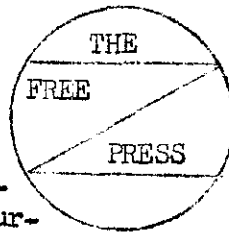
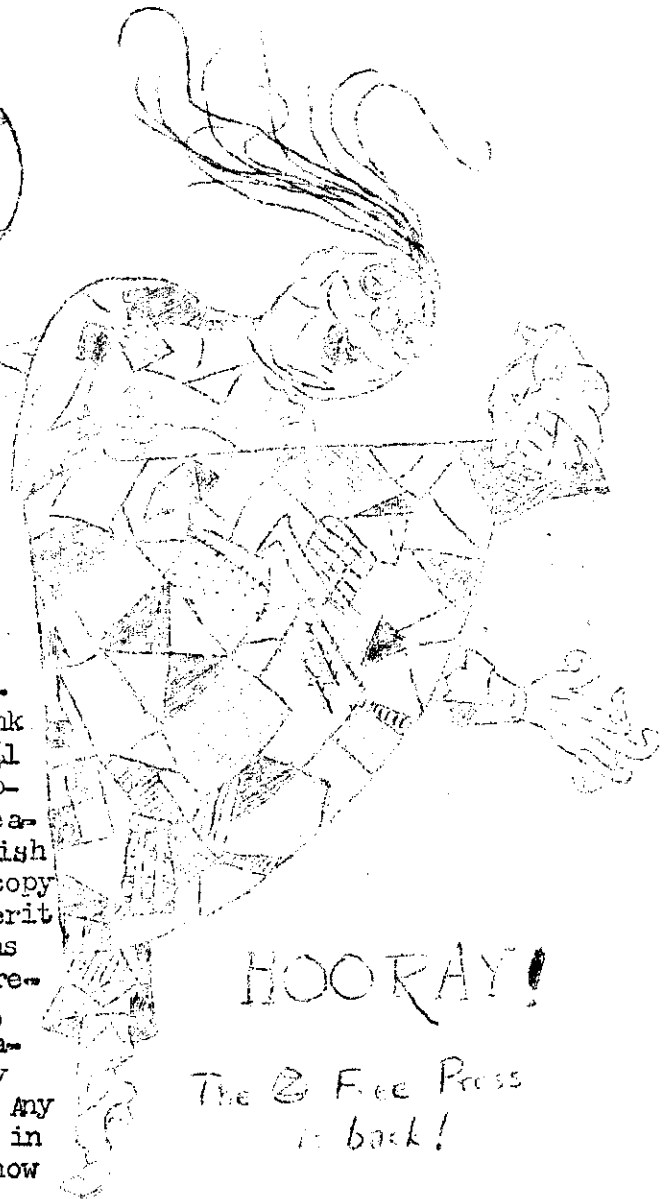


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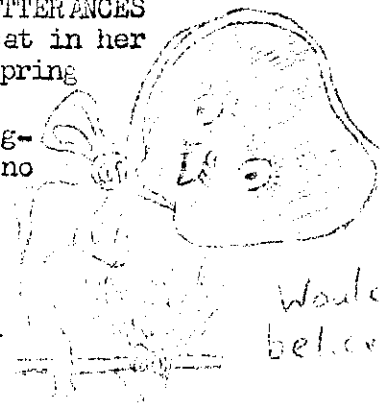
HOO RAY!

The Oz Free Press
is back!

AN INTRODUCTORY UTTERANCE TO END ALL INTRODUCTORY UTTERANCES

Ozma, the beautiful and girlish Queen of Oz, sat in her throne room, enjoying the sunlight of a beautiful spring day streaming through the green windows. As usual, she was guarded by her constant companions, the Hungry Tiger and the Cowardly Lion, although there was no need to guard the fairy ruler in her own realm, where everyone loved and obeyed her. The Queen wore a simple robe-like dress of white, her only ornaments being the emerald crown of Oz and her magic belt, a talisman of great power which assured that no harm would come to its wearer.

There was a rustle in the entry hall, and the Princess Dorothy, Ozma's best friend in Oz, came in. Dorothy had been a simple farm girl in the far-away land of Kansas many years before, but she had come to Oz by accident several times and finally decided to stay there because Oz is better than Social Security. Because the folk in the enchanted kingdom do not age, Dorothy had remained a small girl, and although a full Princess she still wore the play play dresses to which she had been accustomed in Kansas. Today, Dorothy was not in a playful mood, however; she seemed upset, and this troubled the fairy monarch of Oz, for she disliked to have any person in her Kingdom unhappy. "That's a bad scene," she thought, as she rose to greet her friend.



Would you
believe it?

Dorothy, although Ozma's dearest friend, curtsied to the stately ruler. "What is it that troubles you, my dear?" Ozma asked. And something was indeed troubling Dorothy. It was hard to keep anything from the Faerie Queen of Oz, whose spy system was the most efficient in the world. She has a Magic Mirror for snooping, for one thing, and a resident wizard, and spies all over the Emerald City, and, oh, all sorts of things.

"Ozma," said Dorothy, with her accustomed familiarity (which made the royal Ozma think of horsewhips, but which she invariably forgave), "have you heard what the Ausländer are doing?" Ozma smiled, for Ausländer was a term used by the kindly folk of Oz to refer to those benighted persons living on continents not washed by the Nonestic Ocean; it was normally said with a falling inflection and a slight sneer.

"Why, no, my dear, what are they doing?" Ozma knew she could look in the Magic Mirror or give Glinda a buzz and find out, but if Dorothy wanted to do the puppy-dog bit and run in with dribbles and drabs of information, Ozma was prepared to tolerate it—although there were times she had thought of just throwing her to the Hungry Tiger (who had, however, observed that the girl from Kansas was not fat enough) or to the Cowardly Lion (who, however, was in mortal fear of a vicious black beast Dorothy owned, called a "dog").

"Well, it seems that Poderkagg..."

"Who, or what, is that, dear?"

"It's a country in the Balkans, Ozma, and..."

"That's Ozma, Dorothy, and where is 'the Balkans', dear?"

"It's in Europe, and..."

"And where is 'Europe', dear?"

"Well, it's...honestly, Ozma, don't you know anything?"

"Dorothy, that is no way to speak to the Queen!"

"Well, I 'spose I c'n speak any way I damn well please."

"Dorothy! You're supposed to be a sweet little girl!"

"Oh, hell, Ozma; I was maybe 7 or 8 in 1899, and don't you think it's been a few years since then? The Wizard taught me all sorts of swell words, too. Anyway, those stupid Ausländer are at it again. Here, read about it yourself...."

ARMADONIA (Dygart): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No Gold placement.

BEAUCOILLON (Boardman): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No Gold placement.

C.S.A. (Cochran): A Lees (5)-Braz (76), A Jack (6)-Okla (75), A Memp (9)-Kent (10), A Rund (13)-Penn (16), C Aint (2)-Memp (2)-Vand (3), F Miam (1)-Gar2, F Char (12), Atl25. G unit placement: 25G Lees (5), 15G Aint (2), 10G Memp (9), 15G Rund (4), 10G Char (12), 15G Miam (1), 10G Kent (10). G movement: 50 Rund-Atl25. SIC #3.

COSTAGUANA (Wells): A Raba (2)-Fex (3), A Fex (3)-Atls (11), A Trls (7)-HaHo (19), A Marr (12)-Hour (16), C Age (5)-Gabe (6)-Char (18), F Gabe (6)-Trls (7), F Cism (14)-Atl34. G unit placement: 100G Marr (12). G movement: 25G Marr (12) (T)-Pollutider. No SIC #.

EFGIART (Beyerlein): A Soko (58)-Himb (51), A Kuka (60)-Asbe (48), A Buea (63)-Ibol (61), A Basa (69)-Kivu (71), C Libr (65)-Cong (66)-Luan (67), F Ibol (56)-Atl38, F Luan (67)-Bnla (98). No G placement. No SIC #.

ETHEROPIUM (Haggart): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No G placement.

No-see p. 17

FRENCIANA (Peery): A Pris (12)-Lurl (17), A StPr (13)-Free (40), A Prsl (15)-StPr (13), A Lurl (17)-Auve (20), C Prst (9)-Poit (16)-Aqui (19), F Exet (5)-Atl13, F Prpl (8)-Atl10. G unit placement: 100G Pris. No SIC #.

GLOCKORLA (Lebling): A Ivan (7)-Arnh (8), A Adel (14)-Hart (10), C Hart (10)-Ivan (7)-H, F Melb (1)-Pac66, F Sydn (2)-Pac58, F Bris (3)-Pac56, F Pert (12)-Ind3. G unit placement: 100G Warr (4). SIC # 3.

BRANSEMARK (Mebane): A Danz (49)-Sile (81) (S) by C Mark (79), A Nurn (54)-Munc (54b), A Munc (54b)-Tyro (57), A Liec (56)-Grau (58), C Leip (54a)-Mark (79)-(cf. A Danz), F Bron (43)-Fres (42), F Pose (48)-Danz (49). G unit placement: 20G Lusa (50), 20G Leip (54a), 20G Nurn (54), 20G Munc (54b)-20G Leic (56). SIC # 2.

HYDUNDEBAD (Baker): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No G placement.

