

Herelandra

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part two LEAVING FAMILY FOR HOME

Several people who were interested in me only for my English eventually came to be close friends. Fumiyo is a good example: a Nagasaki U. freshman with better-than-average English skills, Fumiyo meets every arriving tourist liner and offers 'tour guide' skills to likely-looking Americans or Britons, in exchange for the day's conversation. This may seem highly mercenary to some of you, but it's a very common attitude among young Japanese. After all, the ones who want to make it in business feel a lot of pressure to speak English. I often tried to explain how they should view foreigners or introduce themselves.

日本旅行

Japan Journey

It was surprisingly difficult to say goodbye to my Bible class, even though only one member was a Christian. The group's leader was Satoyasan, a Buddhist and, like me, a graduate student. I think he was present for every program during the summer except the day hike to the top of Mt. Inasa (obviously an intelligent guy). Satoya's favorite pasttime was teasing me about the women he claimed were interested in me, or else complaining about my ever-longer hair. He showed me that being the top mandolin player in Nagasaki (pop. 500,000) is no minor-league achievement after all.

There were, yes, many attractive young women...but I found that such attraction is often due merely to the "foreignness" of one's appearance. As proof I offer the fact that nearly all of the 100 female junior college students whose English classes I met agreed to each other that I was handsome--a very new experience for me indeed! Of course, they were quickly and severely embarrassed when they discovered I speak Japanese.

The children were the biggest surprise. Pre-schoolers and babies were usually frightened of me, and high school kids (who are immature than American ones) were usually too shy to stop me and ask questions. But the elementary pupils would jump up and shout at me if they had the support of more than four or five peers (on a class excursion to some point of interest I happened to be in or out), they would flock around, addressing me in incomprehensible fast Japanese, measuring themselves against me, or asking me their picture, until long after I tired of it.

Now, several people made small jokes about the bombing of Nagasaki (which I don't really object to) before I left. I wasn't sure until I got to Japan that I would be able to stay through the memorial day, August ninth. Turned out that I flew out on the tenth, so the Day of Peace at Peace Park again (I think I went five times, usually just to wander) with 20,000 people, about half American vs. Although sad, it was cheering to see so many people in honest prayer and good spirits for the hope of a clean, nonmilitary future. The peoples of Nagasaki and Hiroshima are naturally of one mind about nuclear weapons, but more importantly they are realists: those two cities have produced more scientific experiments on the medical, social, and political consequences of war than any others. They are to be respected for turning tragedy into progress. They may indeed be making Japan the "Land of the Rising Sun".

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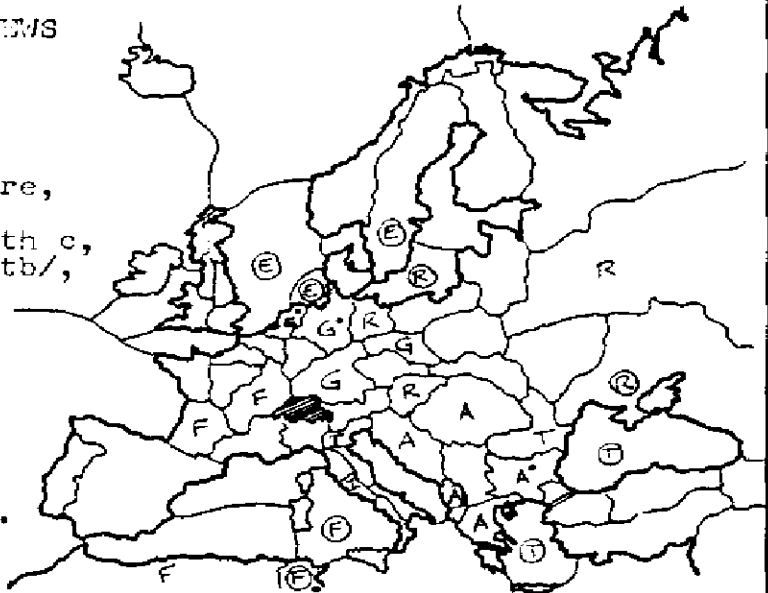
SUMMER, FALL 1902

1983 G - Darkover

CALIFORNIANS HAVE GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS
Summer 1902: RUS r a sil-pru.
AUS r a bul-bud.

