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YET ANOTHER ISSUE HITS THE PRESSES THIS TIME IT'S POLITICIAN #15 FIFTEEN BEEN AWHILE SINCE LAST

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ULLI AND I HAVE BEEN CONFUSING THE MOST IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCTIONS NUMBERS

AN EGGNOG ENTERPRISES ORIGINAL (As Opposed To Last Month's Reprise)...

A TRIP DOWN TACO ROAD

It didn't begin as a search for Georgetown's counterculture, nor was it meant to be an investigative report. Quite by accident, I met a group of people quite distinct from any other I have known. As the hours passed upon our first meeting, it came to me through a haze of Doors music and taco sauce that these people were, in fact, the Hoya Underground.

We met in the Pub with L.A. Woman playing in the background. As I talked with this disheveled group of geniuses, I realized that the only things they had in common were exceptional minds and an eccentric sense of humor. Suddenly, I found myself in a Mazda heading for an unknown location in Virginia, and I waited -- and listened.

First, there was "The Shoe." The Shoe outlined his life for me as we sped across Key Bridge and he fueled a couple of quarts of beer in one swallow. The Shoe was a senior on the College, a history major whose shabby appearance is only matched by his colorful personality. The Shoe sleeps with his shoes on; no one knows why. It has been proposed that in case of fire or an act of God, the Shoe will be prepared for escape while others are still searching for the light switch in their room. Others suggest that maybe he just forgets he's wearing shoes. The Shoe has perfected the art of the Two-Day Stubble popularized by Jack Nicholson and Woodstock producer Michael Lang; it is a Shoe secret and no one understands how he does it.

The Shoe's idea of a really good time is a midnight ride to Tippy's Taco House in Arlington, which I was later find out is the Underground HQ. I did not know it at the time, but I myself was headed for this very Tippy's this particular night...Twisting around in the front seat, the Shoe explained that he has been spending his spare time working on an peculiar device for the fireex, which could be implemented to lock an oneself, to chat on again, or to drive while reading a road map. The Shoe claims that

his research is complete and that the device is ready for marketing, but has been denied a government patent because of the strong mirror lobby.

I am finally introduced to the man driving the Mazda, a character known as "The Dink." The Dink plans to become a rock and roll idol. He is a member of the band of renown known as Batteries Not Included. As his wagon barrel down Wilson Boulevard, the Dink explains to all concerned that he's tried to live his life on the perimeter. He then announces our approach of Tippy Mountain, a huge hill near the entrance of Tippy's Taco House. The three in the back seat broke out into the traditional salute, "You can't be hungry on Tippy Mountain." The Shoe passed out the Tippy's menus which are always kept on the floor of the car, and we entered -- myself with some trepidation -- the home of Georgetown's counterculture.

We ordered immediately. George ordered three entrees and turned to Dan (Dan has no other name) with a respectful request that Dan pay for the meal. George explained that his funds were currently tied up in litigation, but that a highly respected team of lawyers were working on the case. Dan looked sympathetic and paid the bill, then headed for the juke box to punch up some Hendrix and Doors tunes. Dan is, in fact, an English major, and enjoys a degree of underground fame for three things: wearing his pants pulled up to the middle of his stomach, seeing through the filthiest glasses in existence (the Shoe has reportedly tried on a number of occasions to install his ocular devices on all ten of Dan's fingers) and writing brilliant papers minutes before they are due. He and George are also renowned drinkers of Metaxa, a Greek liquor. On any given night, they can generally be found behind at least three empty bottles of the stuff.

At any rate, we all sat down in their usual booth and pulled up an additional table to make room. I made a discreet attempt to question these outlaws as to their normal academic routine, but instead the conversation centered around the group's last trip to Tippy's the night before. They had amazed the cook by finishing off three mugs of hot sauce along with their meals, and the Shoe had taken to chewing napkins to ease the burning of his taste buds. Tippy's is the Mecca of the counterculture and during some weeks, they are there six times.

Our food arrived and disappeared. We reordered, the Dink paid, explaining that we would each buy a round. By the third round, George was pouring hot sauce onto heaps of guacamole on top of tostadas, that he ate at the rate of two a minute. The Dink and Dan were searching for more music on the juke box and I had forgotten my mission. Instead of investigating the underground, I had become part of it and was hunting for another mug of hot sauce.