NO - See p. 17

TUSA EMPIRE (Childers): A Huan (22)-Uzay (30), A Chuq (27)-Uyan (25), A Iauli (31)-Putu (32), A Cuzc (29)-Arro (37), C Cosh (26)-Rond (39)-Mato (45), F Quit (18)-Bogo (16), F Anto (24)-Pich (73). G unit placement (curse you, Fed Childers): 6.0 Huan (22), 21.8 Aguj (20), 7.0 Bamb (19), 15.8 Quit (18), 23.4 Areq (23), 14.3 Yacu (28), 11.7 Iqui (31). No SIC #.

KALIF (Latimer): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No G placement.

KALMAR (the Cartiers): All units hold. G unit placement: 10 G Narv (147), 10G Tron (159), 10G Agde (156), 10G Varm (150), 10G Malm (153); 50 G not placed. G unit movement: 40G (T)-Pollutidar. All told, 10G unaccounted for. No SIC #.

LOMFOC (von Metzke): A Joho (118) (H), A Ayut (119)-Viet (127) (impossible), A Xien (121)-Pegu (115), A Hano (128)-Yunn (134), G Angk (125)-Ubon (124)-Xien (121), F Saig (126)-Pac36, F Cant (129)-Pac33, F Honegger-Pac231 (what do you do for an encore?). G unit placement: 100G Xien (121). No SIC #.

MARSOVIA (Ward): A Cara (3) (H), A Prmb (6)-Caye (7), A Boli (11)-Paca (10), A Cucu (14)-Cart (1), C Vill (5)-Suri (9)-Hana (48), F Cart (1)-Carl, F Caye (7)-Anap (50). G unit placement: 50G Inin (8), 50G Paca (10). No SIC #.

MISKATONIA (Comber): A Chit (170)-Argu (169), A Ulan (171)-Khan (146), A Irku (172)-Toms (73), A Blag (179)-Heil (167), C Khab (180)-Manc (166)-Vlad (164), F Niko (183)-Pac6, F Okho (184)-Pac3. No G placement. No SIC #.

PERILAND (Bailey): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No G placement.

NO - See p. 18

PODERKAGG (Wecker): A Salo (69) (H), A Gast (73)-Bulg (95), A Novi (74)-Bana (94), A Borg (93)-Slov (90), C Lucr (91)-Cari (77)-Vene (60), F Ragu (70)-Dura (71), F Dura (71)-Med11. G unit placement: 50G Dura (71), 50G Novi (74). SIC # 1.

POLLUTIDAR (Manogg): Open vents : Form (Col 46), Hawa (Oce 19), Kass (Afr 24), Scot (Eur 3), Fiji (Oce 18), Nica (Ame 102), Guin (Afr 53). G unit placement: 100G in Pollutidar. SIC #5. NOTE: 3 vents left unopened. *See also p. 16*

QUEBEC (Smythe): A Otta (28a)-Fort (32), A Mntl (29)-Onta (17), A Surb (30)-Mign (35), A Fort (32)-Belc (33), C Rigo (23)-Mist (25)-Otta (28a), F Cabo (22)-Atl21, F Queb (28b)-Aca d (21). G unit placement: 100G Fort (32). G movement: 30G Fort (32)-Otta (28a), 30G Fort (32)-Surb (30). SIC # 3.

ROMANY (Long): A Jeru (2)-Nafu (31), A Dmsc (4)-Iraq (30), A Tyre (5)-Jeru (2), A Icon (12)-Phry (16), C Caes (10)-Soph (19)-Assy (42), F Alep (7)-Med14, F Adan (8)-Med 15. G unit placement: 10G Icon (12), 10G Adan (8), 10G Tyre (5), 10G Dmsc (4), 10G Jeru (2), 10G Alep (7), 20G Syri (6), 20G Caes (10). SIC # 2.

RURITANIA (Koning): A Sama (123)-Chel (126), A Kaza (129)-Perm (127), A Vite (135)-Biye (87), A Riga (137)-Lith (85), C Ruri (131)-Gunn (134)-Brya (127), F Petr (139)-Bal3, F Arkh (141)-Murm (142). NC G placement. No SIC #.

So, I stabbed you. Big deal.

SEVASTOPOL (Swenson): NO MOVES RECEIVED. All units hold. No G placement.

No - See p. 18

SIUNIK (Wagner): A Kern (43) (H), A Awa (45)-Sume (44), A Kirm (50)-Iran (55), A Rayy (54)-Lumi (57), C Siun (56)-Rayy (54)-Yazd (52), F Shir (46)-Ind 27, F Qish (48)-Ind 26. G unit placement: 100G Pers (49). No SIC #.

SQUITE (Heston): A Zanz (80)-Keny (73), A Kilw (81)-Irin (74), A Zomb (85)-Tang (78), A Quad (89)-Sofa (91), C Sofa (91)-Meta (95)-Trvl (94), F Atan (88)-Ind 35, F Merc (93)-Iadh. No G placement. No SIC #.

XANADU (Bilrod): A Hank (152)-Kngs (133), A Weih (155)-Kgsu (153), A Harb (159) (H), A Soer (161)-Vlad (164), C Xana (156)-Shms (150)-Shan (139), F Ning (152a)-Pac 33, F Toky (162)-Pac 22. G unit placement: 100G Xana (156). No SIC #.

SINISTER INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY (Turner): NO MOVES (sinister or otherwise) RECEIVED. Has 100G at Bermuda. Everybody breathe easy.

POSTMARK DEADLINE for Fall 1502 moves is Tuesday, 14 May 1968. Fall 1501 moves must include movement of units, SIC counter-espionage number (unless you don't care), initial placement of gold (if omitted from Spring moves), and votes for Pope. Players are advised that countries with official candidates for Pope include: the U.S.A., Miskatonia, Franciana, and Pederkagg. See press releases. Also: Wafbevia.

SOME COMMENTS on the Spring moves. Quite a few missed moves here, including those of every member of the LTA in this game. What's the matter, guys? Is the Greene Towle Incident too much for you? Anyway, those who sent moves often missed the initial G placement required by Rule 3. You must do this by Fall or I will simply remove the units from the game. Also, Rule 8 is unclear. You do not have to place your 100G in your mines. Those who thought they had to may submit new placement orders with their Fall moves. You will note that moves include both the number of a province and the 4-letter abbreviation. We will continue this for a while. The number will include the 3-letter continental designation only when units are on a continent other than that on which the mother country is located (and for all Pollutidar and SIC moves).

THE ANSWER MAN, Part 2

From Sid Cochran:

1. Q. To what sea provinces is Anah2h connected? A. Arcl2 and Vict (42f). Q. 42g? A. Bell and Vict. NOTE: What appears to be a sea province south of 42f is a part of 42f and functions exactly as the water areas included within such provinces as Denmark (Dan45). Thus a move F Mack-Boot, followed by F Boot-Mack (or -Arcl1) is legal. Province 42f functions as a land and sea province (but not as high sea for convoy).

2. Q. Assume Xxxx, bordering sea province Yyy21 but not Yyy22, and Yyy21 borders Yyy22. Is this legal; A Xxxx-Yyy22 (C) by Yyy21, F Yyy 22 becomes A/F? A. Yes. All players are referred to Rule 13 for the legal basis for formation of A/F by convoy.

3. Q. Province San Diego (Am36) also has 2 coasts (w & e). A. How 'bout that?

4. Q. What is the function of the knowledge that the principal vault of the SIC is at Bermuda (in Atl23)? Can ordinary players seize the gold of SIC in its home vault? A. No seizure of SIC gold in storage is possible. However, if the SIC player should decide to give G units to another player, they would have to begin movement in Atl23. In movement, it is of course possible to seize such units by means of, say, an F.

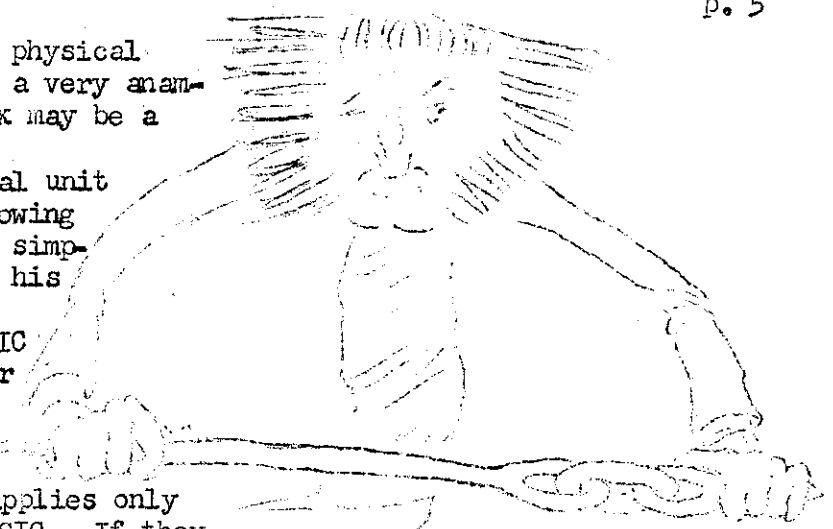
5. Q. What happens if a Papal supply center is captured or held on a Fall move by another power? A. That's the breaks. Seriously, a Papal supply center, once constructed, may not be moved, nor its utility changed. Therefore, it is subject to capture, just as any other center. And the new owner may build for it. Using your example, Sid, assume Papal supply center Xxxx, owned by power B. In Fall 1503 Power A moves A Wwww-Xxxx. A now owns Pxxxx, and B must remove a Papal unit in Winter 1503. A builds nothing, however. In 1504, A moves A Xxxx-Yyyy. Province Pxxxx is vacant in Fall 1504. Now, A may build a Papal unit in Pxxxx (but if A had also had his own Papal centers, he could then have built for Pxxxx in Winter 1503). However, remember that B still has some power over Pxxxx. If he is later required to remove a Papal center, he may remove

~~PXXXX~~, even though he no longer has physical control over it. This will put A in a very anomalous position, so that owning ~~PXXXX~~ may be a very ephemeral advantage.