Fall 1902:

AUS (Clair Cusack): a tyr-tri,
a ser-bul (a tre s), f alb s a are,
a bud s R a ukr-rum /aso/.
ENG (Evans Givan): a lon-hol (f nth c,
f hel s), a kie-den /d, r ruh, otb/,
f swe-den.
ITA (Greg Willis): f gol-tyr,
f wos-tun (a na f s), a spa-gas,
a gas-bur.
GER (Jill Mahue): a sil-ber,
a ber-kie (a nun s, f hol s)
/f hol d, r bel or otb/.
ITA (Mike Mazzer): a nap-rom,
a ven h, f tun h /d, r ion, otb/.
RUS (Rick Ragsdale): a ukr-war,
a pru-ber (f bal s), a gal-vie,
f sev s T a rum.



GER (Hector Roybal?): a rum, f bla, f aeg, a bul h /a bul d, r con, otb/

Winter 1902 supply center chart:

AUS xxx bud tri ser rum GRB BUL	5-6, +1 but no room	Autumn retreats, Winter builds,
ENG lon edi lvo nwy len HOL SWE	5-7, +2	Spring orders all due before 6pm CST
ITA par bre nar por spa TUR	5-6, +1	<u>27 October</u> ; any two players may
GER nun xxx kie bel	4-3, even	request separation
ITA ven rom nap	3-3, even	but send moves to be safe anyway!
RUS nos sev war stp swe BER VIE	5-6, +1	
GER con ank any xxx xxx	5-3, -1 unless otb	

Hector Roybal nars and is "stood by" by Mark Luedi (see list for address).
All players please notice when their subs expire. Press is cut for space
but don't let that stop you next time! ...

Ger to Lon: Kiel is not an open port! It will not be until 1946. If
you want in you must ask!
Fun to Paris: Lotta holy you are!
Eng to Gra: I'm still not clear where your units are. Did you attack me?
Fun to World: I hope Russia didn't follow Eng's lead and declare Berlin
an open city!
ITA to world: England 1-1, Germany 1-2, Russia 1-0 in the 'open city'
derby.
Moscow to World: I wanted to put some witty press here, but when I checked
the 'bridge I discovered I was out of witty-press-enhancer juice
(Andriker), so my press this season will be very sober. Literally.
Moscow to Ankara: Thanks for picking up the phone tab this time. Next
time, call collect and I'll refuse the charges and call you back. But
that's illegal, isn't it? Immoral? Patter'n'?

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## Vital Statistics

FOR THE LAST TIME DEPT. Here's my subscriber list--it's easier than typing the addresses with each game, and it's about time to double-check the information anyway. Number indicates last issue of sub; "S" number is rank on my standby list. ( ) or (S) show (zine) or (subzine) published by a reader. I guess I need a few new subbers now, since 3 have lapsed; get the word out that I have a game open. "tr"=trace

- 20 35 Jim Burgess 66 Hill St. Providence RI 02904 \*need your phone #  
tr Kathy Byrne 160-02 43rd Ave. Flushing NY 11353 (Everything)  
22 Gary Coughlan 4614 Martha Cole Lane Memphis TN 38113 (Lurona Exo)  
20 Blair Cusack General Delivery Revelstoke BC Canada V0V 2S0  
17 S2 Greg Ellis 9430 Concourse #1312 Houston TX 77036  
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17 Eric Kane 109 Hicks Lane Great Neck NY 11026 (Anquin)  
17 S7 Jim (& Diane) Keeney 1917 28th St. #C Sacramento CA 95816  
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63 Larry Peery Box 3416 San Diego CA 92102 (Xenogenic)  
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(Dixey Daddy)

As you can see, 14 subs will lapse in the next two months, so keep track of when yours comes up for renewal. If you're playing, you get one (1) grace issue only.

FOR THE DEPT. Yes, there is another game of standard Diplomacy open here. Jim Mabuc is signed up and paid; game fee is \$3.00 US. This game will be (tentatively) named WOZ after Edmund Cooper's short SF story, "The Lizard of Woz". House rules will be sent out, and minor adjustments announced, when WOZ fills. Also in FOR THE DEPT., I'm signing up for a new game myself, in Bob Albrecht's Little Stations. Any other covers, Evans? The other places you can see me in action are 1961HS in The Modern Patriot (not far long, though) and the 1983I course in Spafu!

SOME MICHIGAN DEPT. Soybeans haven't come in yet, but the wheat crop is done for year. (Living among Texans, or other hicks, does this to you. See the (p-19) section.) Nice warm days, clear skies, except for an occasional Canadian cold front; on Sept. 20, the temperature dropped 22° between 10 and 10:30 am!

