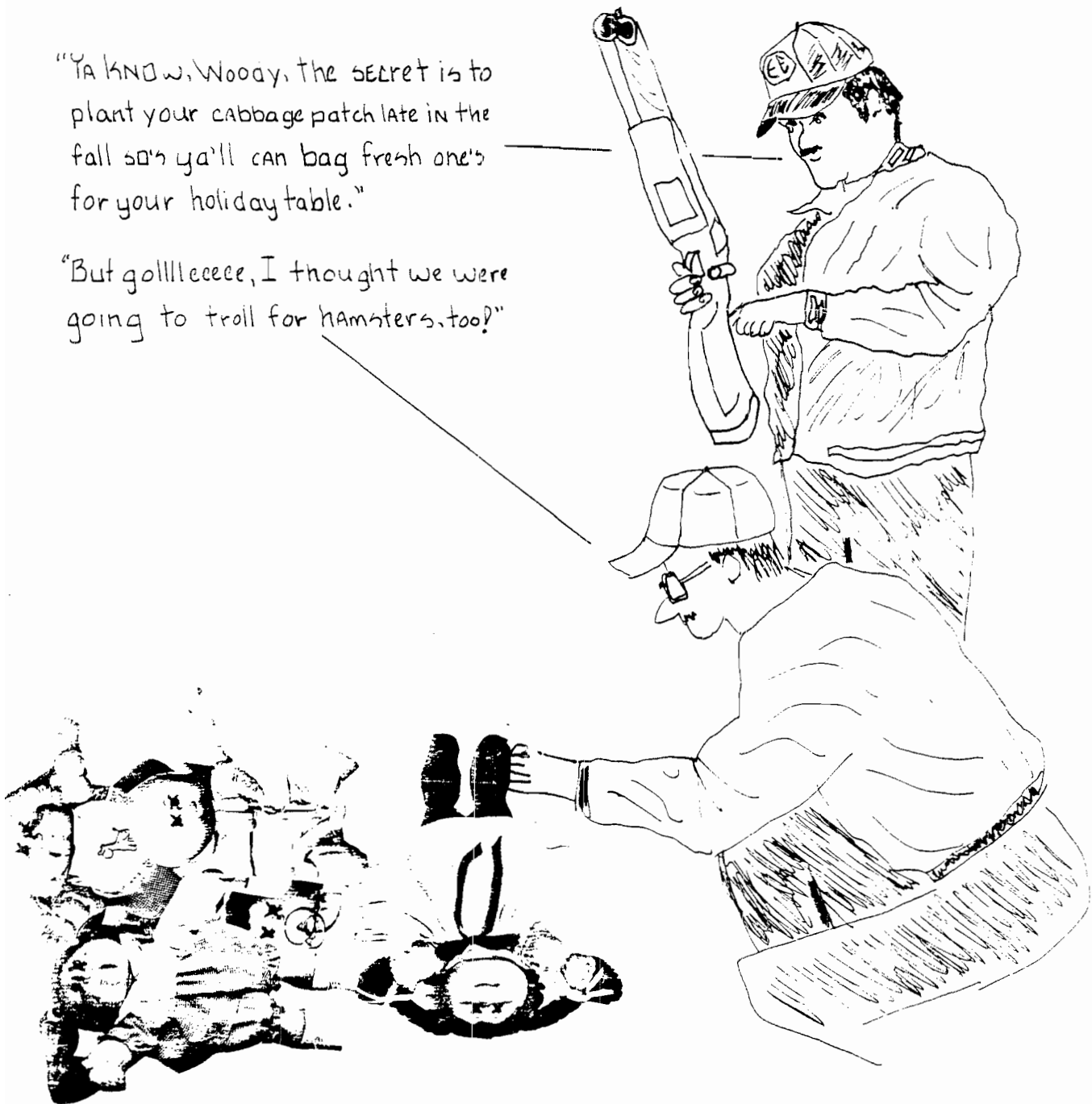


North Scalth, West Gearge

A Place, A Concept and now VArmint Hunting Tips with
Suds Coughlan & Woody

"Ya know, Woody, the secret is to plant your cabbage patch late in the fall so's ya'll can bag fresh one's for your holiday table."

"But gollleceee, I thought we were going to troll for hamsters, too?"



that there was a large, solid vertical structure, such as a (note the lower case W) wall behind me, this should not be construed in any sense or manner to imply that I consider them to be in the category of scum that walks.

I normally reserve this classification for people who have most recently stabbed me, people who wish to organize the hobby and Woody.

They are just some good ol' boys out to have some fun.

The preceding was a paid political announcement from the Committee to Put the Joy Back in Mad Lad.

This has gone in bits and pieces all day. I got to tell a Captain that he was not authorized to talk to my contractors. Captains tend to think of everything they touch in terms of toy boats, "It's MINE and we'll do it MY way, DAMMIT!"

Jack Fleming has been working with a team of thugs who enjoy murdering marine fishes in a spawning state of mind. Last time I talked to him he was filling some role on a fishing boat. I could here three steel bearings clicking together as we talked and he kept muttering about finding the half tin of strawberries.

I am playing in three sections of Global Supremacy, a commercially moderated play by mail game by Schubel and son out of Sacramento. It uses a map of the real world and starts with 80 players on the board. It is similar to dip in that you can build more units if you can control more countries. Unit types match the whole range of American weaponry from WWII through some early Star Wars stuff but you have to gain technology levels for the really good stuff.

My first game is progressing fairly fast. I'm the Western United States (Wa, Or, Ca, Nv, Id, Az) and am in a solid alliance with the other north American players as well as Cuba, Iceland, Peru and Chile. Columbia, Venezuela and Ecuador jumped Peru and Bolivia jumped Chile without being aware that the rest of us would come in.

The first game started a couple of months ago so no one is really sure how long it will take but it looks like a few of the zit faced teens will get taken out early and then it will be up to the strong alliance players to see who survives to the bitter end. Looks like fun-but not cheap.

Nov. 18th-I have just completed my morning ritual of the sports page and a cup of coffee. Talked to my sister in law and it seems my nephew is walking so I have to trot over there tomorrow, camera in hand to record the event for the family archives.

Dec. 14

A fairly common question I get now days is how is the pseudo-fued with the Mad-Lads going and I have to say you can always hope for the best. In a conversation with one of the attendees of Peery's con last weekend I found the consensus to be that everyone agrees that the Mad-lads are dot grabbing fiends but actually coming out and acknowledging the fact was bound to incite them to new heights of moon-howling and other displays of cheeser displeasure.

As I write this my presence at Daf Con over new years is iffy. My ride, Lt. Deadwood seems to have shedding problems and my truck is questionable for the trip. I had also counted on splitting gas. A non-dip person has expressed an interest but who knows. The chance to miss meeting Suds Coughlan and Larry Peery has to weigh in the balance.

Cathy isn't moving after all but Villa de Hip is still in a state of confusion. I still can't figure what a Val is doing with all those organic types.

Willard Highthumber finally pubbed and has asked his players to decide whether or not to jump ship. He doesn't really say what's going down.

He did, however, publish a book review that is probably the most self revealing piece of material he's printed to date. It is from a series of formula-type war books, the Executioner series. These deal with misfits who are rejected by society who go at and get their collective asses blown all to hell each book because despite the fact that they are social rejects they have a pathological fear of international communism and would rather chew their arms off at the elbow than shake hands with an evil doer.