When the fifth round arrived everyone seemed at ease and began to discuss their Thursday night bowling match for the league championship. George expressed some concern as they were meeting the team from Joe's Eats, "topps in the league." Then Dan began to regale me with tales of the group's gluttonous adventures. He told of the time he and George arrived at the Chesapeake Bay Seafood House as it opened and remained there until closing time, having to leave the premises still hungry. The Shoe reminded me of their last trip to Victoria Station for "all you can eat" beef ribs, when four of them ate 53 ribs in one sitting and the cook came out to meet them. The Dink observed that that was mere eating, while Tippy's was a way of life. I began to understand the goals of the counterculture.

We finally left Tippy's but to my surprise we didn't head for the car. Instead, we walked through the shopping center to the Donut King where everyone ordered half a dozen doughnuts to eat on the return journey. We then cruised back down Tippy Mountain and started back to the Georgetown campus.

I was in a taze fog and was barely aware of the Dink's monologue, but suddenly yaaaah inside the wagon became alicornic. I realized that the Dink

had been describing El Parro's, the Milwaukee Tippy's. Plans were immediately made for a long haul to the Midwest to experience this alternate Mecca. George suggested that the group look through phone books in the library to locate very nice restaurants along their westward route to prepare for El Parro's on the way. The car was silent for a few moments while all contemplated the great westward trek ahead of them. We parked the Tippy-mobile on 37th Street and made plans to go to a boat party in Annapolis the next night. The group separated in front of Healy, since each had different plans until the next trip to Tippy's. Dan and George headed for Dixie Liquors for a couple of bottles of Metaxa, while the Shos went to the Pub to drink and laugh at everyone. The Dink went to sit in his room and practice his guitar while he awaits fame, and I, bewildered, sat down to write this article. I had found another side of life to Georgetown, one that was based on humor and disregard for authority, centered around tacsos and bowling bags and academic brilliance. I was confused as to how the group functioned as a part of the Georgetown community, so I resolved to go to Tippy's once more, to become a part of the cult of Tippy Mountain, and to enjoy the counterculture now that I had found it.

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THE GAMES

1979Fjd -- Atlantica III -- Aa3 -- June 1871 only

There were two errors last time. 1) Canada moved F Chesapeake Bay-Md. in April 1871. Therefore, even if he forgot to give an order for this F in May, the order should be F Md II (unordered), and therefore Canada picks up the neutral Md SG, meaning his has 22 centers, and builds 2. 2) The English F Greenland, after participating in a self-standoff in the Arctic, is in turn dislodged by the combined attack of F Nat & F Davis Strait. It is annihilated, for lack of retreat. SG chart showing 3. Even, is correct, though. Thanks to those who pointed it out. Uli, you're in dire straits when I get back home...

In light of these small errors, and the fact that the mails screwed up a few people this month, June 1871 only is being played. July 1871 will be played next month. So, Builders?

ENGLAND(Hooton): F Kie R Mal. July 1871 on file.

FRANCE(Cheek): Eld A Mar & A Par. July 1871 on file.

ITALY(Cooper): Eld A Ven.

CANADA(Chamley): Eld A Mont, A Tex. July 1871 on file.

USA(CO): (What am I saying, that's dead!)

GSA(Davis): Eld F Charleston.

A Italy-France-Canada-Confederacy draw has been proposed. Unanimity is required for it to pass. Please vote with next orders due on January 12. (That's the 12th.) Due to Hales Corners address. Press:

ITALY: It is true that I shot J.R. Yes, I am the wicked witch of the north, and that I buy and use coal, but I am not BO, GC, or BK, nor am I even KB or FD.

LONDON: Text of the Prime Minister's speech to the Parliament, July 1, 1871:

"We must not tolerate this flagrant aggression. France, supported by elements of the Italian army, staged an unprovoked attack upon our Kiel garrison. This very France to whom we have given Belgium as a token of friendship had treacherously shown his greater ambition. Our armed forces are mobilising to protect our Dutch allies and throw back the dark clouds of French expansionism. We call upon the other English-speaking

nations to join us to show France and his Italian puppet our disapproval in the only language the ungrateful French understand, that of war. Therefore I ask the members of Parliament to ratify the declaration of war, that all of Europe may know of our wrath, and tremble!"

The Prime Minister received thunderous applause, and the declaration was passed overwhelmingly.

POLITICIAN: Dave Hootan will be back at his Melrose, MA address from December 18-January 10.

KONRAD will be back at 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 53130 for the holidays (December 16-January 12) for all that matters. He will adjudicate the next season of both games "Just to get it right once." The future is, as always, uncertain. However, despite last issue's harangue, the possibilities are that POLITICIAN and one other 'zine, EGGNOG, or STRANGE BREW, merge, to make for more time and postage economy. Next issue, for sure, will probably be combined with a STRANGE BREW issue, or possibly even an EGGNOG issue. The whole damn shebang might go out as a double-issue if Konrad feels particularly inspired article-wise over the holidays.

