC SA BEL, A BEL H

GERMANY - TRUTT: F DEN SF BAL-SWE, F BAL-
SWE, A HOLH, A MUNH

ITALY - SCHROEDER: A VEN-TRI, F ION-ADR, F TYR
C A TUN-TUS, A TUN-TUS.

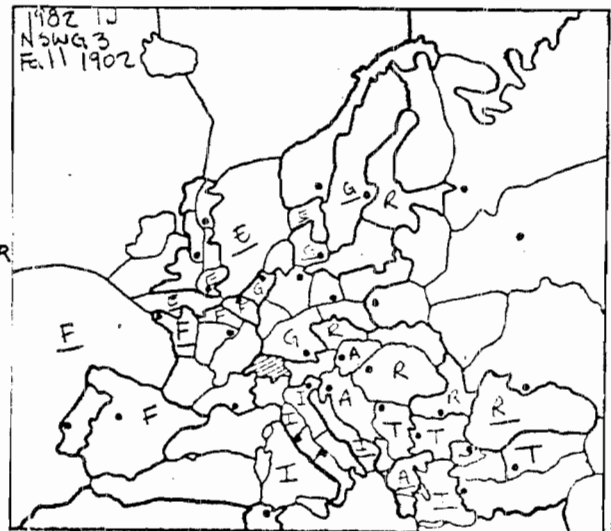
RUSSIA LOWE: F SWE-DEN DR FIN, BOT, NWY
A LIVH, F BLA SA RUM, A RUM SA GAL-BUD,
A BOH-VIE

TURKEY - ASHLEY: A GRE-SER, A BUL SA GRE-SER,
A CON-ANKARA, F REG SA ITAL F ION-GRE

NEW ADDRESSES:

PETER ASHLEY 2570 N CHELTON RD. COLO. SPRIN
COLOR

See NSWG 2 for Schaubert's
CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Gene Damage Press

Aus-Board: Hello! Hello?

From Gene Damaged, Austria to B I F (New) Englander: Perhaps the parsimonious propagand presented by the pretentious, pusillanimous purveyor of pepperoni pizzas portends prolapsus. Power Proceeds from perspicacity!

From the Austrian Govt. (packing): We await a serious proposal from anyone. Address enquiries to the Orient Express/way off track.

Aus-Board: Of course everyone is aware of the fact that Serbia is allegedly where World War I began. I wonder if it still belongs to me.

Gf: No, your letters don't smell bad, your opponents are semi-literate

Russia to Austria: We congratulate your change of government.

Russia to Germany: See, still no invasion. Sure, can use help in Austria.

Russia to Turkey: Sorry, figured support could be useful.

Russia to Italy: Good Work! Hope my moves helped.

Russia to France & England: Please stop fighting! Russia Needs You!

NSWG 4 - 1981 IF Booper's Revenge Winter 1908

A G-I-R is proposed NVR=Yes!!!!

England-Bowen: HAS F Apx, F lei, F NAO

Germany-Johnson: B A Ber; HAS A Stp, A Pru, A Sil, A Ruh, A Ber, A Mar, AGas, A Bur, A Mun, A Nwg, F Cly, F Eng, F Lon

Italy-Goldring: R A Tyo & F Nap OTB; HAS A Boh, A Pic, A Gal, A Rum, A Ser, F Aeg, FEAS, A Syr, F Lyo, F Spa (C), F Wes,

Russia-CD: A War It wasn't snuffed last time.

Turkey-Torres: B F Con; HAS A Mos, A Ank, F Bul, F Con, F Smy
Press:

Germany: I will not accept a draw without Turkey.

NSWG 5 1981 KC BAVARIAN Whoopee! Spring 1908

A GFT Draw is proposed NVR=Yes!!!!