The whole series is heavy fantasy for someone who wants to save the world for the American way but who also wants the chance to blow a few bad guys away. The final scene in the movie TAPS is similar, the one gung-ho type can't make the conclusion the the Hutton character has-that a commander doesn't just go to parades and wear medals. Rather he also has to hold his men as they bleed to death and cry and beg for it all to not have happened.

The gung-ho type dies for the simple chance to shoot his gun and try to blow a few bad guys away, no strong ethical question, he's just a little kid playing with guns.

To paraphrase numerous commentators at various times and places I'd far rather be lead by someone who's as scared as the rest of us but has just enough guts to keep his wits and make the best decision possible within the context of keeping his troops alive and meeting the objectives he's been assigned. Heaven save us from heroes.

The latest Anduin had some letters and some more letters and still more letters, most pretty interesting. Eric however has thrown down a gauntlet that even I would hesitate to pick up and that is the issue of religion. He makes some fairly strong statements on Christianity and related topics. As always I am surprised to see such a serious topic in a dip szine when we could be wasting our time on really important stuff like whether or not Jim-Bob or the Pudge is the better toady or whether or not California should be divided into northern and southern cliques or sane and brain-damaged cliques.

I've let my subs to several of the more issue oriented szines so I drift Peery-like in the waters of the hobby that move slowly, thinking that what bobs around me is all that is and avoiding the more turbulent waters only a few strokes away.

Suds Coughlan apparently saw a comment I made in a British szine in which I compared him to Brux and Berch. I think the comment was about comparing szines like NSWG, TMOBR and NFA to DD, VoD, or EE. I said that EE, VoD, and DD were mildly, fairly and extremely boring, comparatively. Would it be better if Cathy, Meinel and I just got together some Friday night when he's passing through town and whispered this to one another?

Now I've implicated other members of the gang of several, which may or may not constitute revealing thoughts they may or may not have expressed and which they may or may not deny.

And now for a little white space.

Bob Osuch:

I doubt that you'll get many submissions on the Tretick issue. What more is there to say that hasn't been said again and again? Good Luck anyway.

Your remarks about VOICE OF DOOM were well put, if not totally accurate. Let me straighten you out. On the negative side, it's true that Linsey publishes asskissing. I suppose it's nice to be appreciated, but to constantly remind subbers of it gets old real quick. The trouble is that Linsey's recent anti-controversy stand leaves little room for much else. Still you'll find for the most part the kowtowing is left to the novice types. The oldtimers still seem to find topics of interest to discuss. You're right, too, when you say that Linsey has no business soliciting novices for games with his ultra-strict houserules. He has burned a few times because of it but still hasn't learned.

On the positive side I hope you were being on the facetious side when you said VOD "starts fires in the hobby." Other than the aforementioned gming, Bruce has made it a point to do just the opposite. The new Brux wants to be friends with everyone and will literally bend over backwards to achieve that end. I don't necessarily consider that positive in itself but there's a question of sincerity. There are however solid reasons for subbing to VOD. Even with the recent editorial changes his letter remains one of the best in the dipdom. Frequent submissions by Walker, Olsen, Wrobel, Baumeister, Kelly, Lew, Michalski, Berch, Larzelere, Knight, Rauterberg, Luedi, Kador, Coughlan et al keep it fairly interesting.

Perhaps the best part of VOD is Linsey's generosity. I've been a subber since issue # 10 and I can only remember sending Bruce two sub renewals. My sub doesn't run out till issue # 112. Figure it out and you'll find that I've paid maybe 10 bucks for approximately 100 issues. That's the best 10 bucks I ever spent. Of course I had to write a few articles, but that's okay, I needed the motivation.

Hey, why highlight your sarcasm? If you do that you won't be able to hide behind it.

[[I voted against the "New Nixon" also and still don't think we got such a great buy. You have obviously seen a side of St. Brux that we who don't regularly see his zine get. I've read about 30 issues and followed his exploits in assortedazines. I hope the "New Brux" is a valid experiment. You've left me no straight lines to hang an exit on so I'll move onto Brux himself.]]

Bruce Linsey:

When I received NSWG a couple of days ago I did what I always do when reading one of yourazines or letters-scanned for the obligatory snide remarks about Brux and/or VOD.

Well, nobody would deny your right to your opinions on my letter column, my houserules or myazine. One must remember that what is "boring" to some people is interesting to others. Many people find my letter column boring and many others do not. For those who like it, it is there. If everyone thought it boring, I doubt it would last long.

[[I am falling into a similar trap right here. Hopefully everyone who reads NSWG does so, at least partially, to find out MY views on various and sundry things-zines, Cabbage Patch Kids, Zit Faced Teens and so on. And my philosophy on letters, specifically, is that the bulk of the ones I receive are of no interest to anyone but me. So I read them and cherish a few, am confused, bemused or abused by a few and a very few I print.]]

Houserules-well, they get a lot of criticism and I take a good deal of kidding around regarding their length. To me, though, the sort of blanket criticism you make doesn't carry much weight at all. Instead of just condemning them generally or saying that they are too long, I would prefer to read a recommendation for a specific improvement that could be made. That way I could either implement a change (if I felt the criticism valid) or debate the issue (if I didn't).

[[Of the reams of discussion made on your houserules how many have changed as a result? You have to run your games to suit yourself despite what I or anyone else may say. I have to tell my readers, particularly my novices why I would avoid your houserules-not your games.]] [[Well, really I don't but we would wind up with a cover and some games if I bit my tongue over every rogue thought.]]

[[At this point in Bruce's letter he must have said some really good stuff because half a page has been torn off before he continues.]] [[And I don't usually break into letters this way but it seems necessary here]]

Should a rooky sign up for a VOD game? That all depends on his taste in GMing. I have GM'd for dozens of novices. A few have come away unhappy. Most have been satisfied. I'll bet you'd be in for a surprise if you asked the players in my all-novice game whether they feel they made a good choice. Granted my game would not suit you with your taste for "lackadaisical" gming. But your tastes are not everyone's.

[[To be true, but how many other games is a true postal novice playing in? What would he compare to if I asked him? Would he remember his own name? Could he qualify for a loan for a second hand car? Who knows?]]

Regarding my anniversary issue I was stunned to read that "very little of it was new material." Not counting the "boring" letter column, I printed over twenty articles that I was under the impression were original. Since you seem to know differently, could you please tell me where they were taken from? I certainly don't want to print material without giving proper credit to the true author. Thanks in advance for your help on this matter.

[[They were all reprints from LeFRONT, all submitted under alias' by Bernie. Glad to be of service. Incidentally 'new' can also be construed to mean 'differing from the norm']]

Regarding feuds, they are passe' in VOD, for the most part. I don't like reading about feuds, and I don't like publicizing them.

[[I tend to agree with Michalski somewhat. If you think you are right and can make a good case for it don't be afraid to air a veiw. But always remember that somewhere someone is going to read it.]]

Your comments about organizing the hobby-I agree entirely. However, wouldn't you and I and others who share our view be far more effective if we made a concentrated effort to oppose those who would organize us? Let us unite and form OOHOO-Organization Of Hobbyists Opposing Organization. Constitution and bylaws coming soon.

Your "Deadwood" Roulette is oppressive. If you run aazine that truly interests the readership they won't have to have their arms twisted to participate. Nuff said.

