

SÜD-DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG

THIS IS ANOTHER LINEAR SEPARATOR WHICH MY BROTHER MADE VERY FAMOUS IN THE DIPLOMACY

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KONRAD SHAVING A GREAT TIME AT THE GOEBERTOWNGOING TO SEE BLACKSABBATH AND DEOC CONCERTS ALL

AN EGGNOG ENTERPRISES REPESE...

Almost a year ago Konrad wrote an article which ended up being quite a popular item for a few months...and he got more return from the readers on it than for almost anything else he's written (with a few exceptions), so he thought it might be fun just to go over it again. It was originally printed in Fred Hyatt's The Home Office #10, December 1979

BIG TASTE COMES IN SMALL BEERS

By Konrad Baumelster

Lately there has been only very little in The Home Office concerning the infamous Iron City Beer incident of the past summer. This may be due to general ignorance on the subject of good (and bad) beers, and it may not. While I suspect the latter, I decided to write up some of my findings anyway.

The below was written in co-operation with a few friends of mine, all locals who have learned some things by living in Beer Town, USA, which happens to be Milwaukee, for those of you not in the know. All of this was conducted with scientific motives in mind, of course. In addition, we now find that beer drinking may actually be healthy; modest alcohol intake reduces the chances for heart attacks, apparently. So lie and tell 'em it's for medicinal purposes!

A really unique beer is Ballantine India Pale Ale. India Pale Ale was originally a British beer, and it has a longer brewing and storage time because it was made to last the long trip from the brewery to India. This is one of the very best.

When near Erie Pennsylvania, don't pass up a chance to try Koehler Quality Beer. This one is rather...
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Genessee Cream Ale is an interesting brew from upstate New York, but it isn't widely available, to my knowledge, and you may experience some trouble getting hold of a can. A friend assures me that cream ales are the drink of the future, but I am not inclined to agree there.

Krueger beer is, unfortunately, ~~going~~ excellent, but by the time you read this, it will have gone out of business. This one came from New Jersey or thereabouts, and was a great light beer.

Horlacher Perfection Beer is indeed that. Many feel that it is the best beer brewed in America today, and there is no taking away that its taste is right up there with the best, even when you get it from a sceptic like me. Expensive, but worth twice what they charge. Try it sometime; you don't know what you're missing!

Stoney's Pilsener, brewed near Smithtown Pennsylvania, is a small local affair doing quite well. While it isn't one of the best around, it has something about it that makes it worth at least a try.

The "Coors of the East," Rolling Rock, is a favorite of many. Some of the people who drink it may be objectionable, but the beer's not bad.

On the other hand, Pittsburgh's favorite, Iron City, is. It's used mainly as a whisky chaser, which should give you some indication of its value. But I wouldn't repeat this evaluation in a Pittsburgh bar if I were you. (Had to toss in a little dig there!)

A few New York beers aren't bad, despite where they come from. Knickerbocker and Schaefer are both quite excellent, the latter having wide distribution all over the States (at least as far west as Milwaukee).

Another good beer is Maximus Super Beer, found in upstate New York and the New England area. Tastes German, and I ought to know what tastes German. Rich, clean. Try it.

Also from Pennsylvania comes High Test Beer, otherwise known as Straub Beer. This one is brewed with care and tastes like it, too. Has more alcohol than most American beers, but still nowhere near as much as a good Czech or German brew.

Our final offering is a must from what is becoming a real beer state, Pennsylvania. Yuengling Premium is found all along the coast, and tastes fairly good; malted, with slight of hops.

Now that you know all this, go out and try a few. Many of them are a bit more expensive than your basic Pabst or Miller or Schlitz, but then they're worth it. Shows you what can become of a small local deal, even out East. (Wisconsin's local upstate breweries are the best, but nobody reading this could get to 'em anyway.)

Final note: In some states, my "research" was quite illegal, since I wasn't old enough to drink legally in New York (or was it Pennsylvania?). For the sake of information and science, minor problems can be overcome.

COMING UP: I'm not sure whether it will be run in EGGNOG or POLITICIAN (probably the former), but Konrad has written up a bit more on beer; the famous nation-wide brews, almost all of which originate from Milwaukee, beer capital of the United States and the Western Hemisphere, Canadian beers, and imported stuff -- everything from Heineken to St. Pauli Girl to Guinness Stout to Dos Equis. Look forward to it (if you subscribe to EGGNOG...)