1980Eer -- Youngstown IV -- Fall 1983 (only?!)

POLITICIAN: First some press, just to clear the table up. Then we can move on to less interesting matters, like the results.

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: I was being nice to you by not attacking you last Spring. Now, I see that you have driven me out of Galicia. I was hoping for better relations, but seeing none, I remain your handkerchief salesman.

AUSTRIA TO GERMANY: Russia gave you Warsaw without a fight. Perhaps, you are too much for him? Who told me that Germany taught Russia the game?

AUSTRIA TO ITALY: The restaurants in Vienna have created the Russians. Food for thought. The toilets have relieved the Russians. Pull the chain loose and what do you have? A Russian hungry and too obsessed for toilet training that he forget to eat. Italy surprised!

AUSTRIA TO ENGLAND: When France moves on the British Isles and the sun shines its last glimmering of hope, don't be daunted. Austria is sending confidence vibrations through the psychic airwaves. Die, bitch!

AUSTRIA TO ULI: Black Sabbath is only popular in the Milwaukee part of Wisconsin. No wonder the State has favorable beer laws for the Milwaukee City Lords. I freaked out! San Diego may be the mallowing I desperately need.

POLITICIAN: (Konrad): Milwaukee happens to be the place where I find it most comfortable to live in the entire United States, and I've been most everywhere, for various reasons. Part, of course, is the people, but another reason is that Milwaukee has the most intelligent, but least the least idiotic, of all liquor laws in the nation. Obviously the beer lobby had something to do with that, but still...it's great. (We also have the second highest state taxes in the country!) On Black Sabbath, heavy metal music is only popular in major cities, and couldn't be popular in rural upstate Wisconsin. Country and mallow stuff is better up there. Also, Milwaukee happens to be well-known as one of the best cities for producing successful bands (American, especially heavy metal). And the general public is much more wild, loud, and into heavier rock than most the country is. Even on the 'toughest', rowdiest and most album-rock-oriented stations across the country, nobody plays Sabbath on the radio. If

they do, the quietest they get is to play it between 1 and 2 a.m. In Milwaukee, Sabbath (the furthest extreme in heavy metal) gets regularly played all day long. Just the way it is.

AUSTRIA TO FRANCE: You know that I am a clean, sober and fresh air breather. I may raise hell for an Italian-Austrian connection. Don't get in my way! I'm crazy!

AUSTRIA TO TURKEY: Keep holding thyself. I love the freebees and the silent partner approach.

AUSTRIA TO INDIA: Hello out there!

AUSTRIA TO CHINA: (O)!

AUSTRIA TO JAPAN: Ally with China and take out Russia. India will mail you the details.

BERLIN TO LONDON: I've done all I can for you. My sub expires with this issue, so you are on your own!

POLITICIAN: I'd hate to see Fred drop, especially the way he seems to be about to do (throwing the game), but there will be no replacement if he doesn't send in orders. No free issues, either. And where's Home Office been since I've been in school? Haven't seen an issue since August.

ITALY TO KONRAD: Did you ever see the Heavy Metal comicbook?

POLITICIAN: No. Never even heard of it before!

HUNGRY AUSTRIAN PRESS SERVICE: Free tickets for the "Terror Train" are available for one and all, now leaving on track 9!

POLITICIAN: Uli -- actually I like light metal music such as the Pop-Tops, the Lithuan L meys and the Berelleyian Barbells.

THE REAL POLITICIAN: That's very funny...

KONRAD TO AUSTRIA: I wish I had Austria to play!

THE REAL KONRAD: I wish that blankety-blank idiot would stop imitating me!

POLITICIAN: Who's imitating who here?

GERMANY: Due to the failure of our Hyatt Houses, we are offering franchises for Motel Hells...only genuine Bogeymen need apply!

POLITICIAN: Obviously someone's been out to see a few horror flicks lately...

ENGLAND: Despite the rumors I am not (censored) but I am Prosnitz and Hyatt. They are the bad parts of my split personality.

VIENNA TO PEKING: You left out cross, constipated, counter-revolutionary and the new hoolabass element!

PARIS TO TOKYO: Your quote came in the proverbial nick of time.

INDIAN TO POLITICIAN: Now that you printed my new address I'll be getting all those annoying letters again!

CALIFORNIA: I'd like to thank you, Konrad and Mr Davis, for predicting my landslide, you were the only ones who did!

POLITICIAN: Better to get a better President than I expected than to expect better and end up with worse.