Austria-Luedi: A Bud-Tri, A Vie S A Bud-Tri, A Sev-Rum

France-Diamond: Build A Mar, A Par, F Bre; F Tun-lon, F Tyr-NAP, F Lyo-Tyr,
A Mar-Pic, F Eng-Nth, F Bre-Eng, A Lon-Yor, F Swe-Den, A Bel-Ruh,
A Bur S A Bel-Ruh, A Par-Pic, A Hol S A Bel-Ruh

Germany-Wiggers: A Mun R Tyo; A Tyo-Mun ← Neither is possible. A Mun U,
A Boh S A Tyo-Mun NSO, F Bot-Bal, A War MS A Mos, A Kie-Hol, F Nth
S A Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Veu S Tur F NAP-Rom NSO,

Italy-Bassett: A Rom S Frog F Tyr-NAP. ^{R Alb, Tyo, Ser, OTB}

Turkey-Finley: A Tri S Kraut A Boh-Vie NSO, A Ser-Bud, A Ank-Arm, A Rum-Gal,
F BIA S A Ank-Arm, F Con-Bul (C), F Aeg S F lon NSO F lon-Tyr
F NAP S F lon-Tyr (R APU, OTB)

Press:

Gf: YAWN!

1981 IX - ON HOLD - GOING TO OMBUDSMAN -
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN I DO. EXPLANATION
AND OMBUDSMAN STUFF COMING UNDER
SEPERATE COVER. STAY TUNED!

Anyone in the bourse should write Jack go

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Seattle, WA.

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Well, life is full of tribulations. Theazine is about five weeks late and as you can see I'm not going to take the time wrapping this up that ink (my usual method) requires.

After two weeks of real estate I got a call from the Navy. At first I figured Highthumper had come totally unhinged and set his buddies after me. It turned out they wanted to offer me a job. I had hoped for a position in Vaseline Research so I'd have a chance to deal with young ROTC types. Instead they offered to make me a Construction Inspector GS-9. I hadn't sold any real estate yet so I went for it.

My office is across Puget Sound so I have to ride the ferryboat-for the first few weeks, until I'm familiar with the system. Then I'll be working in Seattle and will only have to check into the office once a week.

I kept trying to think of some really good excuses for why I hadn't the time or the energy to get this little monster out.

1. The Xerox centers in Seattle are all on strike.
2. Zit-faced teens held me captive so I couldn't publish.
3. Cathy perpetrated a totally mindless, sick, scum-sucking stab on me and Nancy Irwin in a Icksome game and it broke my will to load master.
4. I was researching a learned thesis on the legal implications of the most recent Brux Affair and Rod got published first in *Appalling Greed*.
5. Snoozin' Susan is up for the summer?
6. Between the new jobs and "life" I haven't adjusted my life-schedule around yet.

Choose any one of the above excuses or make up one of your own. My apologies to all of you who wondered why this was so late.

The real reason, though, is because I remembered the Leader poll is due and we all know that North Seattle, West George was going to clean up.

I heard a rumor that Caruso was going to fold if NSWG beat out Whitstonia. Well obviously the only way I could loose would be to commit some major pubbers sin. I thought of several but most were just too gross. A few I considered were;

1. Saying Brux is okay.
2. Saying Bernie is okay.
3. Saying I enjoyed Dip Digest.
4. Printing pictures of Cathy sunbathing with her wooden leg and "other" prosthesis removed.

So I decided that by being a month late Caruso had a remote chance of beating me. You may wonder why I've done this. I can only say I have loved ones in Wimp-held territories.

JACK Fleming is back!

Jack will be adjudicating all of his games except 198 IX, which is going to an ombudsman. Jack has graciously allowed me to dig my own way out of that hole.

Many of you have subbed to N.S.W.G. or are trading so you'll continue to get. If you're one of Jack's and haven't made any other arrangements with me- then this is your last issue. It's been fun.