[[Deadwood is treasure to some and deadwood to others. The Seattle Society for Stopping Societies is aware of your leanings and will keep a file on you. 1984-the Year of Big Brother]]

Doug Beyerlein:

What's with the Huskies? I couldn't believe that WSU beat them in a repeat of last years situation. I guess they didn't want to meet Illinois. Sigh...

Doug Beyerlein cont.

NSWG arrived this past week. I found it to be as enjoyable as ever. There is one thing, though, that I thought you went a little overboard on. Your attack on ORGANIZATIONS is somewhat understandable but I think you overdid it on Peery and his ideas. I too played in the USCF chess tournaments back in the 60's. In fact a good friend of mine and a Diplomacy player was the state tournament director back then, Buz Eddy. Politics were played both on the board and off and involved a lot more than chess. Since then I have found the same sort of thing to exist in the US Cycling Federation, which governs all amateur bicycle racing in the United States. Wherever people are involved in a formal organization there is going to be politics. That is just life.

Your attack on Peery and his ideas (some crazy, some not) does not distinguish between formal organizations (ORGANIZATIONS in your nomenclature) and individual project organization. Peery is not proposing the establishment of an ORGANIZATION to run the postal Diplomacy hobby. He is suggesting ideas that can help provide organization to the hobby for those people interested in such things. There is an important difference.

As you no doubt know, not even Peery believes in all his ideas. A lot of them he just throws out to see what the hobby reaction will be. Some are good, some are silly but people like them (like the cookbook idea) and some are just plain strange and no one takes them seriously. The Diplomacy tax is an idea that just isn't practical in this hobby. And like so many of the ideas that Peery throws out this one will soon be replaced by another. On the other hand Peery's blue book idea is a good one and I hope that it succeeds (although who is actually doing the work is beyond me). But the point is that nothing Peery proposes is being proposed as a mandatory measure to be forced on hobby members. That is the difference between ORGANIZATION and organization.

By the way, don't think that I am writing this because Peery is a Californian. There is a lot of difference between Northern California and Southern and remember I lived a lot more years in the Pacific Northwest (23) than I have lived in California.

Say hi to Cathy for me.

[[Hi Cathy.

There was once a lad who lived in a small village but he was very mischievous and bored by the complacency of the other villagers. So every once in a while he would come up with a project to shake the villagers out of their lethargy and they'd run out of their hovels and jump around and yell and argue and take sides and form committees and once they even went so far as to adopt a few of his proposals. But basically the villagers wanted just enough simple little projects to keep the village afloat. So after a number of years of trying to convince the people that projects and plans and awards and charts and polls were critical to the hobby the villagers got really hacked off, and got 200 gallons of dayglow green acrylic plastic. They grabbed the lad by his curly hair and dipped him in the acrylic and held him there until he was covered from head to toe. When they pulled him out they stood him on a pedestal and while he tried to jump around and wave his arms and shout out one last idea to cure all the villagers' ills the plastic hardened and the townspeople had a statue. They put a plaque on the bottom that read, "We wanted a forty foot statue of Walt Buchanan holding little Doodles Berch on one arm, Doodle Langley on the other and smiling in a nice way but this was more fun."]]

And first place in the Bernie article contest

Bernie Oaklyn--Threat or Menace? by Bob Olsen

Just suppose for a moment that you are at the next meeting of the In Six, the ECC, the Big-Time Tournamentippers, or even Pudgecon. The conversation turns, as it so often does among bores and pedants, to the subject of GMs. You decide to throw in your two cents' worth. Which of the following will it be?

--(1)--You look serious and constructive and say, "Hey, I was in a game in Coughlan's zine, and he ran the whole game without making a mistake and was always on time." You suddenly notice that, just as in an E.F. Hutton commercial, a sudden hush has fallen over your listeners. Then you notice they've all fallen asleep...even Mark Berch. Sir! You have become boring!

How much better is the following:

--(2)--You grit your teeth and do a John Wayne. "Yeah," you growl. "I used to play in Oaklyn's zine. It was rough. I survived. I remember one f*** time Bernie f*** really messed up. I was about to win the game--hey, that's not hard, there was nobody in it but Tretick's sons and--hey, sons? He's got more kids than Jerry Lewis!--so anyway there was nobody playing but Bernie's sons and toadies--hey, toadies? He had so many toadies he made Kathy Byrne look like a hermit!--so anyway, the turn comes, Bernie makes up the SC chart and I've got, what was it, 19 centers. And so Bernie notes I've got 19 centers and then he calls for f*** Winter builds and Spring moves! So I call him up and say, 'Wait a minute, I've got 19 centers, what's going on? I won!' And so Bernie says, 'You haven't won until I say you've won!' And so I f*** said to him..." or maybe something like: "Hey, you think Dip is a piece of cake? I remember one time in my Le Front game, there were f*** three NMR's, so what does Bernie do? He calls five standbys for the three positions, tells them to write orders for any position they like, both in my game and all the other games in the zine which are also full of NMR's! And of these standbys, two are brothers who live in the same house, and another one lives in the same zip code area as the two brothers! So I f*** call up Bernie and I say to him..."

Listen, anybody competent can GM a game--it takes a true artist to screw one up! I wouldn't trade my stock of Bernie stories for a win in...well, a three way draw in...well, maybe a survival. Anyway let's give the Main Man some credit. He taught his toadies how to GM (since every season, pretty near, had errors, everything had to be checked). And he had the best set of toadies in the hobby, and better yet just think of the people who never played in Le Front--Berch, Linsey, Walker, Coughlan, --all lousy toady material to start with. Plus, long after the man has folded his tent and smuck away, his charisma--there's no other word for it--can still inspire stupid articles such as this one.

From Biff Porker:

C'mon off it, Tallman. If you make fun of Larry or Bruce or even Gary one more time I'm going to fly out to Seattle and rip your face off. If there is anything this hobby doesn't need it's some clown telling the Emporors that they are wandering around in their underwear.

And what's this deadwood Roulette crap. If some people want to send you money and then pretend they don't exist so what? Who cares if you currently subsidize this monster at about 50¢ a copy? No one said it would be easy did they? Are you going to be one of those whiners who has to make their szines pay? Well you'll get no sympathy from us sucker. You dug this pit, now sleep in it.

((Thanks Biff. Always good to hear from the depths. And how did you get a copy of the zsine, anyway? I thought they kept you from getting any mail that might excite you. Has the doctor increased your medication again so you can handle MODERN PUDWACKER with out frothing at the mouth? And say hello to mom for me.))

BAH HUMBUG DEPT.

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Mc Aronstein Dept.

TRAVELS WITH FARLEY



This months cover courtesy of NEWSWEEK for the Cabbage Patchers and FIELD AND STREAM for Gary and Woody.

You, too, can be a hobby iconoclast by subbing to NSWG at the astonishingly low rate of 60¢ per issue. However you should search your soul and consider rusing before the next deadline if you plan to stay because then the price will be jumping to an incredibly ugly 75¢ a copy. Not exactly a bargain, rather expensive in fact.

If you like to see your fellow hobby members raked over the coals, if you want to see what the Seattle Gang of Several is up to or if you need something to get the kindling lit with on the cold winter nights coming up then stick around-although pound for pound or pound per dollar VOD is a better buy.