AN INQUIRY: Anybody have any idea about how big the Eastmore Playboy Club is? Konrad's a keyholder, but complains that he hasn't been able to hit a Playboy Club since he was last in Lake Geneva, which has, of course, spoiled his (presumed) Playboy Club on a grand scale in that Geneva valley.

1979Pjd -- Atlantica III -- Aa3 -- May 1971

ENGLAND(Hooten): F Iri S F Hsp-Ive, F Heb-Ire, F Nth-Hol, F Nwg-Nth, F Wal-Eng, F Kie S F Nth-Hol/R Bal by BHR, F Den S F Kie, A Fin-Kar, F Gra-Ara, F Ipe-Ara
 FRANCE(Check): F Mid-Eng, F Azo S ITA F Cad-Can, F Spa(ac)-Cad, A Bur-Bel, A Pic S A Bur-Bel, A Mun-Kie, A Ruh S A Mun-Kie, F Ere S F Mid-Eng
 ITALY(Cooper): A Sil S A Ber, A Ber S FRE A Mun-Kie, A Ven-Yug, F Cad-Can, F Can-Sat, F Mau S F Can-Sat, F Sat-Bah, F Pan/Pac Box-Cara F Goll-Cub
 CANADA(Chamley): F Phi-Nat, F Wat-Eos, R NY S F Wat-Eos, F Nat-Gre, F Dav S F Nat-Gre, F Ire-Nat, F Gra S ENG F Iri-Mid/nso/, A Sib Box-Pol, A Sib Box S A Sib Box-Pol, F Chob unorderd H
 CSA(President Davis): A Mis-Wild West, A Ten-Mag, F Bah-Cub, F Car-Mis, F Bar-Bah, F Hsp-Gol
 USA(GD): F Haa H/a/, F LIS H

The draw failed of unanimity. An English/Canadian/CSA draw has been proposed. Please vote with your June adjustments and July moves. Center Chart:

ENG: Lon, Edl, Lvp, Wry, Ica, ~~Wyl~~, ~~Hol~~, Sve, Den, Ipe: 9, Even. FRA: Perm Mar, Par, Bre, Spa, Azo, Mun, Atl, Kie, Bel: 10, Eld 2. GER: ~~Wyl~~, ~~Kie~~: 0, Out. ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Lun, Gre, Aus, Mau, Mor, Cub, Eer: 10, Eld 1. CAN: Hal, Non, Tor, Mex, ~~Wyl~~, Min, Chi, Phi, NY, Eng, Gra: 11, Eld 1. CSA: Cha, Jac, Le, His, Rio, Ky, West: 7, Eld 1. USA: ~~Wyl~~, ~~Kie~~: 0, Out.

June adjustments/July moves due December 1, 1980.

Let's not forget the propoganda, though:

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: Unfortunately, I like to finish what I start, and since I wanted Kiel and you took it, then you must pay the piper. (VISA and Master Charge not accepted!)

1980Eav -- Youngstown IV -- Spring 1983

AUSTRIA(Paul Paulson, COA to 3433 Iceland St, 07, San Diego, CA 92106): F Alb S A Ser-Gre, A Ser-Gre, A Rum-Bul, A Clu-Rum, A Cal S A Clu-Rum/R Boh, Hlu, OTE/, A Vie-Tri
 ENGLAND(Cooper): F Nth-Hol, F Swe-Den, F Wry-Swe, F Nwg-Nwy, F Eng-Bel, F Lon-Nth, F The(ac)-GoS, F Joh-Mis, F Jar S F Joh-Mis
 FRANCE(Gene Paulson): A Pic-Bel, A Par-Pic, A Gas-Bur, A Mar S A Gas-Bur, A Tyl-Boh, F Bre-Pic, F Por-Mid, F Phi-SPU/R Cal, OTE/, F Can-GoS, F Sai S F Can-GoS
 GERMANY(Hyatt): F Pos-Bel, F Ber S F Pos-Bel, A Pru-War, A Sil S A Pru-War, A Bur-Kie, A Bur-Ruh, A Bel-Hol
 ITALY(Check): F Nap-Ion, F Tun S F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyl, A Rom-Apu, F Red-Eth, F Mog-Som, F Yen H, F Pen S A Egy, A Egy S F Pen
 CHINA(Dupont): A Shg-Tib, A Ono-Skg, A Sik-Sha, A Can-Sik, F ECS S F JAP F SPO-Phi, F ECS S F ECS
 INDIA(Kluge): A Iza H, R Ara S A Iza, A ASg S A Iza, A Bur H, F EIO-And, F Mad-ELD
 JAPAN(Zipper): F Kar-SoC, F SoJ-Kar, F Osa H, F Por S CHI P SCS, F SPO-Phi
 RUSSIA(Presnitz): A War-Gal, A StP-Ion, F Kol-Pru, A Ukr S A War-Gal, A Haa S A Ukr, A Sib-Vla, F Kar-SoJ
 TURKEY(VD): No Moves Rec'd. F Cye H/a/, F Sew H, A Arm H, F Eas H, A Eng H, F Por H, A Ruh H