PEKING TO VIENNA: Sorry. Did not call your ambassador a lousy poet. Just a lousy poet (p-o-e-t). Poor typing.

AUSTRIA TO CHINA: The Duddhas of Pest have been dethroned and expelled from Budapest -- in retaliation for the trial of the Gang Of Four.

NO DEADLINE: By The Emperor. A Proclamation.

His Awful High Mightiness to the Citizens, Subjects & Stadholder of Gall-Batava Upon the Napoleonic Lakes: GREETINGS: WHEREAS it has come into the Dread Diseased Ear of the Emperor in a certain fashion that the Death of the Republican, Napoleon III, Regent of Tyrolia & Captain-General of the Estates of Gallo-Batava has linked hands with our cousin Victoria By the Grace of Talleyrand Queen of Jehore & Admiral of the Island Beyond The OBE to the Morganatic Archduchy of Osterreich Kingdom of Budapest & Transylvania & the apparent withdrawal from dire combat by the Sultan of War Operating

out of Nerad, NATONorth and nowhere near the face on the Bearum floor above Hyatt House THEREFORE. The Emperor has proclaimed a Season of Peace & Grace as between Austria and the Forbidden City, AND ALL the time jumping around and massacring Westerners within the limits of Banton and seasoning the Szechuan Cantonese and our dear Peking Duck, is proclaimed an act Repugnant Unto Us & the Chefs' heads of those continuing so to Do shall be exhibited upon the Great Wall for Spaces of 30 days and the eating of white mice followed by live Cats is allowed only to the armies travelling. We know not whither. Given Under the Hand & Seal of the Secretary of Speciousness within the Precincts of the Forbidden City and to be Published Abroad & in the Market of the Kowtowing Auslanders.

POLITICIAN: With a few typos (see?) I think I have it... that was damn near impossible to type, with all these screwed capitalizations...

And Now -- The Game:

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AUSTRIA (P. Paulson): A Gal R Clu. F Alb-Gra, A Gra-Bul, A BulOCon, A Tri-Via, A Clu-Ser, A Rum S TUR F Sav

ENGLAND (Cooper): F Nwy-StP(nc), F Swe-Den, F Hel-Hol, F Nth S F Hel-Hol, F Den-Kie, F Eng-Bel, F Mls-EIO, F Jav S F Mls-EIO, F Tha(ec) H

FRANCE (P. Paulson): F Phi R Cal. A Pic-Bal, A Par-Pic, A Boh-Mun, A Bur S A Boh-Mun, A Mar-Gas, F Bre-Mid, F Mid-MidOBB, F Cal-SEO, F Sai-Cam, F CoS S F Sai-Com

GERMANY (Hyatt): A War-Lvn, F Bal S A War-Lvn, F Ner-Pos, A Sil S F Ber-Pos, A Kie-Bar, A Ruh S ENGLISH F Eng-Bel, A Hol S ENGLISH F Eng-Bel/a/

ITALY (Cheek) L F Eth-Bul, A Egr S F Eth-Sud, F Som-WIO, F Yea-Par, F Ion-Bas, F Pen S F Ion-Bas, F Tun-Ton, A TyL S FRENCH A BohMun, A Apr-Ven

CHINA (Dupont): A Tib-Calm A Skg-Tib, A Sha-Dum, A Sik S A Sha-Dum, F ECS-Far, F SCS S F ECS-Far

INDIAN (Kluge): A Afg-Tur, A Ira S A Afg-Tur, F Ara-Par, A Rum-Cal/a/, F EIO-BoB, F And-Bum

JAPAN (Zippar): F SoO-Via, F For S CHINESE F SCS/a/, F Phi S CHINESE F SCS, F Kar-SoJ, F Osa-Hon

RUSSIA (Prensitz): A UkrWar, A Mos S A Ukr-War, A GalOCon, A Pru-Sil/nsu/ F Pru H/unordered/, A Lvs S A UkrWar/a/, F SoJ-Kyo, A Ula K

TURKEY (Charnley): A Sud-SudOBB, F Bas-Ass, F Sev H, A Arn S F Sev, A Bas-Ira, F For S ITALIAN F Som-Ara/aso/

Supply Center Charts: AUS: Home, Ser, Rum, Bul, Con, Gra: 9, Bld 3. CHI: Home, Ono, VN, Skg, For, Rum: 8, Bld 2/ ENG: Home, Nwy, Ire, Tha, Jav, Swe, StP: Den, Kie, Hel, Rum: Bld 5 will be 1 short. FRA: Home, Ber, Spa, Mor, For, Con, Phi, Man: 10, Even. GER: Pos, Ber, ~~Hel, Nth, Boh, Mls~~ 2, Rem 4. IND: Home, Cey, ~~Phi, Ire~~: 5s Even. ITA: Home, Eth, Pen, Yea, Tun, Egr: 9, Even. JAP: Kyo, Tok, Osa, Phi, Lar, ~~Phi~~: 4, Even. RUS: War, Mos, ~~Phi~~, Osa, Via, Man, Kar, Kyo: 7, Bld 1. TUR: ~~Phi~~, Ank, Smy, Bag, ~~Phi~~, Sev, ~~Phi~~, & (4) Rem 2.