6. Q. What happens when a Papal unit is /A/? A. On the Winter move following the annihilation, the affected power simply builds a new Papal unit on one of his Papal supply centers.

7. Q. If Pollutidar and the SIC wish to disburse G units to any Power on the Board from their vaults, does it move instantaneously without any lengthy sea voyages or the like?

A. No, the instantaneous transfer applies only to gold going to Pollutidar and the SIC. If they, in turn, wish to move gold back to other players (except to each other), it must be done in just the manner available to all players: by moving it. See question 4, above. In Pollutidar's case, he may move G units from any currently open vent.



I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, PEEKY!!

From Greg Long:

8. Q. May SIC support an attack? A. No.

9. Q. May SIC attack a Pollutidarian unit entering a vent? A. If I understand this, may SIC attack a Pollutidarian unit moving from the surface back to Pollutidar via a vent; if that is the question, then yes, but it will have no practical effect. If you are asking, may SIC attack a Pollutidarian unit coming to the surface via a vent, the answer must be no. SIC's power is limited to units already on the surface.

10. Q. May an instantaneous transfer be hijacked? A. No.

From Pete Comber:

11. Q. Can Pollutidar send a unit up from a vent supported by a unit still in Pollutidar (i.e., A Pollutidar-Xxxx (S) by A Pollutidar)? A. No.

12. Q. Can we write our orders using numbers? A. Sure, but I'd rather have the name and number (for name, the 4-letter abbreviation is best).

13. Q. Can a country issue currency based upon Gold Reserve and then trade with other countries. A. I guess. Perhaps in time we can write rules for gold-backed currency and war bonds and things like that.

14. Q. Besides running around collecting mines & trading with our subterranean friends, what good is gold. A. No much, I guess, but that's plenty.

15. Q. How do the SIC counter-sabotage numbers work? A. Each player, with each set of moves, should indicate a number between 1 and 5. One number will do for the entire set of moves. If your number matches the number indicated by the SIC player for his set of moves, than any move by SIC against your units for that season is invalidated.

...pant, pant, pant, puff, puff...

NEWS (SOB) OF THE WORLD

FROM BEAUCOUILLON:

GRANDE CASINO (2 January 1501): His Majesty Cosimo XIII today decreed that the entire cork production of the provinces of Lusitania, Lishbona, and Estremadura will be purchased by the Ministry of Aggression at the prevailing market rate. The Ministry will construct a huge cork to plug the Pollutidarian vent in Suevia. This construction will be financed by a .001% rake-off from the roulette wheels in the Royal Bourse. However, an opposition spokesman ventured the opinion that the immense sums raised by this impost will be a temptation to the honesty of the cabinet. King Cosimo indignantly rejected this suggestion. "Their honesty cannot be endangered," he said. "It is well known that they have none." Ambassador Miguel Patricio O'Julijan of the Raparicracy of Suevia has expressed his government's indignation over the planned Beaucouillonian intrusion into Suevia. "By Santa Bridgetta, Oid up an' be leavin' at once if Oi hadn't had a bad run o' luck at faro," he told reporters over the siete y media table.

TRYPHEME, SEPTIMANIA: Pausole I, tributary King of Septimania, today formally requested the King of Beaucaillon to restore to his province the ancient name, Trypheme. The mass of the Tryphemian people apparently support their monarch, though Chancellor Taxis is opposed to the measure. "Our Chancellor has a mind which is orderly to the point of mania," declared a royal page to a reporter. "He imagines that the city of Trypheme will be confused with the province of Trypheme. If the provinces of Cordova, Urgel, Toledo, and Zara gossa can live with this problem, I guess we can." This judgement was confirmed, albeit more learnedly, by M. Lebirbe, leader of the Opposition. "The first civilized men to settle on this verdant shore," he told a meeting of La Ligue Centre Inceuse Interierre, "were Greek colonists from Sybaris. They rightly called these idyllic surroundings 'Tryphemia', meaning 'contentment'." There is every expectation that King Cosimo XVII will grant this petition.

FROM THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

Le Bourg: The Government of the Confederacy has announced its support of the Candidacy of the Very Rev. Father William Heard, Pastor of the Church of St. Simon Magnus at Lebourg, for Patriarch of North & South America and, under Divine protection, Bishop of A Valice.

FROM ENGLAND

UNION: Samuel K. Olmes of the Anti-Populace Party reported his government was taking steps to remove French ties from Efgiart. In a 26-page report issued by Olmes' government on outside activities conducted by the Peeritocracy Conspiracy headed by Lawrence X, the Efgiart Internal Service told of a plot to destroy Efgiart's war industry. Factories to be raided and destroyed included the Beyerische Armour and Nail (BAN) plant and the Automatic Rocket Interception Deterrent (ARID) laboratory. In a speech over the National Drum and Bell Network, Olmes reassured the people that "We will not be left defenseless."

FROM FRENCIANA

LURLEENS (3 January 1501): In a ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Peery the Magnanimous here, Her Imperial Majesty Lurleen IX was crowned with the Crown of the House of Peeri, Europe's oldest continuing reigning family, tracing its ancestry back to Charlemagne's Empire /uh--Larry--there was no Charlemagne in this time-line, and the House of Attila, presumably still regnant in Romany, goes back to the year 1 DMO/. As Empress of Frenciana Her Majesty becomes leader of the world's oldest and richest Peeritocracy. In a speech to the Frenciana Periclaque Her Majesty announced the appointment of Sir Richard the Lion-hearted, Duc de Gadsden, as Her Prime Minister; and the Duc de Greene as Her Commander-in-Chief. Her Majesty announced that the establishment of a Council of Europe under the instigation of Pderkagg constituted a direct threat and provocation to Frenciana; which as a Peeritocracy is not entitled to join this collection of Kingdoms. Her Majesty commented: "Frenciana has no intention of subjecting itself to the commands of this concubinage of Walker's. Frenciana is, and will remain, a free and independent nation. Our friends, who are numerous, will be dealt with in a spirit of friendship and trust, unhampered by multilateral strings and the intrigues of the Balkans."

ST. PEERIGRAD (4 January 1501): In a secret ceremony here the Peerist Duc de Sprat was crowned with the crown of the House of Ilreputen (going back into pre-recorded times) as King Zelitch I. Zelitch, who is a sworn Peerist and an opponent of Her Majesty's policies (which are Peerisite), has appointed the Duc de Pinkie as His Prime Minister. The King has called his rabble together for a drive on Lurleens to seize the throne. Reporters feel, however, that the Queen enjoys the support of Her people.

FATIMA (6 April 1501): Local inhabitants were stunned today as reports circulated that the beloved St. Peery had appeared to 3 village children and declared to them that the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Peeri-aquinas must be the new Pope. The town priest, Father Demeri, announced the children were being kept hidden until they could be questioned by the Archbishop of St. Peerigeux. His Eminence, Holimoses II.

ST. PEERIGRAD (8 April 1501): Holimoses II today announced he would lead a campaign to seize the throne of Peter for John, Abbot of the Monastery of St. Peeri-aquinas.

PEERIS (12 April 1501): The Banking Firm of Rothschild and Sons has announced the establishment of the Bank of Frenciana, which will be the sole repository of Frenciana's gold. The Bank has been capitalized at 100 international gold units.

FROM GLOCKORLA

SIDNEY (17 February 1501): It was with a great sense of urgency that the Senate of Glockorla met today. James Warrenton, the Consul from Gilbert, summed it up: "We are here to decide whether or not to breathe with 400 years of tradition, of history, and of cultural heritage and destroy the last of the English nation--the refuge of all the hopes and dreams of an Empire of which it could be truly said 'They were the last heirs of Rome.'" Whatever the English Empire was in the past, it fell apart during the last century in the great wave of revolutions and wars that swept all the world in those years. The death-knell was sounded on the battle-field at Dover, when the Frenchian army planted its flag for the first time on English soil, and the Empire was buried with the Peace of Paris in 1436, when by Imperial edict the old English Empire was absorbed by France. Only one thing served to remind the world of the glory that was gone, and it was that which the Senate came to debate today: "In 1436," continued Warrenton, "in the same year in which we ourselves became independent, the royal family of Anglanta, escaping with Rhodes' fleet, landed in New Zealand, at Wellington. George IV refused to accept the surrender to Franciana, and claimed New Zealand as royal territory, renaming it New Anglanta. Rhodes' fleet was too strong for either the Frenchian Pacific Fleet or the few New Zealand ships that dared to say no to their king. The vast majority of New Zealanders, in fact, approved of George's presence, and we of Glockorla, busy with the Frenchian forces trying to set up an Occupation, cared little for New Zealand, which was then only an associated Province. We let George and Rhodes stay."