Deadline for Fall 1902 novel is December 1, 1980. Propaganda and press:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY NEWS SERVICE: The Balkan lands are Austro-Hungarian property. The warring factions in the world must be advised that Austro-Hungary is not concerned about their external affairs. The foreign policy of Austria-Hungary is isolationist, unless provoked. Any nation wishing for favorable diplomatic relations can forward their communications.

AUSTRIA TO GM: Congratulations, Konrad.

POLITICIAN: Thanks, but I'm not your GM...Uli is!

LONDON: By unpopular demand, the English Government will force this on you.

1. Cooper's Lament: Why doesn't anyone trust me?
2. Paulson's (P) Lament: How can I get stabbed so often?
3. Paulson's (E) answer to Paulson's Lament: Stupidity!
4. Kluge's Answers to Letters:
5. Paulson's (E) Lament: Being an ally of ZCooper is like walking through Central Park swinging a fist full of hundred dollar bills, in the middle of the night, alone.
6. Paulson's Answer to Cooper's Lament: Gr-gr-gr-sink!
7. Cheek's Lament: Being between two Paulson's is like walking through Harlem with a KKK hood on.
8. Hyatt's Confusion: A hurt off a Pca Nitz, but VAT ist a PROS NITZ?
9. Dupont's Lament: How did I get into this game with all these bastards?
10. Zipper's Lament? This is no fun, without allies I can't stab anyone.

JAPAN: Have Shogun, will travel.

RUSSIA TO GERMANY: Why can't we be friends, after all I've never done anything to you that I haven't done to anyone else.

ITALY TO NAPAN: The enemy of my enemy is friend, and the friend of my enemy is my enemy so what are you?

PARIS: The only genuine Laws of Diplomacy are delineated Paris all others are miserable imitations. Si ibky buy the Real Thing, boycott the imitations.

POLITICIAN: Is that all, with the Colonia game done I expected twice the press. So get with it fellows!

THE REAL POLITICIAN: That wasn't me, but I agree with the sentiments...

ITALY TO INDIA: Congratulations! Let's hope it isn't contagious!

FRANCE TO KONRAD: What kind of music does Uli like?

POLITICIAN: I like all kinds of music, but prefer heavy metal rock. Still, Uli gets into the heaviest rock possibly put out -- Black Sabbath, AC/DC, Aerosmith, etc. Some of the records are so heavy I can hardly lift them and put them on the turntable...

TURKEY TO ITALY: You'll get what you deserve when you deserve wh^{at} you get!

ITALY TO LONDON: Okay, but who's taking out India, China and Japan?

OLD DELHI: The prince who has just returned from his honeymoon has entered his views on Diplomacy.

1st. Diplomacy is just for fools, only fools negotiate. Wise men just take what they want.

2nd. since negotiating is for fools, promise most anything and everything, as long as a fool would believe.

3rd. don't believe anything said, less of what is written, and nothing published.

POLITICIAN. Bob Kluge's new address is 8513 Valdes, St. Louis, MO 63125.

TOKYO TO PARIS: "A cold water to a thief's soul, no is good news from a far country." -- Proverbs 25:125

ning for last week's President Hansid N. Repugnans, according to believed ((beloved)) press agent Garbage N. Drivel.

PEKING TO VIENNA: Your ambassador has been expelled on charges of being a bourgeois carecrust, conspirator, counter-revolutionary, double-dealer and new bourgeois cleasent, as well as a lausy pest.

TYROLIA (Conehead News Service): The collapse of anumber of anciennas regimss was reported imaiment today with the intervention of the French superpower on the Austrian provinces of Tyrolia. The Legge of Beleaguered Conehead Neutrals and Belgua Caviar-Eaters was called into supermenetary session by this week's president, Drival N. Garbage.