LepraCon-St. Patrick's Day Weekend in lovely Philomath, Oregon at the home of the Lovely Joan Extrom and Lump Corbin, featuring the incredibly cute Samantha (No Samantha, put the Hamster down. Only Woody squeezes them that way). The 16th, 17th, and 18th of March. Philomath is west of Corvallis Orygun (I think) and it will be hard for Bumpas and Lee to ignore this one. Anyone with subbers in Northern California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia or vicinity is asked to plug this and preferably flag it with a note to the readers in question.

Tenatively the Val and I are going and Ed Henry is a maybe. We'll work on Fleming and Bob Seki and a few of the less reputable Seattle types.

I'll be there Saturday most likely because I've got to be in Atlanta, Gaja the week prior (I think). Could be wrong. (A quick callto the office reveals that I was, in fact, an NSWG first. I will be in Atlanta the week of March 5th through the 9th. If the Marylanders indicate an interest I am going to try to fly home by way of Baltimore. The other option is to fly through St. Louis and see Rich Cavins. Or maybe by way of Madison.....

Greetings, Slugman;

Support your local white space: send a token Celt toorbitt!

A number of things that I have a cartilage to pick with you. And thanks for the plug, eh? First of all, you forgot to put the Terribulus Talloadius in the NSWG Toad(y) Guide. Known to inhabit the Western Swampland regions of the United States, this beastly leaves a noticeable trail of letters, cassette tapes, and dead marmots behind it (possibly due to a lack of diapers (VoD Houserules will serve)), not to mention the wasted remains of young toadies suffering from constipation of the soul. This toad, easily identified by its croak of "unclean! unclean!", will attack anyone who tries to help someone for nothing and is known to be easily frightened by the common rabbit (some say its nightmares are filled with thoughts of green rabbits, but this theory is disputed by most hobbyists.).

Hey, I've got a neat idea! How about pbm Nuclear Monopoly? It's easy and quick to play ... First, choose which nuclear submarine you want (each equipped with 10 nukes) and please on Go. Now play as normal. Whenever it is your turn and before you buy anything, you may if desired choose to launch one or more nukes. Nukes are launched at any place on the board except Go, Jail, Just Visiting, Go To Jail, or Free Parking. When a nuke hits a place it destroys any other player(s)' submarine(s) there and destroys all houses and hotels on that property and the two adjacent properties. Property values are nonexistent on the ~~the~~ target property and it cannot be built up and/or rent charged for it. The two adjacent properties may be built up and have rent charged for them. A player who is destroyed in this manner may launch any of his/her nukes left in a retaliation at any property owned by or occupied by the player who attacked, but not any other players. This only applies if the player is in the target zone. Players who want a quick game may choose to fire nukes before they move off of Go at Go, but only before their first move. Players who land on Free Parking get replacement nukes if they can buy them (a nuke costs \$1000). Players who go to Jail lose one nuke in the process (if desired, this may be launched at Jail in a suicide attempt). Players who pass Go collect \$200. Dead/eliminated players may purchase new subs at a price of \$100000 (with no nukes aboard) and restart on their next turn. Dead/eliminated players may give their money to the Nuclear Terrorists if desired (for every \$2000 given, the terrorists will nuke a designated property) or another player.

If anyone's interested, I'll run this game in C.F. Machiavelli. Players should indicate what colour their sub will be. No fees, but a subscription would be required (you need a sub to get a sub...).

It took me about four minutes to stop laughing when I read your plug of my (s)zine. Sure, I'm unorthodox, but I don't go out on dates with dead hamsters, eh? Another case of the kettle calling the cannabis off-white. You did have a point about what the zine would become, though: I now offer a "token" Dip game and (gods forbid) might even have to run a pbm Nuclear Monopoly game if someone takes me up on my offer and sends the \$5.

Interesting photo there. Was the comment intentional? Discordially;

William Christopher Seth Affleck Asch Lowe
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The True North, Strong and Free (sort of...)

November 19, 1983

REVIEW
by Ed Henry

Manifest Destiny: is there truly such a thing? There's no room for doubt in this 'zine put out by Keith Sesler, PO Box 158, Fraser, MI 48026. This four-week 'zine presently has openings in Diplomacy, Deadman Dip, 1885 IV, Cosmic Diplomacy and Bourse--- all available upon request. Sub price: 12/\$4.00. Game fees: \$1 plus a refundable \$2 NMR fee.

This 'zine provides a wealth of reading material in addition to the 11 games it carries. Repro is not quite as good as NSWG, but everything is readable. Keith includes bits and pieces of hobby news, a "letters" column, occasional reviews of books and movies, articles on practically everything, short stories, at least a page of cartoons, a health and fitness column, variant rules, plugs and many other miscellaneous items (like collegiate athletics). I have noted no problems with the GM'ing, and the 'zine has been maintaining a good, reliable schedule. The houserules are standard: short and simple.

One thing I particularly like in this 'zine is the diversity of the variants. A subscriber can learn how numerous variant versions of Diplomacy are played through MD: Keith publishes the rules and maps before starting the games and has included rules for several other variants he is not presently running. This provides excellent introductory material for the uninitiated. Variant games presently underway in the 'zine include Woolworth II-D, Blowup, and Final Conflict; in addition to five regular Dip games and the Bourse.

Hardline liberals (?) and Democrates might find the political cartoons and some of the articles a bit too far to the right for their taste, and the more plebeian gamers among us (including myself) might feel that the 'zine is mildly "elitist-intellectual" in flavor. Keith is quick to point out that his cartoons & etc. poke fun at "Big Government" in general, and are reflections of his own opinions rather than an intentional "house-organ" operation. Obviously, unless a 'zine pretends to be something else (which this one does not), it should give some honest insight into the character of its publisher. Nothing objectionable here.

In summary, Manifest Destiny is a good 'zine for both the reader and the gamer. I generally spend more time reading it than would one of the fancy periodicals I find lying about at work (People, Reader's Digest, National Enquirer, and other highly refined/intellectual publications). And I enjoy it one hell of a lot more.

UPDATE: The Prince. The most recent issue contains three new subzines: "Galimatias" by Rob Winslow, "The Little Dipper" by Stephen Wilcox and "Perlmutter's Revenge" by Paul Gardner. In addition to these tidbits of entertainment, it also contained "Humboldt" as usual plus a couple of full-page articles by Jim and another page of Alaska. So now you have more reasons to subscribe to this one.

Embassy Row. By Mike Cannon somewhere in Maryland. I'm trying to sub to this one for a later review, and have heard nothing for seven weeks. I haven't received a cancelled check from the bank, either, so it may be that my sub request got lost in the mail. I'm awaiting a reply to my most recent letter from Mike: I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows something about this 'zine.

Postal Monopoly

Galvanized GarbageCan pays rent.
Traffic Light pays rent.
Fire Hydrant buys Virginia for \$160.
Metal Tape Deck pays rent.
Iron Pud Zooter pays rent.
Puppy Dog Freuh pays taxes
Teacup Full of Poodle coasts, and buys St. James for \$180.
Siamese Cat buys Illinois for \$240 and Pennsylvania for \$320.
Broken mirror pays rent, will Joan Extrom please submit standby orders.
Brick Post Office pays rent.
Jabba the Doorstop buys Park Place for \$350.
Merc Velvet coasts on his ill gotten gains.