DO THE OTHER DEPT. This one for feature will honor zines passing the 25, 50 or other notable-issue mark. Just ran #25: Lurona Express, Cost of Arms, and King. Issue #75: Dip Direct. Help me congratulate these people by letting us know when somebody is approaching a multiple of 25, or a 5- or 10-year anniversary.

# Perelandra

## Our Guest of Honor

Once the next issue starts, and if I get a bit more writing from my subscribers, Perelandra will go to twelve pages. In the meantime, though, "The Last Word" gets the axe, and I don't want to run too many pieces of more than one page. Hence, these: first, a lyric by George Gordon, Lord Byron (1788-1824), written to a tune from Hebrew Melodies (1815; music by Isaac Nathan). Dedication: to the one subscriber not on the list.

She walks in beauty, like the night  
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
Meet in her aspect and her eyes:  
Thus mellowed to that tender light  
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.  
One shade the more, one ray the less,  
Had half impaired the nameless grace  
Which waves in every raven tress,  
Or softly lifts o'er her face;  
Where thoughts serenely sweet express  
How pure, how dear their dwelling place.  
And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,  
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,  
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,  
But tell of days in goodness spent,  
A mind at peace with all below,  
A heart whose love is innocent!

From Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), A Tale of the Tub, his first major work and one in which he subtly asks, "What right has any human being to trust that he is sane?"

Let us next examine the great-introducers of new sciences in philosophy, and search till we can find from what faculty of the soul the disposition arises in mortal man, of taking it into his head to advance new systems with such an eager zeal, in things agreed on all hands impossible to be known; from what seeds this disposition springs, and to what quality of human nature these grand innovators have been indebted for their number of disciples. Because it is plain, that several of the chief authors then, both ancient and modern, were usually mistaken by their adversaries and, indeed, by all except their own followers, to have been persons crazed, or out of their wits; having generally proceeded, in the common course of their words and actions, by a method very different from the vulgar dictates of unrefined reason; agreeing for the most part in their several models, with their present undoubted successors in the academy of modern Madam [a London asylum]. Of this kind were Epicurus, Diogenes, Anaxagoras, Lucretius, Paracelsus, Descartes, and others, who, if they were now in the world, tied fast, and separate from their followers, would, in this our undistinguishing age, incur manifest danger of plebeianity, and whips, and chains, and dark cellars, and straw. For what man, in the natural state or course of thinking, did ever conceive it in his power to reduce the notions of all mankind exactly to the same length, and breadth, and height of his own? Let this be the first principle and civil design of all innovators in the empire of reason. . . . And, I think, the reason is easy to be assigned: for there is a peculiar strain in the harmony of human understanding, which in several individuals is exactly of the same tuning. This, if you can externally receive it up to the right key, and then strike exactly upon it, wherever you have the good fortune to light upon those of the same pitch, (see page 7)

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## The Op-Ed Page

LOOK, I DON'T LIKE photo-reduction. Most of you probably don't care, but I don't like it. It's difficult to read, it's hard to file in a three-ring binder (my system for ongoing games), and it's a pain to figure size for paste-up. But it's less expensive to put four pages on a sheet than only two. So, quite simply, I have to try it. Last month's spirit-master experiment was a disaster, compared to earlier Perelandra graphics, so you're getting a compromise between my sensibilities and my wallet.

I got no complaint, though, about last issue; one person did mention that he preferred to continue with maps, so for now they stay (though I don't know whether he'll still feel that way when they're reduced). Any other format gripes or suggestions?

I HAVE TO GRIT my teeth to publish these, because they have such sound, logical arguments against last month's excerpt from Bread for the World. I was taken by surprise by the response, and thank both Eric and Evans. As editor, I do have the privilege of getting another say in first:

Statistical background: value of arms imported by developing countries up 400% in 1970s; U.S. foreign military aid up 73% in four fiscal years ('81 to '84); funding for humanitarian and development assistance up only 10% in those four years, less than the rate of inflation in the U.S. (rate overseas is often 5 to 10 times ours). Yet FFI has managed to be a cost-efficient agency: last year's budget of just over \$1.5 billion produced \$40 million in domestic food relief on one bill alone. WICAP estimates that FFI efforts on their behalf saved more than 150,000 children's lives

Fred Willis says (7 September): 'I had to respect the knowledge and feeling the author obviously had for the problem, but I was incredibly surprised by his suggestion that the solutions would come through changes in public policy. It has always seemed to me that the people have always been too willing to lay the blame, and responsibility for solutions for problems on the government. It is too easy to say, "the President or Congress should do something," rather than "What can I do to help?" The government is the least efficient, least effective, and most costly way to get almost anything accomplished. ... Public policy has indeed become responsible for a good part of [the hunger problem].