Warrenton, who was of English descent himself, yielded to Koln Iverson a Porband, to finish up. "New Anglanta settled down under its new ruler, or old one in residence, that is, and such was the situation until 5 years ago. George V is encouraging raids on our own coastal cities by the English navy, and has attempted landings of troops on our shores only 5 miles from this city. In recent weeks he has gone so far as to demand the cession of power to him by this government! I have been informed by our Ministry of War that there is an English fleet preparing to embark from Wellington at this very moment. Thus, I ask with great sadness, but knowing our reasons are just, for this body to declare a state of war to be in existence against the Kingdom of New Anglanta."

Debate continued, but the result was a foregone conclusion. At 9:47 p.m., Sydney time, war was declared, and the Glockorlan fleets prepared to move toward New Zealand.

GLOCKORLA: Glockorla does not look like a warped Australia; Australia looks like a warped Glockorla. /Well, Glockorla is warped, in any case./

FROM GRAUSTARK

LEIPZIG (Royal Graustarkian News Service, 2 February 1501): Reports of paralysis of all government functions are sweeping through the royal city. All communication with the Palace has been cut off. Among myriad rumors, the most plausible speak of an uprising by the followers of the mad social theorist, Carlo Graffiti. At 11:20 hours, seizure of all government offices by the Graffitists was confirmed. At 11:30 hours, the Graffitists had taken over in a nearly bloodless coup. However, it has been announced that the royal family has perished in a regrettable accident. While the palace was under siege, King Ermann the Eremit, the Queen, and the Princesses Ermengarde, Ermentraute, and Ermentrude took refuge in the castle coal cellar, where they were buried alive in the mid-winter coal delivery, which came down the chute. Alas, thus passed the glory of the House of Wolfgepufft-Strohdach.

LEIPZIG (GNS) (2 February 1501): The death of the royal family is confirmed, but it was not the Kohlenkeller but the Kohlkeller in which they hid, and so died beneath an inundation of cabbages. Loyalist royalists are going underground and already speaking of the Martyr King and using the rallying cry, "Remember the Koenigskratted!" Crown Prince Ringlark escaped the holocaust and has fled. The revolutionaries have announced the official termination of the monarchy and the formation of the People's United Republic of Graustark (PURG). The palace has been renamed the PURGatory. Now that the monarchist backbones have been thrown out of the news bureau, the truth about the glorious PURG can be told. Graustark will become a people's paradise. However, our

many friends abroad need have no fear that this means a change to an aggressive foreign policy. PURG will honor all treaties and commitments of the decadent Kingdom of Graustark, and will be able to act with renewed vigor now that the feeble and emasculated Royal Army has become the virile PURGative Armed Forces.

FROM THE INCA EMPIRE

ATUCI AGASTIA: Inca radar has picked up a UFO. It is not known what type of creature piloted the craft, but eye-witnesses say the pilot resembled a dog wearing a flying cap, goggles, and muffler. It used to be little green men with antennae and pointed ears. Now it's dogs with goggles, and instead of flying saucers or cigars, it's flying dog houses.

PASTAZU: On Friday, 13 April, at midnight, the diabolical sacrament was held in honor of the Seven. The high point of the ceremonies was considered to be the life or death struggle between the political underground and the lions. The lions added another victory to their current winning streak of 35, with a final score of 53-1. Two hundred thousand cheering fans, 50,000 more than last time, turned out to root the home team.

AREQUIPA: Student unrest here at Breakoff University, fomented by national legislation making class attendance compulsory, resulted in 20 dead and 43 injured students. Two soldiers were injured slightly. In a move to help channel student activity into more constructive directions, the national government issued an order which placed the school in charge of the militant Fire Ant Eradication Program. It is hoped that this will keep the intellectuals on the campus, science and math majors, sufficiently busy so that they will not try to prove Finagle's corollary.

FROM THE FEDERAL CONFUSIONATE OF LOMPOC

The Government

Geshaw P. Quigg-----Chief Magistrate
 Voluminous Z. Z. Frump----Minister Without Portfolio
 Strempreiter B. Amadeo-----Minister Without Briefcase
 P. Charles Adler-----Minister Without Attache Case
 Hopsprings F. Jacumba-----Minister Without Trousers

LUANG PRABANG (11 February 1501): The President of the Federal Confusionate of Lompo and Coyote Wells, elected in a storm of political and moral controversy last October, was inaugurated today in a driving rain and lightning storm. His short address to the cheering crowd of 23 was the first time the President had announced his name in public - Gaudeamus Igitur MacDougal, former professor of handicrafts at the University of King Xong and a long-time advisor to his predecessor, Andrzej Sawiczewski. As the 2nd President of the Confusionate, MacDougal is expected to grapple decisively with the problems left over from the days of the Empire, whose last Tsar, Fidinicum Sacro-profanum CXII, still holds some popular influence from his home-in-exile on Kerguelen Island. Dr. Sawiczewski proved relatively incapable of handling the mess handed to him due to his constant preoccupation with the barbaric Castorian Legions that had laid waste to his home in Warsaw. MacDougal's first official act, following the long inaugural ceremonies, was to fall ill with double pneumonia.

CANDIDATE FOR POPE: His Holiness Peter Comber, Archbishop of the More-or-less Holy Subdiocese of Miskatonia and Sakhalin /i.e., proposing Miskatonia for the Papacy/.

KYRIE ELEISON. Our National Bird is the DC-6. Our National Flower is the Snap-dragon (which, as you shall see, is a subtle pun). The National Anthem is "Lompo Ueber Alles", sung to the same tune by Haydn that you thought it was. The National Flag is a solid black dish towel. The National Joke is "Who is President?" (This may not seem funny when you read it, but wait 'til you hear the answer!)

FROM MARSOVIA

The people of Marsovia have wrapped up a raucous 3-week celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Independence from Bourgeoisdom with a census, riot, orgy, and socialist march. The celebration's 3 years overdue due to national austerity programs to build up the armed forces in the face of current threats from both the Inca Empire

and Armadonia, saw the overthrow of two governments and the seating of High Priest Abn Had of the First Reformed Evangelical Church of the Fig Leaf of St. Philomena as new Chief Imperial Potentate. His first action was ordering units of the Imperial Household Cavalry into action to put down a rebellion in Manaus by heretics. Other units were dispatched to crush a strike by gold miners believed to be instigated by agents of the sinister International Conspiracy acting under Pollutidarian orders. His Holiness also announced his candidacy for Pope under a platform of "Something for everyone but one hell of a lot more for me." Votes are urgently solicited and will be paid for in gold grafts drawn on the First National Bank of Marsovia. The set price per vote has been fixed as .15G per vote (units smaller than 1-decimal are not allowed under the Rules/, Marsovian votes for other candidates are available at 120G per vote asked, no bids on the Caracas Exchange. The price is expected to drop sharply when trading opens.

FROM MISKATONIA

OKHOTSK: With the recent announcement by the President, Mr. Janovitch, that he will not seek reelection, the race has narrowed between Dyke Snikeovitch and Stonepal Nelo- vitch in the conservative faction and between Jean Ma-Ka Skiy and Rubarb Kemskey for the liberals. Small hope is held for the candidacy of the Vice-President, Pyotr Kombries. But if the situation between Miskatonia and Xanadu deteriorates any further, Kombries stands a better chance.

OKHOTSK: Prof. Gaulbreath, commonly known as fourmouth, again pleaded with the administration to revamp the present monetary system. "Our balance-of-payment is bad enough, but that, combined with our old-fashioned monetary system, is draining our gold reserve." Dr. Gaulbreath continued to explain his new system, based on decimals. It will have 100 goofs to comprise 1 mistake. The Mistake will be the basis of the system.

Stonepal Nelovitch, the governor of Okhotsk, told the press, "That idiot speaks nothing but bullsh.../Peter, this is Rantoul, not Brooklyn/ and it smells to high heaven. That galls me so is the people listen to what he says. A system not backed by 100% gold is bound to fail. You must run your government as a household." The governor then turned and entered his apartments on fashionable 55th St., before reporters could question his presidential plans.

EHABAROVSK: President Jonovitch played host to an entourage of foreign military observers today. During operation Swift Strike, the name given to the maneuvers, favorable comment was given by the visiting dignitaries on the skill displayed by the Miskatonian forces. At the conclusion, Vice President Kombries went into conference with the representatives from Lompoc, Kalmar, Frenciana, and Kalmar /again?/. President Jonovitch entertained the other dignitaries. Strangely missing from the picture was the representative from Xanadu.

FLASH: Vice President Kombries has promised to accept a draft for Pope if he is elected President. "I will not enter any primaries," he stated, "but I will answer any honest appeal to run." This move is expected to strengthen his chance for the Presidency. It is reported that a Draft Kombries office has been set up in the Laos section of Lompoc.

FROM (BOO, HISS!) PODERKAGG

GASTRITIS (3 January 1501): The capital of the Celestial Kingdom has been thrown into mourning today by the official announcement of the death of King Lugubrious VIII, 42nd King of the Sodomite Dynasty of Poderkagg. King Lugubrious apparently received the fatal blow when he tripped on the main steps of the Royal Harem, where he had been attempting to seduce his sister, the Princess Polyandra. His Majesty's mother, the Dowager Queen Hæmopickla, discovered the body. As the King had no children, the crown will pass to the Heir Presumptive, Prince Lugubrious, His Majesty's cousin and the grandson of King Pærdemonious VI. The new Heir, the Heir Apparent and Prince of Salona, will be the Prince Pærdemonium, son of the new King and his consort, Queen Gloriana of Chicago. Next in line for the throne are the King's grandson, Prince Salacious, the King's uncle the Prince Glucose, and the King's cousin, the Prince Gibbous, and Gibbous' son, the Prince Pèligant. All are lineal members of the ruling house of Sodom-Borgia. The next heirs would be the Princes of Este, of the House of Borgia-Sodom, of which the current

representative is Prince Rodrigo V, who is also Patriarch of Ravenna and Bishop of Venice.