Galvanized owns Reading, New York
Traffic Light owns Vermont
Fire Hydrant owns Virginia
Tape Deck owns Tennessee
Pud Zooter owns Connecticut
Post Office owns Oriental
Teacup Full of Poodle owns Boardwalk and St. James

Merc Velvet owns St. Charles, States, B & O, N. Carolina
Puppy Dog Freuh is homeless
Siamese Cat: owns Penn RR, Illinois, Pennsylvania
Broken Mirror owns Electric Company
Jabba owns Kentucky, Marvins, and Park Place and thinks
that because he bid \$5 on Penn two turns ago he had it.

Galvanized Garbage Can rolls 5 and goes to Jail. Under the Tailman house rules you can 1. Get out for \$50, 2. Wait three turns, 3. Get out early if you role doubles on either of the next two turns, has \$607. +\$5
Traffic Light rolls 8 and goes to Ventnor, has\$1390. +\$5
Fire Hydrant rolls 8 and goes to Chance, Advances to Illinois, has \$1134 +\$5
Metal Tape Deck rolls 4 and goes to Marvins Gardens, \$1295 +\$5
Iron Pud Zooter rolls 6 and goes to Community Chest(near St. James), pays Doctor fee \$50, has \$1495 +\$5
Puppy Dog rolls 3 and goes to Chance, Building and Loan Matures-collect \$150, \$1634.+\$5
Teacup full of Poodles rolls 6, goes to Chance, elected Chairman of the board-pays each player \$5, \$1040
Siamese Cat rolls 3 and goes to Park Place, has \$731 +\$5
Broken Mirror rolls 5, goes to Jail-see the Orc's note above.\$1325 +\$5
Brick Post Office rolls 5 and goes to Tennessee, \$1590 +\$5
Jabba the Doorstop rolls a 4 and goes to Mediterranean, has \$850 +\$5
Merc Velvet rolls 8 and goes to Oriental, has \$1114 +\$5

Note that Mary's card said pay each player \$50 but that wasn't designed for a game with 12 players on the board so I have Brux'd my house rules yet again to make that card only \$5 per player in any game over 6 players.
Note that you have to tell me whether or not to collect rents.
Note that Free Parking contains \$390.
Note with some surprise that no one rolled doubles this time, a first I beleive.

Press:
Tape Deck:Wishes everybody a happy new year and a Merry Christmas. If you can't help anybody this year at least don't hurt them.
Merc Velvet:One way to skirt these tough trading rules would be to use a middle man in exchanging properties. Once the middle man received all the properties he could forward them on through the gm or just return them if the deal folds. I am sure it would work. I am willing to act as middle man if any of you would like to try it. Who's that snickering? Is that Olsen?



Just pretend it's White Space in the festive sense of the season.

THIS IS NOT A SUBZINE. THIS IS NOT A SUBZINE, THIS IS NOT A SUBZINE, THIS IS NOT A SUBZINE.

Hi! C'mon on in everybody; welcome to the party. What? You all came over from Tallman's party? A real bust, eh? Well, I'm Keith Sherwood, third year college student and fourth year hobbyist. I won't mention that this is my first try at throwing a party. Oh well, I figure I can't do any worse than what you've already been through. (I'm in one of Terry's efforts, too, you know.) And if I luck out I figure I can win the Runestone Host Pole this year by favorable comparison with your former host. I recognize some of you, but others are new to me.

Dan Stafford I'm all too familiar with. He has the gall to think I'm his Toady. Other players are warned.

Michael Quirk I've allied with in a game in which I was called as a standby, so I know him. Jim Bumpas I know of, although I've never had the pleasure of meeting him before. He publishes LIBERTERREAN, which must have just hit an amazing 200th issue. He also acts as tournament director for some Northern California tournaments.

H.D. Bassett is a name I recognize. I believe he has been in the hobby many years. What's that you say Mr Bassett?

"Do you require each unit to be written seperately, thus a support order is written and a separate order is written for the move?"

Well, H.D., I think it's a little forward of you to ask such personal questions when we've just been introduced, but you seem like a nice enough person and I'm a little drunk so I'll tell you. I'm a pretty lenient host. Just don't dance on the table or scratch my records. I'm pretty loose. I mean as a GM. Although I prefer things to be as clear as possible, as long as your intent is clear, fine by me. Thus you could have written "A Vie, A Tro S A Boh S A Bud-Gal" for your orders below. Of course you take the risk that you commas and conjunctions are properly placed.

Back to introductions: this is my first contact with Richard Cavins. Good Evening, Sir.

It's a shame Paul Rauterberg passed out at Terry's party; I would have liked him to be here with us. He probably would have drank all our beer, though.

Who are you guys in the back? Make way there, there is room for everybody.

Ed Henry, Irwin Schroeder, William Lowe and Bob Seki, welcome to the party. I believe this is the first time we've met.

Brad Trutt: Why do I inexplicably link your name with Steve Arnawoodian? Sorry.

David Schaubert is...Dave? Dave? He's passed out. Could never hold liquor, or his correspondance. We'll get Terry to send someone over from his party to take Dave home and take his place.

Who's that scruffy looking guy? Mark Luedil! Who let you in here!? Oh well, even you're welcome tonight. How many brownie points do I get if you enjoy my party?

Well, come on in everybody, and shut the door. I think the neighbors are going to call the police and complain. The kegs are in the back and you can here where the stereo is. Grab a girl and LETS DANCE!!! (Shoot! Didn't you guys bring some chicks? You're ruining the M/F ratio. I guess I'll call Konrad over to help even out the ratio.)

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1982HS NSWG 1
Winter 05

AUS builds A VIE
GER builds A KIE
ITA builds F ROM

Spring 06 GERMANS LOOSE THREE AS STAFFORD
NMRS!!!

AUSTRIA (Bassett) A arm-SEV; F BLA S A arm-sev;
A RUM-ukr; A VIE,TRO S A boh; A bud-GAL;
A BOH S A bud-gal; A tri-SER
FRANCE (Cavins) F SPA/sc-mid; F IRI S F spa/s-mid;
A bur-GAS; A MAR-spa; F lvp-NAT
GERMANY (Stafford) F nwg-CLY; F lon-ENG;
A mun-BUR; A RUH S A mun-bur; A Kie-MUN;
A SIL S A kie-mun; A gal-UKR; A Swe-PRU;
F BAL C A swe-pru
ITALY (Bumpas) F POR-mid; F WES S F por-mid;
A PIE-mar; F LYO-spa/sc; F rom-TYR; A smy-ARM
RUSSIA (Quirk) A ukr-MOS; A WAR S GER A gal-ukr;
A Cly-EDI; F edi-NTH; F sev H (d/ann)



Please note the Italian unit in Piedmont is an army, not a fleet as erroneously stated by Terry last time. There has been a proposal for a GRIA draw. Please vote on that with your next set of orders. Does NVR-yes under Terry's house ru-les? Just make sure to vote. Obviously, Stafford did not NMR. I was just kidding. Can't believe everything you read in the headlines. No press.

1982IJ NSWG 3

Old business: The German A Ber that was dislodged in Fall 03 retreated to Kie, hence Germany was even in Winter 03. Turkey is playing one short as the former Turk NMRed last winter.