The situation is difficult. If Germany drops out, all units except for F Pos & A Ber will be removed, F.Y.I. Orders can (and should, probably) be made conditional on whether or not Germany drops, as intimated in press. I say this, because I would like both Winter 1903 & Spring 1904 next month, ie January 12, 1931, the deadline. Unless three people ask for a separation, we will proceed with the combination. It is due to my Sales Corners address, of course.

Stolen directly from Dick Martin's Retaliation #20, his latest, and just in:

GAMESMASTER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

If you can pass this test, you are qualified to run your own 'zine. Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. Time limit: 4 hours. Start immediately.

History: Describe the history of the Papacy from its origins to its present, concentrating especially but not exclusively, on its social, political, economic, religious, and philogophical impact nanEurope, Asia, America, and Africa. Be brief, concise and specific.

Medicine: You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture your work until it has been inspected. You have fifteen minutes.

Public Speaking: 2,500 riot-crazed aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.

Biology: Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture of a form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its porbably effect on the English parliamentary system. Prove your thesis.

Music: Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.

Psychology: Based on your knowledge of their works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment, and repressed frustrations of each of the following: Alexander of Aphrodisias, Rameses II, Gregory of Nices, Hammarabi. Support your evaluation with quotations from each man's work, making appropriate references. Support. It is not necessary to translate.

Sociology: Estimate the sociological problems which might accompany the end of the world. Construct an experiment to test your theory.

Management Science: Define management. Define science. How do they relate? Why? Create a generalized algorithm to optimize all managerial decisions. Assuming an 1130 CPU supporting 50 terminals, each terminal to activate your algorithm, design the communications interface and all necessary control programs.

Enginsaring: The disassembled parts of a high-powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In ten minutes, a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to your room. Take whatever action you feel appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.

Economics: Develop a realistic plan for refinancing the national debt. Trace the possible affects of your plan in the following areas: Cubism, McDonetist controversy, the wave theory of light, the sonnet. Outline a method for preventing these effects. Criticize this method from all points of view. Point out the deficiencies of your point of view, as demonstrated in your answer to the last part of this question.

Political Science: There is a red telephone on your desk. Start World War III. Report at length on its socio-political effects, if any.

Physicg: Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.

Extra Credit: Define the Universe. Give three examples.

Each question is worth 8.33 points. 64 points is passing. No partial credit. Go to it!

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Bowlers do it with balls. /././ Beer drinkers get more head.

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I've got more about lawyers and plumber, etc, but this is quite enough...

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Exam time rapidly approacheth. That's why you should all just send orders and stuff of that like to my home in Hales Corners, like you normally would to Uli. I wouldn't have the time to look at much, much less answer any of it, if it were sent to school. I'll technically be home from December 16 to January 12, i.e. for four weeks. However, treat me as if I were at home now.

As for studying for exams, I guess I'll have to do some of that very soon. Especially considering I have an exam the day after tomorrow... Actually, as everybody already knows, High School was a joke by comparison. In Junior year I may have worked to some degree, but in Senior year I just said to hell with the f--- and did little besides party, barhop, and chase skirts. Tests were merely there to remind you to come to school once or twice a week. Here it's slightly different. Slightly. You never do appreciate anything until it's gone.

While I will be 'home' over the holidays, it doesn't mean that you will find it easy to reach me by phone. I plan to spend very few evenings at home, and indeed have reservations already made at a few choice places. Plus I want to spend a few days in Madison (Madison for non-Wisconsinites) and a trip or two to Chicago would seem imminent. So don't rely on that.

In ECGNOG #57 a sequel to the article printed last time was featured, talking mainly about some of the more prominent Milwaukee beers. If you want a copy, or wish to subscribe to what will probably be among the final ten or so issues, send 35¢ (single copy) or \$7.50/10 issues to Hales Corners, made out to Konrad Baumelster. I can always use the money...

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Pardon the typing; it's about three in the morning and I've been partying for a considerable part of the evening.

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