GASTRITIS (15 January 1501): Again the capital of Poderkagg is in mourning. The late King, Lugubrious IX, opening a bottle of wine to celebrate His coronation, scratched His thumb and bled to death. The Dowager Queen Haemophelia discovered the body. The new King, His late Majesty's Son, will be crowned as Pandemonium V tomorrow. His wife, Princess Vendetta of Rome, will be crowned Queen.

GASTRITIS (10 February 1501): The capital of Poderkagg, still in a state of seige, which was declared when the Graffitist revolt broke out in Graustark, is buzzing with excitement. The Heir to the Throne, Prince Ringlstern, has escaped the carnage of the Graffitist Massacre of the Innocent, and has arrived in Poderkagg seeking assistance in regaining his rightful place at Leipzig. His Majesty immediately declared the engagement of Ringlstern with His cousin the Princess Anemia, daughter of the late King Lugubrious VII (died 1485), and promised to do everything in His power to eliminate the republican rabble of Graustark and restore the Prince to his throne. "There is no doubt," said the King, "that Graffitists may be even worse than Peerists!"

ESTE, ITALY (3 March 1501): His Highness, Prince Rodrigo V of the House of Borgia-Sodom, today declared his candidacy for the office of Pope, left vacant by the deaths in rapid succession of Popes Judas VII, Castratus XII, Ephemerus IV, and Moloch II. "Whoever votes for me," said His Highness, "gets plenty goodies. There will be free indulgences, excommunications for your enemies, maybe some gold under the table---I'm sure we can work it out." His Highness also observed that the rulers of Franciana had already threatened to make the Papacy "a subtle tool for Peerism", and vowed to halt the advance of this insidious system.

FROM POLLUTIDR (Spelled, for reasons you will see, PollutidR)

Tells us Radio Romany Reports, PollutidR Office, with Edward Rice Glotto:

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience; here once again is your favorite commentator, Edward Rice Glotto, bringing you the inside, and I do mean the inside, of the news. Tonight, and for many nights /and hours---there's 5 pages of stuff here/ to come, I am talking to you from PollutidR. That's right, I said PollutidR. Thanks to recent technical innovations, and the gracious courtesy of the Empressor of PollutidR, Hon; the Horny, for the first time an upper-crust reporter has been allowed to enter PollutidR. More than this, I have been officially accredited to the PollutidRian court, with ambassadorial status. Who else but your silver-tongued reporter, backed by the prestige of Radio Romany, could have achieved this? Now, recent unrest on the upper crust has made this assignment most important, so during my reports we will dispense with our usual commercial messages, but that doesn't mean that we will forget that our long-time sponsor has been Rollicking Romany Rum. Remember Romany Rum for a warm Tumb-tum!

Since my arrival here I have been confined to my inn. I have been promised guides, guards, and a staff, but something seems to have happened soon after my arrival here. While my nose for news twitches, my instinct for self-preservation has the upper hand, and for the time being I intend to stay within the inn, with the windows solidly shut. Meanwhile, although there is no rain, there is suddenly a sound of fluid rushing down the street---then suddenly the sound decreases, then stops, accompanied by sucking noises. If this were Antioch, or New Rome, I would say that the loud keening noises heard were sirens; here, who knows? If by this time you are wondering why I did not place a microphone outside to bring you some of the sounds, the answer is that I did. Radio Romany is now short $\frac{1}{2}$ a microphone. Here in the inn we are having an interesting discussion as to whether the missing portion was bitten or melted off.

Inside the inn it is most pleasant. For many years now, and this is news to you, many upper crusters have found refuge in PollutidR. My lodgings are in a tavern and inn run by a jovial Eireen, one Dick Dayly. This commodious house is The Old Sod, though Dick himself is not Eireish born. He is a refugee from a hate group called the Better Government Association, which drove him from his former position of Mayor of Siskagoa Land, a small state in America lying between the C.S.A. and Quebec.

The papabile staff of The Old Sod are all upper crusters. I was greeted here by happy Herman, the doorman, an ex-Graustarkian, jovial and fat, dressed in a uniform

that any Field Marshall might envy. Herman was once an ace Balloonist in the Graustarkian Balloon Corps; finally unable to make the weight limit, he severed all ties with the upper air and came here to PollutidR. Herman's best friend is a slight fellow, with a toothbrush mustache, who, when he is not waiting on tables, does the decorating and art work for The Old Sod. The public rooms are decorated with some really intriguing murals, that I wish I could describe over the air; and each private room has several paintings done by "Dolph". But harmony is sometimes marred by the feuds between Herman, Dolph, and the wine steward, Le Maistre le Grand Charles, as he styles himself, "the galling" as the underservants call him. He is a lanky, cadaverous man with a vulture's beak. Le M. le G. Charles was formerly a high-ranking officer in the Frencian cavalry. I have it on good authority that he might have risen to the rank of Field Marshall had not he been discovered performing certain maneuvers with his horse that were not to be found in the official manual. M. le M. le G., however, is certainly suited for his job, as there are ample stocks of Rollicking Romany Rum to be had here. "I'll take some -- Romany Rum!"

In the main dining room is a magnificent carving table, presided over by a very handy and amiable old gentleman from London. He wields a nimble knife and prefers to be known simply as Jack. When you have dined and signed your check, you go to the cashier's cage, and present it to a rather prim old lady from the Plymouth Colony, known affectionately as "Aunt Liz". She has the quaintest habit of keeping her various piles of notes, checks, and currency weighed down with several well-sharpened axes; and sometimes, when business is light, she can be seen honing these. When I jokingly asked her what she thought she was ever going to do with them, she told me that she hoped she wouldn't have to do anything with them here, that they were merely souvenirs.

As I record this, there are several other interesting ladies and gentlemen around my table, but I am afraid our time is running out, so I'll have to mention them on my future broadcasts. Till then, from the very bowels of the Earth, this is Edward Rice Glotto, the bright voice of Radio Romany, saying good night, get tighty-tight with Rollicking Romany Rum!"

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, there is NEWS from PollutidR tonight, and as usual, your astute announcer, Edward Rice Glotto, has been right on top of things--at the bottom of them, heh, heh. I have just returned from an interview with the new Emperor of PollutidR. Yes, there has been a revolution here, and Honj the Horny has been deposed. Some two hours ago, I was conducted, under heavy guard, along the streets of the capital. Pollutidarian citizens of many species were in a joyous mood. Everywhere could be seen the gold, black, and silver colors of the new Emperor. Entering the Palace, I was at once conducted to his presence. I was surprised at the lack of formality and the easy-going manner in which we were introduced. A tall figure rose from a simple chair in the audience chamber, extended a gloved hand to me, and said in excellent, but sibillant, Romish, "Welcome to PollutidR, Mr. Glotto, I am RobR the Hooded, as of this day, Emperor. My time is of course limited, there is so much to be done; but I will be pleased to answer a few of your questions."

Before I give you his answers, however, I would like to describe the scene to you. The Hall of Audience featured an ebony and ivory decor; former Emperors were commemorated by the display of their skulls, mummies, skeletons, and in a rare case or so, by merely a portrait. Behind the audience chair (this is not the Inferial throne, which outsiders rarely see) was the new Inferial banner, Silver, on a black pile a golden shaft. His Majesty was indeed Hooded; so concealing was the hood that I could make out no detail of his features. His hood and robe were blood red, lined in black, and upon his hands were blood red gloves. His only adornment was a plain ring, worn outside the glove on his right hand. So surprised was I at the turn of events that I tried to make time by commenting upon this ring.

"I wear it outside my glove, rather than on my finger, as I have found that it has some rather strange effects when worn directly by its owner. It is a precious little thing that was found in a piece of lava by a stonecutter near my home--it is probably an upper crust artifact, but who knows of what time or period? But surely your listeners will want to know more than the personal foibles of PollutidR's new ruler?"

I decided to take the plunge. "Has Honj the Horny been eliminated?" I asked. "Eliminated? Urrp -- Well, the banquet celebrating our victory was just an hour ago, so I doubt if he has been eliminated to any extent at this time; I myself have felt no urge along those lines." Your reporter decided not to pursue this line of questioning.

"Why was Honj the Horny deposed?"

"Honj was getting quite impossible. His ears were much too sensitive--all he was doing was making a lot of fuss about the noise you upper-crusters were making, spouting off about some of your national anthems, but not doing a dollar of good for the average citizen of PollutidR. I intend to remedy this. Future Pollutidarian relations with the upper crust will be based on mutually satisfactory arrangements, and where arrangements are not mutually satisfactory, you can be sure that my government will not waste time about what bars of music make a certain army come to attention. In this future, the only music that army will arouse to will be the horn of Gabriel. Do I make myself clear?"

I agreed that he did make himself clear. "Your Majesty, I was surprised to see so many upper crusters in PollutidR. Legend has it that this is a dread and dangerous land to be avoided by all but the most foolhardy."