Spring 04 PREMIER POSITION IN HOBBY TODAY IS LEFT
VACANT AS ENGLISHMAN RESIGNS

AUSTRIA (Henry) A ser S TUR A bul-rum (NSO) (d/ann)
ENGLAND (~~Schaubert~~) F NTH H; F ENG H; A LON H
GERMANY (Trutt) F NWY-nth; A HOL S FRE A bel (NSO);
A KIE-ber; F ska-SWE; F BAL S A kie-ber;
A MUN S A kie-ber

FRANCE (LUEDI) A bre-LVP; F MID; F NAT C A bre-lvp;
A BUR S GER A mun; A Bel-PIC; F tyr-WES

ITALY (Schroeder) A TRI-ser; F adr-ALB; F tun-TYR;
A TRO S RUS A boh-mun

RUSSIA (Lowe) F stp/sc-BOT; A war-SIL; A PRU S A Ber;
A BER S A boh-mun; A BOH-mun; A VIE-tro;
A BUD S TUR A bul-ser; F RUM S TUR A con-bul

TURKEY (Seki) A bul-SER; A con-BUL; F GRE S F aeg-Ion; F aeg-ION

Terry, will you please assign a standby for the English position:

PRESS:

AUSTRIA-ALL MY BUDDIES: Who are these guys? GER-RUS: Anything you say, SIR!

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: As you wish, so shall it be. Let the power that is mine do thy bidding as



reparation for past sins. May your soul journey well in other worlds...
FRANCE TO RUSSIA: NYAH NAYH, NYAH-NYAH, NYAH, you can't get me! (Perverse Children's song.)
RUSSIA TO GERMANY: I sure hope you're amphibious!
RUSSIA-ITALY: Look, if Turkey doesn't want Serbia, how about you?
RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Did you quit the game? Apparently TNT thinks you have...

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Hmm, I don't suppose any of you get the joke. Any body heard the new Public Image LTD. (ie the group Johnny Lyndon (aka Johnny Rotten) formed after the Sex Pistols) song "This is not a Love song" in which he repeats "this is not a love song" 46 times. And that's all the lyrics. Actually it's not all that bad... I'd like to thank those of you welcoming me to the games and especially you pubbers sending me samples of your wares. I enjoyed them. It's a shame that in this format of GGing I get personal contact with you in the form of letters but you don't get anything personal back from me. So write me with a game related question that I can't answer in these pages so I have an excuse to write to you. Ed Henry, sorry to see you go after so short a stay.

I see I've gone over my space limit, and Terry is yelling at me to stop, so I won't be able to relate Beethoven Con (which I attended over the weekend at Larry Peery's) or meeting James Woodson and Jim Meinel, former Seattlite who slept on my couch. (Such a host..)

That number once again is 619 453 4913 or avoid COD and handling charges and mail to Keith Sherwood, 8866 Cliffridge Ave, La Jolla CA 92037. Operators are standing by.

Standby for England is (tada) Robert Von Bergman-his address and the rest of the board somewhere in the back under standby notes.

Keither, you may, as may decide, use as little or as much space as you feel like using. Obviously if you want to spend time ridiculing sacrosanct hobby institutions or hobby elders (old farts) then use as much space as you want.

For those of you who don't know the Keither he is studying the Economics of Drug Abuse on a grant from the James Watt Foundation for Fuzzy Thinking at the University of Sun Deities.

NSWG-5 1981 KC The Bird

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AUTUMN 1909: GERMANY: NMR! f lon R otb
 a ven R otb
 TURKEY: f gre R alb (Annihilated)
 AUSTRIA: a tri R alb (Annihilated)

WINTER 1909: FRANCE: Build A MAR
 GERMANY: NBR plays 2 short
 TURKEY: NBR plays 1 short

SPRING 1910: GERMAN NMR MAY PROVE DECISIVE!!

FRANCE(Diamond): A RUH S A bur-MUN, A HOL-kie,
F NAP S + F GRE MS F ION, F NWG C A edi-NWY,
A mar-PLB, A ven-TYO, F eng-MAO, A lon-YOR,
F SKA S F nth-DEN.

GERMANY(Wiggers): NMR! A BOH U, F BAL U, A FIN U,
A SWE U, A KIE U, A mun D (R sil,per,otb),
a gen U'D (Annihilated).

TURKEY(Finley): F EAS S + F AEG S F ADR-ion,
A BUD S + A TRI S A rum-SER, F bul/e-CON.

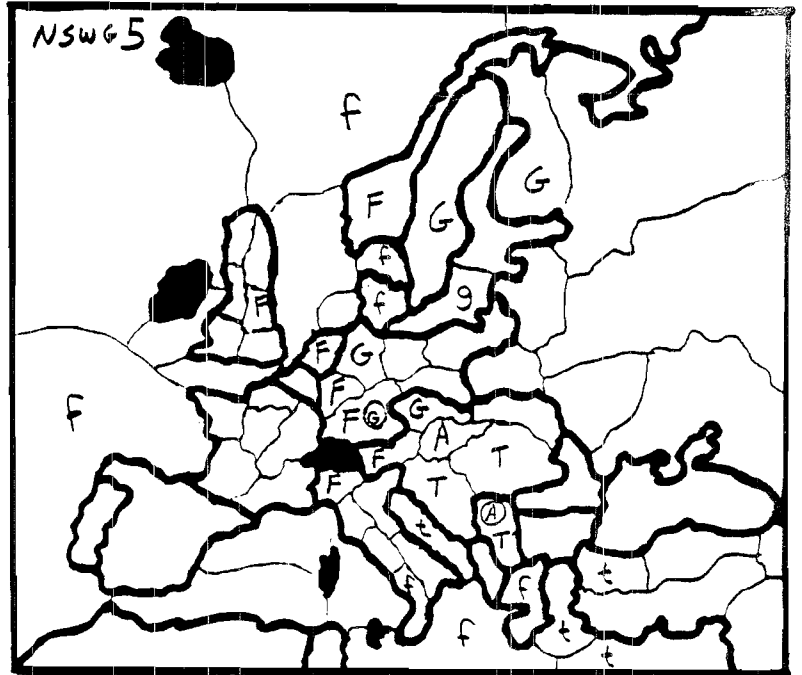
AUSPRIA(Laudi): A VIE-oon, A ser-rum D
(R alb,bul,otb).

ITALY(Bassett): A ROM S french A ven (OTM).

The standby for GERMANY is: John Mirasou, see below.

PRESS: AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Hello?!

Earl Wiggers has resigned so John, it's all yours. Somewhere this issue I'm listing names for the games, search and you shall find, folks.



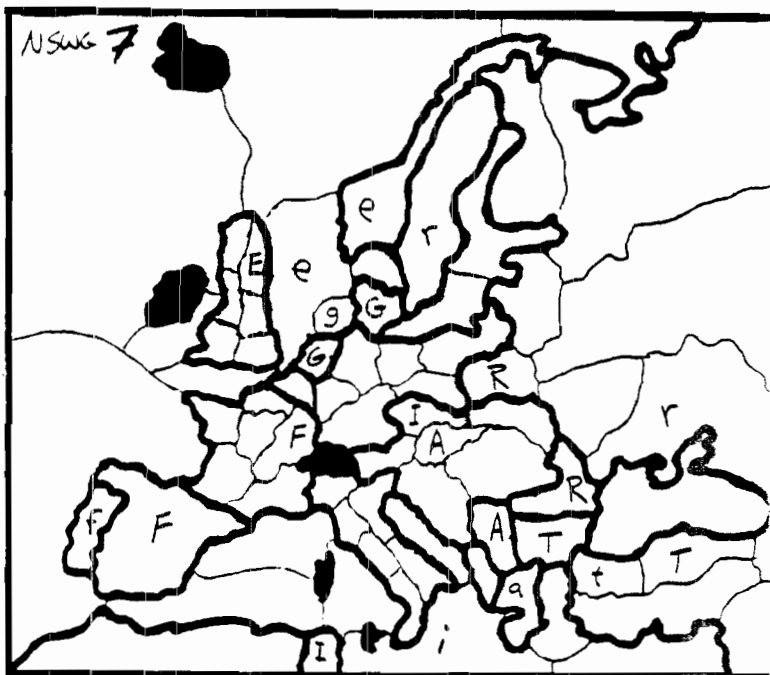
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Not 11x17!