POLITICIAN Sorry that the typing's been going downhill. It's been a laseeeehg day...

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED

...that POLITICIAN once again merge with EGGNOG, so as to halve the work involved in Washington. As you will remember, the variant games used to be run in EGGNOG until the thing got too big and EGGNOG subsequently split into two separate 'zines. At the time of the split I further expected to shortly have quite a bit of news on the variant scene, and had a few variant designs (some of which were printed) which needed to be touched up (but some really got out of hand...I have a "Fangmaster in France" variant which has deviated so far from the original Diplomacy as to make the whole idea worthless). In any event, we also had four or five games running then, and POLITICIAN looked to be occupied for some time. Since then, the initial source I had banked on so heavily turned out to be a dead end (his name was Der Garvey, from Ireland, and he dropped out of the hobby shortly after POLITICIAN #1 came out). It worked out quite well nonetheless, with POLITICIAN coming in as fifth best NorthAmerican 'zine in the 1979-80 Leader Poll. At the end of the summer I finished off all but two of the remaining variants, and college life has sharply curtailed the amount of time Konrad has to pour into this kind of stuff. Since POLITICIAN is now but a shadow of its former self, it has been suggested by two or three people that EGGNOG adopt the remaining stuff in POLITICIAN.

Well, it might be worthwhile to do it from one end, but on the other, I can't do it. Konrad does all (or almost all) the work on EGGNOG (Uli handles the dirty work quite well, actually), including gamemastering the games. POLITICIAN is another story, however. Uli does all the work on this 'zine, even some of the typing. Most importantly, he runs the games entirely, as he has for months. Thus, while orders for EGGNOG go to Washington, orders for POLITICIAN go to Milwaukee, then get sent to Washington after adjudication. The whole process takes a few days longer. Due to the problems with time alone (in transit), recombining the two 'zines would be most impractical.

Also, the actual amount of work done wouldn't really diminish greatly. Once upon a time EGGNOG and POLITICIAN had greatly overlapping circulation lists...that is no longer the case. Whether I mail out X+Y number of copies now or X number of copies now and Y number of copies next week makes very little difference to me.

There is also the space problem. EGGNOG is still quite a major magazine when it comes to size...and right now it doesn't have the room to accommodate all of POLITICIAN. If the Atlantica (or, for that matter, the Youngstown) game ends soon, the thing will be reconsidered, but for now there is not room for another two games in EGGNOG...and I don't intend to orphan or transfer any of the variants (or you'll see).

Also related to time, it actually doesn't take me all that much more time to type up EGGNOG with 10-12 pages (or a double-issue...but that's another story) one day, and then turn around and try to be creative enough to put out another POLITICIAN the next (once upon a time, 8-10 pages). The typing goes fairly quickly actually, as speed is pretty good with me (as long as I'm willing to sacrifice accuracy...and I am).

Also, or 'too,' if you're getting tired of reading 'also,' there's the matter that POLITICIAN is nearly one and a half years old by itself, and I simply hate to kill that. By the same token, if and when Crossroads Press International finally closes shop, EGGNOG will be the last 'zine to fold, since it has been around the longest. Until I really need to, I don't want to kill any 'zine. VANILLA PUDDING, MOBY GRAPE and SWLABR have all been scrapped in the interests of cutting back my involvement. SWLABR having gone on for almost a year and a half itself in two incarnations. STRANGE BREW is still around in a tiny form, after two years of active duty (in January, and 43 issues). And so it goes...

So for the time being, no, the two 'zines will not be merged. I'll consider it again later. But with the way they are run currently, it would not be practical, and even if it was practical, I couldn't do it just now simply out of sentimental reasons. Don't worry. You might occasionally get a late issue here and there, but you all know me well enough to realize that I'm not going to drop anything.

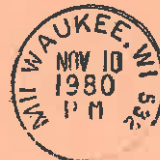
SORRY

...that this issue isn't all that exciting. The next one will have some more material, to be sure. It's just that I'm so busy this time, and I'm already a tad late. Probably won't happen again. Probably. Possibly?

THE REMAINING SPACE IS FOR NOTES AND SUCH

All 1980s Players: I haven't found a replacement for Chip Charnley, so I must announce that, unfortunately, the position is in Civil Disorder until some other reader whom I haven't contacted (and who isn't in the game already) volunteers. Anybody out there?

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