"Mr. Glotto, PollutidR is still a land of dread and danger, mother of the wild, suffers not a stranger...excuse me, I got carried away for a moment. Anyway, many of you upper crusters have found the climate here to be more suited to their proclivities than that of their own land, and as long as they have something of worth or interest to contribute, we see that they are welcome. Indeed, you will find that some will be employed by my government in high office, and on missions to the upper crust." At this moment, we were interrupted by a servant bearing a goblet; he knelt and presented it to the Emperor. I could see the fluid within the goblet was a milky pink. "Excuse me a moment," His Majesty said, "but I must keep my strength up--unfortunately, I have nothing suitable to offer you now, but the palace will be better arranged when we next meet."

The attending guards, which had stood back while I had been talking with His Majesty, now flanked me again, and I could sense that the interview was about to end. "Thank you, Your Inferial Majesty," I said, "on behalf of myself and all the listeners of Radio Romany Reports."

After lapping the liquid, RobR the Hooded dismissed me with the words, "Tell those above that we in PollutidR believe in the Golden Rule. They may rule in peace as long as we get the gold. And may purrefect piece be with you, my friend." I again thanked His Majesty, and bowed my way out of the chamber.

So, faithful listeners, your reporter has been able to give you the first, the only, the exclusive interview with the new Emperor of PollutidR, His Inferial Majesty, RobR the Hooded, long may he rule. But such exclusive news items are no surprise to those who listen to the best in Radio, Radio Romany Reports, and this news program, brought to you through the courtesy of Rollicking Romany Rum. Watch 'em come for Romany Rum! This is Edward Rice Glotto saying, that's all, don't fall, just crawl with Romany Rum!

FROM QUEBEC

MONTREAL (9 March 1501): Today, Parliament directed the Defense Ministry to investigate the rumors that the plains tribes are being armed and trained by unknown powers. Traders, miners, and trappers returning from the Territories report numerous incidents of raids by the Sioux, Chippewa, and Dakota. This is not unusual; rarely a year goes by without aboriginal raids on trappers or traders. But these were raids by small groups of poorly armed warriors. The aborigines have never attacked well-armed permanent camps or large groups of men. Near the Lake of the Wilderneds, there is a large permanent camp where trappers gather each spring and fall to buy supplies and sell furs. This camp was destroyed 3 weeks ago. Nearly 130 men, women, and children were massacred. The survivors claim that the Dog and Buffalo clans of the Siouss Nation, plus a few Assiniboin and Dakota, nearly 1500 warriors, swarmed down upon Ludoc's Camp. Leonard Ironshirt, one of the 5 survivors, states, "I was with Peton's company camped on the west side of Ludoc's. It is near the creek and the bush, so it is easy to get water and firewood. We were then almost hit. We had no warning. One minute the evening was quiet; the next, the quiet was blotted out by Sioux war cries and the roar of their horses. To live in the Territories is to live with a gun. We always carry rifle, handgun, and knife. So before the

Sioux crossed the creek we shot many. Then the lead group of horsemen fired their carbines 3-4 times before we could reload. I know a man on foot can always outshoot a man on a horse, but not those -----. Peton's men dies before they had a chance to reload, and they were some of the best with the rifle. When I saw that my friends were dead, I ran into the bush. The others never had a chance."

Colonel Whiting of General S. Bull's Cavalry claims he knows of no other incidences of a camp being destroyed. He feels that Ironshirt's statement that the Sioux fired 3 to 4 times before the defenders could reload their breechloaders, plus the size of the war party, helps explain why the aborigines were so bold. Repeaters are a recent innovation; in fact, the Defense Ministry only recently informed the public of their existence. No repeaters are available to the public. All production is being used to equip the armed forces. Colonel Whiting could not explain how the plains tribes acquired the modern weapons, But he did say that if the tribes are equipped with repeaters, the frontier and the very security of all Quebec would be threatened.

MONTREAL (30 March 1501): Today, Parliament declared a general mobilization of all reserve and national guard units. The mobilization is necessary to repel the aboriginal invasion of the Territory of Nipigon. Moosehead, Girard, Whiteriver, and other settlements were attacked. The first was destroyed and its population massacred; the second two have been abandoned. Messages indicate that thousands of warriors, armed with repeaters and supported by light-horse artillery, penetrated 100 miles inside the Frontier. Heavy fighting continues near the Blanc River where elements of Tecumseh's crack I Corps and MacKenzie's III Corps engaged at least three clans of the Sioux Nation and several groups of Chippewa and Iowas. Miles' 5th Infantry had to abandon Whiteriver. With the capture of the town, the Sioux are now able to threaten the heartland of Nipigon. Even Fort Louis is threatened. The absence of cavalry is hindering operations. M. Hamilton has ordered Sheridan's 1st Cavalry Group to entrain for the Frontier. It is hoped that the presence of S. Bull's 1st Cavalry and Kirby-Smith's 2nd Cavalry will enable General Tecumseh to gain the initiative.

MONTREAL (2 April 1501): M. Hamilton has given command of the Western Frontier to General M. de Montcalm. General James Wolf will assume command of the newly formed North eastern Frontier Command. The Minister of Defense promised that by the end of the year the two commands will be reinforced by nearly 700,000 men. M. Hamilton explained, "Parliament intends to settle the problem of the Frontier once and for all. No longer will Quebec accept the presence of hostiles along her western borders. War will be waged until the tribes agree to become a part of the Republic."

GIRARD, NIPIGON (30 May 1501): The Battle of Girard is over. Quebec has won her first battle since Nipigon was invaded nearly 2 months ago. Ethan Allen's 1st Infantry and elements of Don Carlos Buell's 2nd Infantry defeated the Horse Clan of the Sioux. Over 800 aborigines were killed or captured during the 5 day battle; 419 repeaters and 7 artillery pieces were also captured. The corpses of 20 white men were found on the battlefield. They were slain attempting to defend an artillery position against the 1st Infantry. Although no identifying papers were found on the bodies, several 1st Infantry officers recognized one of the dead, an ex-Colonel of Artillery of the Army of Kalif, Lt. Jacques L'Gasteau, who lead the assault on the position, stated, "The two-pounders worked us pretty good. I was surprised at how good the Sioux gunners were; but as we worked our way closer we saw whites helping the Sioux. There was one who ran all about, directing fire. Corporal Snathers got him with a long shot. After the enemy were driven off, I looked for the fellow. I found him lying among some ammunition crates. He lay there with his eyes open and his face distorted by pain and anger. In his right hand he gripped a pistol and in his left a knife. He was a terrible sight. As I turned to leave an officer from MacKenzie's staff joined me to compliment me on the capture of the guns. You can imagine his amazement when he saw the corpse among the crates. For he recognized the man. It seems he is a Senior Officer of Artillery in the Kalifian Army."

MONTREAL (2 June 1501): The Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister questioned the Kalifian Ambassador about the presence in the Territories of a Kalifian Senior Officer. A photograph of Col. Basil Williams was given the Ambassador Hurter along with a request that his government explain his presence among the Sioux dead at the Battle of Girard. Meanwhile, news from the Frontier is not good. Except for the easternmost portions of

the territory, all Nipigon has fallen. General Montcalm's badly outnumbered forces continue to withdraw before the savage horsemen. Fort Lewis and the gold mines are threatened by a column of Dakota cavalry. MacKenzie has grouped the 5th and 6th Infantry into static defense positions. But experts doubt whether the brilliant MacKenzie can hold.

MONTREAL (9 June 1501): Parliament has declared war against Kalif. The continued interference by Kalif in the Frontier Campaigns has left the Government no other honorable course of action. The Confederate States of America were informed of Parliament's action by message. A meeting of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is expected to be held within the week. During the meeting, Marshal Forderal is expected to request the assistance of the CSA in putting down the plains tribes. A note was sent to Periland requesting their assistance in containing the ambitions of Kalif. No reply has been received.

FROM ROMANY

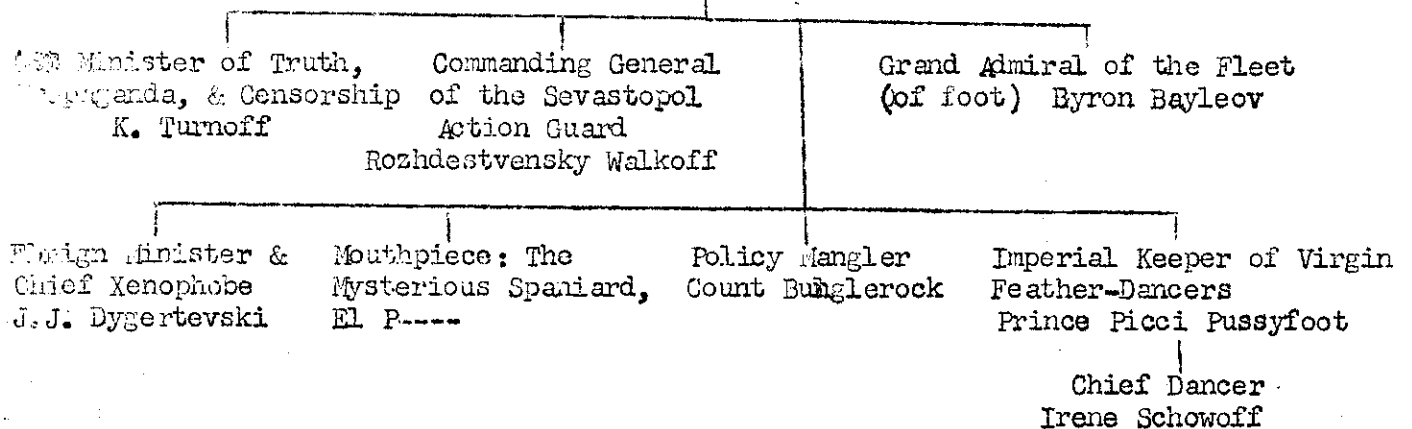
ADANA (RRR) (Felicia Frick; What of the World?): With world tensions at their breaking point and, in some cases, actual hostilities already under way, I have planned to take a 10-year world tour aboard the "Gypsie Fleet". I just can't understand what all this fuss is about. Why, just this morning my daily RRR said that full mobilization was under way in all European countries as well as Asia, and then of course who knows what Africa may do? Could America be doing it too? And Columbia? In any case, these questions will all be answered in my world tour. The Gypsie Fleet will sail out in full battle dress led by the flagship Talionis. Our fleet will give a report on each country in the Mediterranean area. We will enlighten our readers with a new country each year. It's not saying the country will be enlightening, though. Getting underway within the week, we'll first visit the domain of Andre I, Emperor of Grand Sevastopol. So, my next feast in literary excellence should be from Sevastopol. See you then.