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FALL 1901: FRANCE ALONE IS WHOLLY UNCOMMITTED!

- RUSSIA(Bassett): A WAR-gal, F bot-SWE, A SEV S A ukr-RUM.
- AUSTRIA(Meinal): A SER S F alb-GRE, A VIE-gal.
- ITALY(quirk): F ION C A apu-TUN, A tyo-BOH.
- TURKEY(Lowe): F CON-bul (AMB-coast not specified), A BUL-gre, A ANK-con.
- ENGLAND(Gardner): F nwg-NWY, F NTH-bel, A lvp-EDI.
- FRANCE(Matthews): A gas-SPA, F mao-POR, A BUR-bel.
- GERMANY(Henry): F HEL-nth, A kie-DEN, A run-HOL.
- RUS: Mos, Sev, Stp, War, RUM, SEV (6) build 2
- AUS: Bud, Tri, Vie, GRE, SER (5) build 2
- FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, POR, SPA (5) build 2
- GER: Ber, Kie, Mun, DEN, HOL (5) build 2
- ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, TUN (4) build 1
- TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, BUL (4) build 1
- ENG: Edi, Lvp, Lon, NWY (4) build 1
- N : Bel (1)



Winter 1901 and Spring 1902 orders are due on Terry's deadline unless I receive two requests for a separation of seasons, in which case I will only publish the results of the Winter adjustments. Have you got that, Simon? We will often combine Winter/Spring moves but never Fall/Winter here. Also, your letter took 8 days to reach me from north of the border--you had better plan to mail a bit sooner in the future. How anyone can complain about the US postal service when there is such a farce in Canada is beyond me!

PRESS: TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Greece is mine. TURKEY to RUSSIA: This is friendly?
 TURKEY to ITALY: Did I goof up or what? ((Can I answer that?))
 TURKEY to LETTER PASSER: I hope Italy went ahead with his move.
 AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Christ, how stupid do you think I am? ((Can I answer that one, too?)) All this baloney about attacking Russia, doing a backflip, etc. Boy, are you in trouble now.
 AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: How could you ally with someone like the Turk? ((I know this one, too)) Did you fall for that old line of his? I got a flash for you--he's planning on doing you in as soon as I'm gone. If you don't believe me, ask anyone on the board--it's all over.
 TURKEY to GM: Did I fall for it or what? ((What))
 AUSTRIA to RUSSIA & TURKEY: You made a poor choice of enemy.
 TURKEY to FRANCE: Want to trade?
 AUSTRIA to FRANCE: Sorry I didn't write. Non-aggression pact is fine with me.
 AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: Boo noo! What the hell is wrong with the BEF? I guess it stands for Barely Edging Forward.
 DATELINE MOZAMBIQUE: The French Republic, recently rejuvenated, rules richly. Long live Free France!
 AUSTRIA to ITALY: Lepanto! Lepanto!
 GM to HENRY: Sorry about your press last time. I'll make room for all press in the future!

This looks like a good place to say that Ken Corbin is guest gming the next game here and Joan Extrom will be getting her lumps in too. Very adequate ones if I do say so, not to be confused with the Lump, which is Ken himself. Signed up are Bob Seki (who needs to confirm and send in a preference list) John (gasp!) Caruso, and the Lovely H.D. Bassett. I can't remember if the Alphabet Canuck is signed up or not but obviously it will be an all-star cast.

And the price is right--no NMR fee and no game fee. See last issue for his address or look up Joan Extrom in my sub list a couple of issues back or claim intense confusion and call or write me. But sigh (sign?) up soon, tentatively the last game here for a while.

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I hate to do this to you, guys, but I'm afraid that I didn't make it very clear last turn that Mark Fruen had taken over the Italian position. In fact, Mark himself apparently didn't even realize it. So, I must delay this game one deadline so that everyone will be able to submit orders knowing what's going on and who is playing Italy, including Italy. Sorry, guys, it won't happen again.

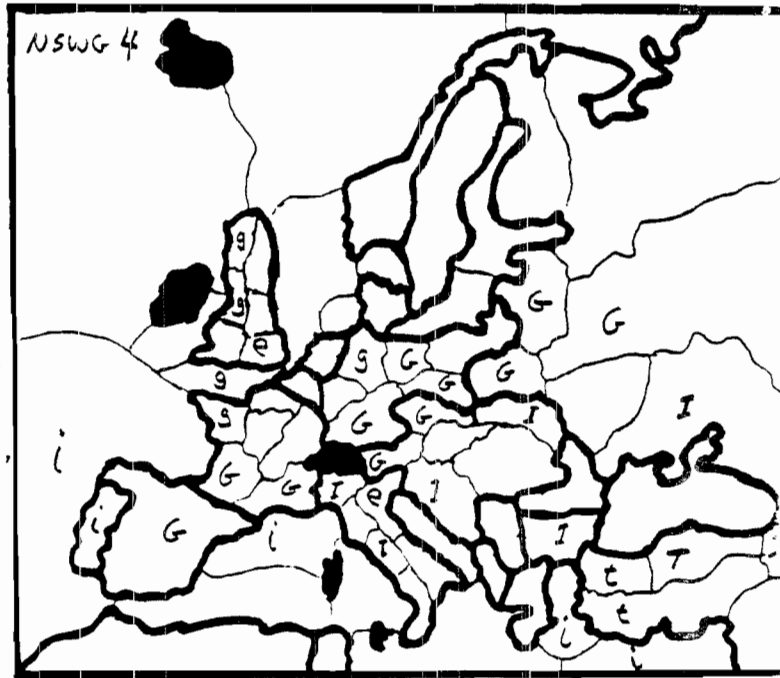
GERMANY(Jonsson): has A's SPA, GAS, MAR, MUN, BER, TYO, BOH, SIL, WAR, MOS, LVN, F's CLY, LVP, ENG, BRE, KIE..

ITALY(Fruen): has A's PIE, ROM, TRI, GAL, SEV, ARM, BUL, F's MID, POR, LYO, AEG, EAS.

TURKEY(Torres): has A ANK, F SMY, F CON.

ENGLAND(Hanson): has F LON, F VEN.

Orders are on file for all great powers including Torres and Fruen.



NSWG 2-The Barely Terrestrial game, or Jim-Bob Meets the Ozone.