'Anything as politically motivated as the U.S. Congress could never separate moral goals from political goals. Even if the other problems in the recipient nations could be solved [from nations the needless diet of India and government confiscation, such as in Nicaragua, of aid], the problem presented by our own government would outweigh any advantage.

'Furthermore, I am shocked that any man as a generally intelligent as Mr. Simon would ever suggest giving conservation to the forces of law. Without even considering the incredible loss of civil liberties such laws would entail, they would do much more harm than good. This country is based on the concept that business will rise to meet whatever demand is placed on it, and for two hundred years the system has worked. If demand is decreased, the production would be decreased. If the government is to take up the slack in demand, then there will be no money come from to pay for it?' [excerpts from the book]

As I said, I grit my teeth; however, our editor has the collection I printed is more carefully than any other of its kind, and is a good collection of articles on the subject of the book. I will not say that it is a masterpiece, but it is a very good collection of articles on the subject of the book. I will not say that it is a masterpiece, but it is a very good collection of articles on the subject of the book.

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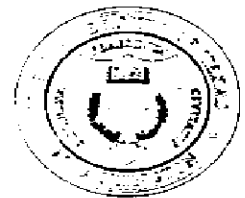
Evans says (6 September): 'Rarely do I have to write about someone's ill-considered political beliefs. So, do, for all plans, to be this personally. First let's address the idea of feeding the world. Have that starving people and so forth, no one person wants to see or even have exist, but that there is a really no money for that he would be a day or so. How about this - Why us? Why us or you? Why say do we (the U.S.) have already with our tax dollars? Do we have to feed every single soldier or so in the holy war? And you say no? But not about and about that, too? Maybe give me a Chevrolet. Where does it stop? Do we want to buy our food? Or want a sword? The kind of car does it. Do we drive? Where does it go? And what? And you, too. How many of your people could have been fed on the money/honey/resources used when you came to Sacramento to play cards?

I, for one, like my energy and food wasteful lifestyle. I suspect most of us do. I like my TVs, stereos, cars, PCs, motorcycles and all the stuff that comes with it. Sure I feel sorry for the poor starving children of wherever it's fashionable to be concerned about this month. I might even be willing to help a few of them. But not all. And none without strings. Live vote our way in the '88. Kick the Russians out. Nobody gives us anything without conditions.' [one-page letter]

As you can see, Evans takes a slightly different tack. ... Why not elect a house full, too?

EVERY PART OF THIS PART of the country is wild, exciting, and dangerous all at once. Larry Perry asks (14 September): 'Don't you find James Herber to understand and less civilized than the Japanese?'

Yes! However, there are very few anti-racist forces, even here in Texas. Of course, a university is always a little more cosmopolitan than other environments, but basically, you've got five in a county of less than 200,000 to eat and drink. Of a station. And as a result of anything. I've been lonely most of the time.



Herelandra: 33,172  
 Perry: 3,072  
 Total: 36,244

WHY DO SCIENTISTS insist on fitting data to their ideas instead of the other way around? I've lately been struck by several astronomers trying to explain galactic temperatures and distances as the radical failure, especially in the case of IRAS (Infrared Astronomical Satellite) which the space shuttle put up a while ago. As someone said, "The first objective is not to summon [scientific] data that confirm or deny of our last of theory" but "to alert our thoughts, ideas and concepts to what is given."

Dealing of scientists, here are ten questions to ask when you find for a computer: Why is it there? How many channels does it have? Is this all of it? Are there PCs or IPs? Is it as easy as it looks? Are you sure it's on? Why is it written in green? Why is the typewriter in two places? How does it know what to do? Do I need to buy anything else?

AS A FINAL NOTE, I'll send you that I really look forward to your mail. With the very best: I am very grateful to you, although it may be a little late to say so. As a result, I'll give you a little more of the same. (Evans: don't take it at face value): ... would be.

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AUTUMN/WINTER '04/SPRING '05 1982 HK - Yavin

NICKED WITCHES CAST WRONG SPELLS

Autumn 1904: ITA r f con-aeg.

Winter 1904: FRA b f bre.

ITA b a ven.

TUR b f sny /no room/.

Spring 1904:

AUS (~~XXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Greg Ellis):

a car-rum (I a bud, a gal s),

f bul/sc s I f aeg-con.

ENG (Jim Burgess?): nar. f nao,

f eng, f nth, f nwy all hold.