CAESAREA (3 May 1501) (RRR): The annual Romany Independence Day Parade was, as usual, a walloping success in spite of world tensions. Travellers lined the streets of Caesarea to see the entrances from all over the empire as well as several major powers. Two awards went to: (1) The S.I.C. Float (though the float was not to be seen the entire parade, it still won first prize; most contestants filed suit against their favorite's conspiracy); (2) Peerist Marching Band (everyone was doubled over with laughter at the parade's only clowns, and besides, tomatoes are just coming into season /those weren't clowns--that was the royal family/); (3) Romany Imperial Horse Cavalry; (4) Pollutidarian Honorary Squad (very well behaved, except for the morsals made of several unsuspecting colobocera); (5) Poderkagg Royal Marines (an exemplary model of Borgiacratic precision and drill formation /that wasn't a formation, that was the royal family/); (6) Grand Sevastopolitan Satirical Float; (7) Periland Dum and Bungle Corps (lived up to their reputation). The parade was in the fine tradition of Romany. The first such parade is unknown. With the formation of the Empire in 950, Romany has led, and always shall lead, the nations of the world in truth and honesty. The first broadcast of Radio Romany (now the largest radio network in the world) established Romany as a seeker of truth. In recent years, Radio Romany Reports (with facilities all over the world--in Pollutidar, Gestrubis, Quithnopia, &c.) has established itself as the only world-recognized news outlet with equal time given to all countries. The (RRR) dateline is a sign of factual reporting and integrity. With that little tidbit of information, one can truly understand the tradition that toes into every Romany parade.

CAESAREA (3 June 1501) (RRR): His Emphyreal Eminence, Emperor Grigoryi I, has reported receiving a gift from the new Emperor of Pollutidar, a finely bound copy of Gnibalism and Human Sacrifice. Finely bound in human skin, RobR the Hooded maintains that the book will not be made available to upper-crusters at this time, though some copies may be pilfered from publishing houses in Efgiart and Pollutidar. If one ever leaves Pollutidar, he should be warned not to respond to the Pollutidarian's parting remarks: "Lend me some skin."

FROM SEVASTOPOL

For no good reason (which is why Swenson sent it in the first place), here is an organizational chart of the Grand Sevastopolitan Government (see next page):

THE TSAR: A. B. C. Swensonoff, I.S.M. "Andre I"

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OTHER GOODIES

ERROR: Oh, rats! I just noticed, on the back of #2, a most egregious typo error. It says the postmark deadline is Friday 19 April, which wasn't so. I'll bet that's why there are so many missed moves. Oh, horrors. Well, appended will no doubt be more moves and more press releases and more... oh, yech. Well, rest assured that I will go back and correct previous moves in case that is needed. Sorry, gang---there will be no conflict, again, I hope. Well, meanwhile, we'll go onwards.

WORLD HISTORY. Larry Peery writes that he objects to my "dictating history", which he claims unduly cramps press release style. However, since the sub-world of this game is my creation, I should like to have some say in what it's like. I have not tried to "dictate" history, but to provide an historical framework so that we know where we all are and you have something to hand your releases on. Therefore, we are going to follow the following policy in this 'zine. Players are encouraged to submit history for their countries (see the Glockorla release for the best example yet). These histories should dovetail with each other and with the framework I have provided. You don't have to write narrative descriptions of events, you can work them into your regular news-type releases. Nothing will be done here, in future, to get things to conform. We already know a lot about this world. For one thing, it has radio and rocketry (see Romany & Efgiart releases), but repeater rifles are just being introduced (see Quebec).

Some errors exist in current releases. Queen Lurleen IX of Frenciana says her dynasty is the oldest in Europe, which is doubtful in view of the claim of the Attilids of Romany. In any event, Lurleen's dynasty did not come to power in Frenciana (then Frenca) until 1395; it must therefore have ruled another, smaller state before (such as, perhaps, Freedonia), or it was one of the noble houses of Frenca--no doubt Peery will let us know on that. We also know, about Frenciana, that there seems to be an ideological split between Peerism and Peeristism. The Romany release refers to "the formation of the Empire in 950", but that is the date the Roman Empire lost its great holdings in West Europe. Perhaps that refers to a change in dynasty.

NOTES ON THE PEERIST REBELLION AND THE COLLAPSE OF ANGLANDA. Some dates in my standard history appear inconsistent, and to clear this up, we will have to look at the confused period of the Peerist Rebellion in Frenca and the subsequent collapse of the Empire of Anglanda. The doctrinal questions raised by the Peerists are irrelevant here (and Peery hasn't clarified them, anyway). In the late 14th Century, Frenca and Anglanda were two rival powers with far-flung global empires. In 1395, Peerism (or Peeristism, or a common ancestor to both of them) overthrew the current Frenca dynasty and established their own at Lurleens. This revolution can be compared to the French Revolution in our own time-line, in that it caused repercussions all over the continent, and expanded rapidly. A short war against Anglanda was ended by the latter's complete capitulation in 1435. But that left the colonies of Anglanda in an anomalous position. Anglanda's colonies had included the continent of Glockorla and three stretches of

territory in America: Kalif on the west coast; the Bay Colonies (north) and the Gulf Colonies (south) on the east coast. Frencia also had colonies on the east coast of America: Quebec in the north and Carolina in the south (between the two English colonies). In Columbia the major colonial powers were Beaucouillon and Poderkagg. The Peerist Rebellion, which shook Europe, also had its effect in the New World. Quebec became an independent republic a year after the Peerist victory in Frencia. This state was a strange mixture of Frencian, English, and Indian (principally Iriquois and Mohican) elements. During the Frencia-Anglanda War, Kalif (with Inca help) seceded from the Empire (1412). In the east of America, an independence movement also arose, headed by the great Baronia families of Leo, Jackson, Stuart, Lincoln, Roosevelt, &c., which made the Gulf Colonies independent and overwhelmed Carolina as well. The result was the Confederate States of America. The Confederate Constitution is dated 1409. Frenciana has yet to acknowledge officially the loss of Carolina. Only Glockorla remained loyal to Anglanda, but it, too, finally declared independence, one year after the mother country had ceased to exist and Rhodes' fleet had convoyed George IV to New Zealand. The English Bay Colonies also became independent, some of them forming small states, others reverting to wilderness. The revolutionary ideal then spread to Columbia, where the colonies of Beaucouillon and Poderkagg revolted (with Inca connivance and Peerist assistance). The agitation of Frenciana was also blamed for the creation of a Peetocracy in southern Kalif, the present Republic of Periland; indeed, the governmental forms of that state are based on those of Frenciana, save that the former is a republic while the latter is a monarchy. It is hoped that the players of these states will provide a more detailed history of their lands than can be undertaken here.

Do you know it's Sunday afternoon and those ###@#! moves won't be in until tomorrow, which is going to throw my whole schedule off? Bats! Anykow, that's why this thing was late. Well, on with the other stuff I had prepared.