GM tells Austria games over without reading all the orders, EGRT fails and EGIRT rears it's furry head to be voted on and EGRT is resubmitted. NVR equals yes, as always. And the AT failed

Austria Das Keither:Build A Vie; A War S T A Lvn-Pru, A Sil-Ber, A Vie-Gal, A Boh S A Tro-Mun, A Tro-Mun, (What will Brux say if he reads that???????)A Ven-Tro, A Nap-Rom, F Gre S T F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tun

England Das Pudge:Build F Lon,F Edi; F Edi-Nwg, A Lpl-Edi, F MAO-Wmd, F PorH, F Bre-MAO, F Lon-Eng, F Nwy-S F Stp(NC), F Stp(nc)laughs at Pudwackers

Germany Das Orc: A Ber H, A Kie S A Ber, A Mun H, A Ruh S A mun, F Bel H, A Gas S Wop A Mar

Italy Das Boob: A Spa and A Mar MS, F Tun S E F MAO-Wes(R Naf,OTB)

Turkey Das Zoom:F Con-Aeg, F Aeg-Ion, A Mos-Liv, A Liv-Pru, F Tyr-S A F Ion-Tun, A Smy H, F Eas H

In as much as I did this at work without setting up a board take a looke at it and make sure I missed nothing obvious.

Press:

Berlin:Whoever voted no is an ass. The stalemate line cannot be broken as long as the alliances hold.

Seattle:Where have I heard that before?

England-Austria:As one bum said to the other bum, If you're so damn smart--why ain't you rich?" Anyway Biffy's not even watching this game, he's seen stalemate lines before.

Bob-Keither:AT draw? HA!!! As they say in the gracious haciendas of old La Jolly, no way Jose.

England-Orc:Time to unleash the hellish powers of your orcish legions. Freeze their marrow with your malignant scorn, grind their bones to make elf bread.

Jabba-Italy:Toadi, uh, uh, uh, Yyyyyyooooooooooooo toooooooooooooadi, weeeeeeeeeee leeeettttt yooooooooooooo llllllvvvveeeee.

England-Turkey:Come on, show you're not a wimpish Sherwood sycophant, go for it. Crush him like an insect and you'll be a big man in this hobby indeed.

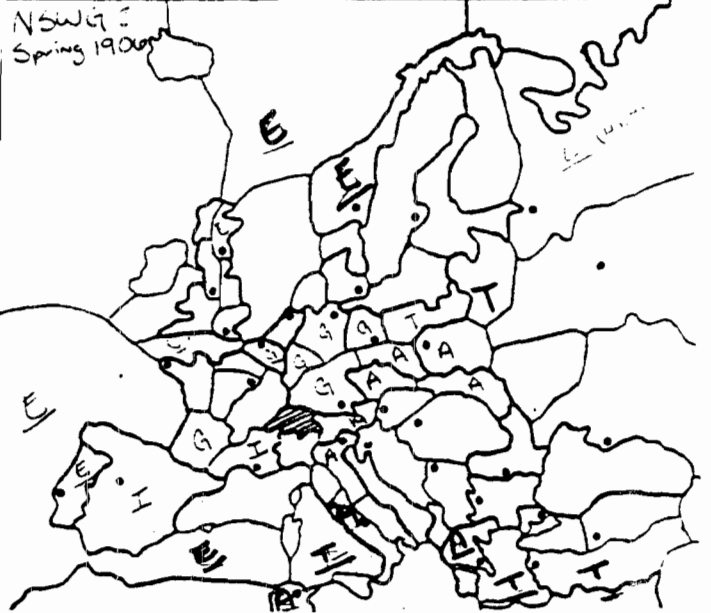
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GUINDON

PLAYING HOCKEY.



A job that robots can do better than us, and should.



MARK LUEDI →

What are we supposed to write on besides sideways paper? I don't think you'd want me to with this ribbon, anyways. I doubt there will be anything here worth inclusion in the next NSWG, though I do have a couple ideas to toss your way. The last NSWG was a pretty good one. I do agree with you on the Peery thing. I don't know that it's totally a bad idea, but I do think we'd better make sure we want it before jumping into it, because there is no going back. Yes, I would participate in a boycott or whatever it was you were advocating. I would also participate in an "Ignore Larry Peery Campaign"! I think he enjoys people getting all upset and flabbergasted by his ideas. I don't think we're going to have to worry about a tax. I don't know of anybody who supports Larry 100% on this. I'm only about 5-10% myself. It would be more trouble than it's worth. Are slugs bureaucratic? Do they have these types of tendencies? There's some slug graffiti here in town. One of these days I'm going to snap it and send it in to you. Hope they don't repaint before I get to. I hate when they repaint the Johns in the bars here in Bloomington. You can really tell that the intelligence of college students has really dropped in the past few years just by reading the graffiti. Being the Older Freshman is really a drag; I guess it's sort of a state of mind. Have you noticed I haven't started new paragraphs? I'll mark them for you, so that you don't get too booged down by this. So, anyways, cover ideas. I'm surprised you haven't come up with one yet showing the inside of a hamster cage (one among many - sort of like in a laboratory) and the door is opened (you're looking out) and a hand is reaching in and you see this face - Woody's of course - with suitable monologue: "Yes, my precious, yes, precious, precious is favorite, yes, (...)" (ala Gollum) Yeah, I gotta admit it does seem a little tacky for a family zine. I must admit, on hindsight, that I really should have gone with something a bit more flaring in the TMOER #16 issue. The last 2 or 3 pages were typed on Sunday night from about 10:00 till 1:00 or 2:00. I know it was fairly late. Time and space were both considerations. Maybe this is an indication of why I never made it as a football player. I should get into a Dip game with you sometime. Maybe I'm a Mad-Lad ((this term censored for zines going to the Midwest!)) and don't even know it. "Have you ever ~~felt~~ felt a compulsion to take an open dot?" "Well, gee Dr Tallman, sure I have, but doesn't everybody?" "No, I'm afraid not, Markie. The desire to grab dots is definitely a sign of deviant behavior in Diplomacy players. However, your case isn't so severe. I think we can have you treated without abnormal side effects. You will, however, have to move away from the Midwest." "But the Midwest's my home! I can't but up and leave the Midwest! All my friends live in the Midwest!" Anyways, did Walker invite into his press spectacular game? Maybe you should see if you can get in if he didn't. Only thing is that my press has been pretty flat lately. Who's going to negotiate in a press game? Well, he was promising weird people would be in it, and frankly, Terry, you're about as weird as they come (no offense). As if I'm not already in too many games. Should be fun, though. Is Luedi a Mad-Lad?! Feel lucky today, punk? Like your deadwood roulette? Might borrow the idea, though the deadwood hasn't bothered me too much lately. I've got only 4-5 true deadwoods. Most that would be eligible to be classified as such are playing. ~~Myxxfakimxxx~~ But then, I guess they qualify as deadwood too. Hey, I'll admit it, I'm deadwood in a dozen or so zines! Deadwood anonymous? Yes, I'm a-a-a, yes, I'm deadwood. I need help.

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Ed Henry
Nuisance
Jim-Bob Burgess

A Legend of One sort or Another since August of 1982. An otherwise unremarkable year.

Called as standbys this month were Robert Von Bergman in NSWG 3,
and I understand Dave is resigning so you are in Bob.

In NSWG 5 Earl Wiggers saw the writing on the wall and informed me he's out so John
Mirasou is in.

In postal Monopoly Joan Extrom gets the call to battle.

If you need addresses go back to the "Slug" issue, they are all there with bells on.

Bob got three issues for his Bernie Article. Jim Bob gets one, too, for his which isn't
here and is another story. We do, however say goodbye to Uncle Bernie this issue, on
New Years Eve I will try to get Daf Con to hold a moment of silence on his behalf. And
then we'll all giggle for a while for Larry Peery.

NEXT DEADLINE
JAN. 20 FOR PLAYERS
JAN. 27 FOR GUEST GM'S

I've had a heck of a
lot of white space this
issue.