FRA (Blair Cusack): f mid-iri,

f sna/sc-mid (f bre s), a bel h

(a pic s, a bur s).

G.R. (~~DATE~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Jim Keeney):

f hol & a ruh s E f eng-bel /nso/,

a den-swe /d, r kie or otb/,

a boh s ? a war-gal, a tyr-mun.

ITA (Larry Peery): a vie-boh,

a tri-tyo (a ven s), f tun-tyn,

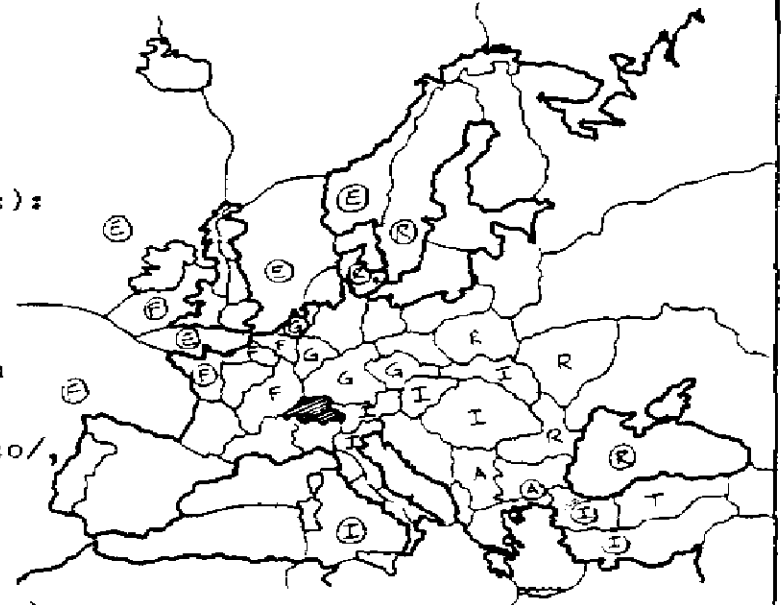
a bud & a gal s A a ser-rum,

f aeg-con (f sny s, A f bul/sc s).

RUS (Evans Givan): a war-gal (G a boh s), a sev-ukr (a ruh s),

f bla s a rum, f sha-den (f swe s).

TUR (Mark Keller): f sny s A f bul/sc-aeg /nsu, nso/, a ank s f sny /nsu/, a con-bul /d,a/.



Steve Arnawoodian's subscription expired with #13, so he is replaced by Greg Ellis without waiting a season. Hector Royhal would have gotten this position, but he nixed this season in '83! Jim Burgess' standby is Jim Makuc (see page 3 for addresses); I would have called if I had had your number, Jim! For Mark, the Italian Fleet in Cyrena was very clear last issue, and so was the supply center chart. Also, since Jim Keeney did need to enter this game, Katay Lynne (the new NO) tells me that it will not be considered irregular; only original players count for that. Deadline for Summer retreat and fall orders is 6 pm CST, October 27. Press:

Rus to Aus: There. I've attacked Germany. Maybe this game won't go irregular, now. See, nobody likes anybody who doesn't live on a real street. I mean, what kind of person would even live in a place named after a vitamin?

ITA to Aus: Or in a box, for that matter?

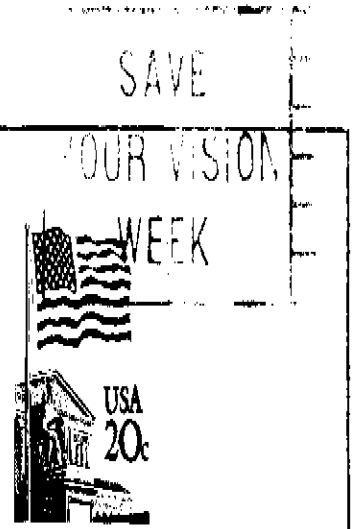
Rus to Ita: Clever, the way you submit too game orders every time. I like that. I'm going to try it in all my games.

ITA Note: Not enough room here to explain Larry's moves last season, but I'll discuss it next month if anybody wants me to. Write press!

Guest of Honor continues: they will, by a secret necessary sympathy, strike exactly at the same time. And in this one circumstance lies all the skill or luck of the matter; for if you chance to join the string among those who are either above or below your own horizon, instead of subscribing to your doctrine, they will see you fast, call you mad, and feed you with bread and water.

Thanks for vitamins, and look for me next month. Shalom.

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> FIRST CLASS <

Your letter was great,  
but I ran out of  
space for answers.  
Nextish, 12 pgs, so  
I had questions &  
more.

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