HISTORY OF THE PAPACY FROM 1350. Prior to 1350, the Papacy at Avalon was almost the exclusive property of the hereditary and secret aristocracy of Avalon and of the great spiritual lords of Romeny. Pope Herod II, who reigned only 2 years, did much to change that, hoping to reform the Church. However, his reforms led only to making the Papacy a political tool of the Powers. His successor, Sinistrius IV, was, in fact, a lay lord of Graustark. Thereafter, the Papal elections were characterized as much by political and national rivalry as with anything else. Two great Papal dynasties have already appeared: the Bongias of Italy (the House of Borgia-Sodom, backed by Poderkagg) and the Peericellis of Frenciana (collateral line: the Fretricellis). A short synopsis of the Popes is given below; it shows dates, identity, sponsoring country, notes):

- 1349-1351 Herod II (Oralds Cardinal Abtilion, Romeny). Instituted Reforms In Curia.
- 1351-1376 Sinistrius IV (Theodo, Baron of Wurthenberg, Graustark). Put to death 150
Analousse Cardinals and began the "Spoils System".
- 1376-1391 Jules VI (Federico Cardinal Borgia, Prince of Este; Poderkagg).
- 1391-1402 Arius III (Rodrigo IV, Prince of Este; Poderkagg). Son of the preceding.
- 1402-1415 Julian IX (Soreel, Cardinal Imhotep, Ethernopia). Murdered his predecessor.
- 1415-1426 Eupercadus III (Dionysius Cardinal d'Estang, Beaucouillon). Bet a fortune he
would be elected; bribed College of Cardinals, tripled his investment.
- 1426-1433 Mani V (Abov Cardinal Cadabra; Efgiart).
- 1433-1437 Satyrus VII (Nono Cardinal Peericelli, Frenciana). Declared himself "Grand
Peerisite" instead of Pope. Deposed and murdered.
- 1437-1451 Moloch I (Manco Cardinal Capac, Inca Empire). Restored Papacy.
- 1451-1454 Uriah I (Girolamo II, Prince of Este; Poderkagg). Grandson of Arius III.
- 1454-1461 Uriah II (Jose Cardinal Peericelli, Frenciana). Nephew of Satyrus VII.
- 1461-1467 Arius IV (Thomas Cardinal Jackson, C.S.A.). Declared CLX Crusade against
"The Damyanks". Dispute still rages as to whom he meant. Deposed.
- 1467-1485 Joan III (Lucrezia of Borgia-Sodom, Poderkagg). Daughter of Uriah I.
- 1485-1487 Novatian X (Ts'ing Cardinal Ts'ing, Xanadu). Vanished.
- 1487-1492 Omphalus VI (Johann Cardinal Maxim, Graustark). Dismembered.
- 1492-1498 Alexander VI (John Cardinal Hopkins, Periland). Run over by a train.
- 1498-1500 Judas VII (Jerome Cardinal Buonaparte, Quebec). Drowned in a butt of malmsey.

- 1500 Castratus XII (Theophilus Cardinal Fratricelli, Frenciana). Torn to pieces by a mob of angry Amazons (guess what they were angry about).
- 1500 Ephemerus IV (Sigilus Cardinal Phrink, Romany). Boiled down for tallow during the Great Power Outage of August-October 1500.
- 1500-1501 Moloch II (Sigurd, Prince of Svalsbard; Kalmar). Accidentally eaten by Horib cavalry during a visit to Pollutidar--he wandered into the feast celebrating the deposition of Honj the Horny just when the main course ran out.
- 1501-? interregnum

NOTE: We should have some fun continuing this list (if a Pope is ever elected). For purposes of the list, I suppose we could say the person with the most votes is "Pope". When your Pope loses his position, try to think of an interesting end for him, unless you intend to bring him back or something.

FLAGS. All players are urged to design flags for their country. We will publish them, one at a time (or maybe two or so), as space permits. Put your flag on a plain sheet of paper; both a description and a picture would be welcome. The more complete the description, the better--give dimensions, if possible. Flags of other entities, such as puppet states, &c., will also be welcome. Your editor and the player for Pollutidar are both amateur vexillologists, and would be interested in all such material. Flags known to date:

Lompon: A black dishtowel. No dimensions.

Pollutidar: Post-revolutionary flag: Argent, on a pile sable a shaft or. That is, a silver flag with a black triangle in the middle and a gold shaft on that. I hesitate to give a picture until I hear from Harry. No dimensions. John Boardman: could you (or Harry) give me the pre-revolutionary flag of Pollutidar?

EXCESS STUFF COSTS. I think we may now set a standard as to what material is "excess". The normal player should be submitting between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ typed page of material, single-spaced, with normal margins. Except in extenuating circumstances, anything above that would be considered excess. Two players, Harry Manogg and John Smythe, exceeded this "limit" this issue, Harry by about $1\frac{1}{2}$ pages, and John by about $\frac{1}{2}$ page. At my current rates, that would be an extra charge of \$1.50 and \$.50, respectively. However, neither of them knew of this "limit", and the material was in each case excellent. I'll make it voluntary, depending on how you guys feel about it. In future, the financial section will contain any charges. The submission of material for publication will be regarded as *inso facto* a agreement to pay "excess" charges if stated limits are significantly exceeded. The Editor's judgement in this matter will have to be final.

FINANCES IN GENERAL. The financial statement will be on the last page, or delayed until next issue, depending on whether I can figure them or not. This issue, however, is expensive. Costs will be over \$1. With about \$12 in the till (some subs plus a small order for maps added to the original total), that means that issue #4 will probably put us in the red. Expect, therefore, a financial levy of \$1 in May. Some of you have not paid your original \$1. I will be in touch with you individually.

Well, it is now 23 May, and anything mailed the 19th has had plenty of time to get here. We are still missing Armadonia, Beaucoillon, Kalif, and SIC. However, these additional moves were sent in time to meet the erroneous deadline:

ETHIOPIUM (Haggart): A Waji (38)--Keny (73) (S) by F Soma (37), A Gate (39)--Turk (42a), A Shoa (40)--Wlga (41), A Wlga (41)--Suda (42), C Gond(29)--Mero (27)--Darf(26), F Exit (28)--Ind30. G unit placement: 100G Shoa (40). G movement: 40G Shoa (40) (T)--SIC. No SIC #.

HINDENBAD (Baker): A Orma (85)--Quet (86), A Jhel (88)--Kash (108), A Khai (89)--Jhel (38), A Inda (95)--Bhar (106), C Pesh (87)--Kash (108)--Sink (43), F Juna (97)--Ind25, F Bomb (98)--Cere (101). G unit placement: 100G Andh (99). G movement: 10G Andh (99)--Bomb (98), 10G Andh (99)--Vija (100), 10G Andh (99)--Kath (96), 10G Andh (99) (T)--Pollutidar. SIC #5.

PERILLAND (Bailey): A LosV (85)-Joaq (63) (S) by F SanD (w.c.)*, A Phoe (91)-LosV (85), A Tuco (92)-Ariz (84), A Chih (94)-Peco (79), C Denv (81)-Arka (74)-Cana (78), F LaPa (83)-Pec30. G unit placement: 100G Phoe (91). No SIC #. *NOTE: The starting position of F SanD was not specified, but was, of course, the west coast, where the city is located.

POLLUTEDAR (Hagg): Also open vents Veld (Apr 105) & Sink (Asi 143). One vent still unopened.

SEVASTOPOL (Svenson): A Rost (116)-Bayl (113)-Circ (112) (not a C), A WUkr(119)-Brya (122) (there is no A WUkr), A Kiev (120)-Rado (86), A Cher (121)-Biye (87), A Turn (105)-Gali (89), C Turn (115)-Khaz (114)-/H/, F Seva (109)-Blal (S) by F Odes (107). No G placement. No SIC #.

NOTE: Two moves shown as succeeding in previous pages failed as a result of these moves. They were: RURITANIA: A Vite (135)-Biye (87) and SQUIJI: A Zama (80)-Keny (73).

ANY ERRORS in moves should be called to the attention of the Gamesmaster. The Poderkaggian moves were sent in advance to John McCallum, who will receive a copy of this issue and insure that the printed moves were the same. I assume that John will be an acceptable neutral referee for this purpose to all players, since his is easily one of the most highly respectable name in the whole disreputable business of postal Dippy.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT will be delayed until next issue; however, the estimate of \$8 for this issue stands, leaving a balance of about \$4. That means a new levy of \$4 will be made with TOFP #4. Advance payment will be gratefully accepted, as things are tight in the pubbing end of things here.

WE CLOSE NOW with press releases, as we have room.

FROM SEVASTOPOL:

SEVASTOPOL (1 May 1501) (Demi-TASS): Emerging briefly from the Orchid Orgy Room of the Purple Palace, the Mad Satirical Monk blinked and began a short raving: "I am irked at the dud-historian who named Sevastopolitan provinces after all the members of the Little Tyrant's Association except Larry Peery. Peery, as you all know, has a special honor in that den of thieves--one to which he even claims title! Everybody knows that PEE stands for "The Tiniest Tyrant". Besides, with no Peery-province of my own, I can't have the unbounded pleasure of re-naming it something else..." /Pre-planning, I calls it./

Sovastopol (1 Jun 1501): Foreign Minister and Chief Xenophobe J.J. Dygertevskii read an hour-long diatribe on gastipolitan foreign poligy. The following is an exerpt: "We have a special message for Admiral John Wayne Koningtower, foremost Peeryhater of the World and Ruler of Ruritania. Dear John: You didn't even send us a Christmas card this year! Are you still mad at us from last year's Christmas party? Surely, it isn't because we took all the ugly electric lightbulbs off your Christmas Tree? After all, we did replace them with some of our own kind...and everybody knows how silly it is to keep a good Christmas Tree indoors...and in the throne room, of all places! If you only knew how much it costs to get screw-loose electric fuses on those Roman candles....well in S.pringtime, you just got to get the Army out of the old country, you know..."

FROM PERILLAND

Phoenix, the Temple of the Sun; Eldest Brilliant, Prsider of the United Federation of Churches of the Covenant with God, has officially announced a Holy War for the conversion of all non-believers to the Sacred Doctrines of Pyribork. The newest battleships of the fleet, the Faith Will Succour and the Triumph of Virtus are our flagships.

DENVER: General James "Dead Reb" Bronkenschift has been ordered to make a sweep into the South and search out any spots of unholiness or signs of the bandits Balmy & Glod.

SAN DIEGO (Omphalosium): Shovels have been declared strategic material. General Berkenplaz commented that there would be much shoveling to do before the Jihad was done. "Dirt, bodies, & press release material!"

NOTE TO HEADBREAD: Will print yourpress releases next time.

DON'T FORGET--POSTMARK DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, 14 MAY 1968!!!