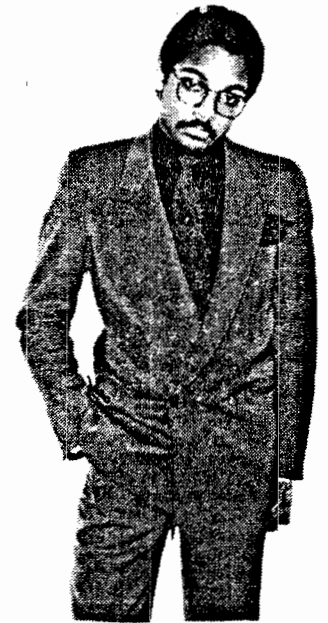
I'm writing this during a break in class entitled "Roofing Workshop", it's put on by Fac Eng Com Div. Hot tar anyone?



Mata Hari ladies leave but with many regrets, "Oh that hobby-Sex GHOD!"



But Daf stays!



Hobby Sex-Ghod looks smug.

Anyone who is willing to brave the lovely NSWG-6 -
The New Game!

Send your NAME, Address AND country preference list to the guest G.M.

DAN-Biffy-Stafford
1043 Granite Way Lane
Columbus, OHIO 43229

I'm not sending him the country lists I have on file - write to DAN!
DAN will send out the Game Start Notice

Monopoly players: Next Month the Rules AND Your first Roll of the Dice!

I have Eric Ozog
Mark Luedi
Stevey Lee
William etc' Lowe's sister

" " " sister's friend
& Jim-Bob Signed up so far. Will All players AND any others interested please confirm your interest. So write AND say you want to play AND pick AN INANIMATE object that you wish to be identified by AND the metal it's made of. Thus Eric could be Lead shoe. MARK could be Brass Knocker, Stevey could be chrome lunch box. Write by the next dead line.

- Soliciting stories AND letters RELEVANT to A "Jedi" parody next month.
- Free issues of NSWG if I like AND use them.
- Nancy Irwin - I can only say I believed Cathy.
- Origins - who cares, I can't afford to go.
- Yawner Poll - yawn. Maybe next issue.
- Brux vs. The World: maybe next issue.
- Terry and the Navy - if there is any interest.

**Next Deadline August 1
10 P.M.**

DOO DAH DATA

TODAY: Longacres, 10 races, first post parade 3:45 p.m.

YESTERDAY: Just A Vamp became the meet's first double winner when she picked off the fifth race, an \$8,000 claimer. The 3-year-old filly captured her first, also at \$8,000, last Thursday. The \$3.30 return by Barkerville Belle in the ninth was the smallest win payoff of the campaign. She got off at 3-5 in the six-horse field. Mike Baze, up on Barkerville Belle, was the lone jockey to score

two victories. He sent Nan's Turn To Star home in the eighth. The fans continued their excellent handicapping, pulling in four winning favorites on the 10-race card.

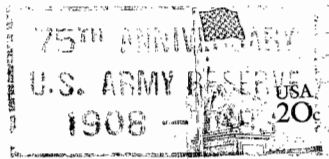
TOMORROW: 10 races, first post parade 3:45 p.m.

TV, RADIO: Results KAMT radio, 9:30 p.m. weekdays, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays; scratch reports KMP3 radio, 8:30 a.m. every race day; stake race

Sundays and holidays, KMP3 radio, 7 p.m.; "This Week at Longacres," 10 p.m. Channel 10 (for Cable TV Puget Sound subscribers) Monday, 10:30 p.m. Channel 3 (Viacom and Liberty) Monday; replayed Friday Channel 10 (CTVPS) 6 p.m.

NOTES: A total of 18 3-year-olds are nominated for Sunday's \$20,000-added William E. Boeing Stakes. The 14 with the highest money earnings will race. Among those named is Intoxicator, scheduled to be ridden by Basil Frazier.

North Seattle, West George
Terry Tallman
820 W. Armour St.
Seattle, WA. 98119



A legend since August, 1982
Fairly mediocre lately.