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"The 'zine that bores even Woody!"

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Game openings: No openings in Diplomacy for a while here, although I seem to have plenty of standby positions. One game of Rail Baron will be run soon. Three (maybe four) signed up, three (maybe two) needed.

Ship's Log

Well, believe it or not, but I have actually started my primary flight training. The first thing we were tested on was the Flight Rules and Regulations, and I really didn't do too well. The past week has been spent in a classroom learning about the various systems of the T-34C. That's a Navy training aircraft, John Michalski, not a Russian tank. Anyway, I aced the test and things are looking up.

The subject of NMR insurance has been dropped finally. I'm not going to offer it. Those of you who wrote me said that it was nice, but not necessary, and the one pubber (Mark Leudi) who responded advised against it. So, you'll have to get those orders in by yourself.

You may have heard of the People's Diplomacy Organization, the sometimes serious, most times not, Dip Organization headed by Grand Kommissar Mike Mills. Well, while I was at ByrneCon, Mike named me Consilieri so that I may advise him on matters concerning the PDO. Now I have learned that I have been named to replace John Michalski as the Zone Kommissar for Zone 6. That includes all hobby members in Texas and Oklahoma. All of you are automatically members of the PDO, but if you wish to become an active card-carrying member, just ask me and I'll take care of it. Especially all of you in Zone 6!!

Message Traffic

*** RUSNAKCON: Fun and frolic to be had at the home of Russ Rusnak, 8002 So. Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459, during the weekend of 27 January 84.

*** FRESHMAN ZINE POLL: Vote for all 'zines that began publication in 1983. Rate them all on a scale of 0 (low) to 10 (high). Send the votes to Scott Hanson 233 Oak Grove #306, Mpls., MN 55403. Eligible 'zines include RAGING MAIN as well as Cathy's Ramblings, Midlife Crisis, Politesse, Thirty Miles of Bad Road, Hai Jikai, DIJAGDH, Battle Stations, The End Justifies the Means, Who Cares?, Manifest Destiny, Festungs Hof, and Bersaglieri.

Playlist:

Vouslez Vous (ABBA), What's New (Linda Ronstadt), Naked Eyes (Naked Eyes), Eagles, Live! (Eagles), The Four "Great" Toccatas and Fugues, (E. Power Biggs, Bach)

It Happened in 1983

I realize that the Movie Trivia Contest has been a bit tough, and I'm pleased to see those of you who have participated continue to do so. But this quiz is one that all of you should be able to handle. I saw it in a local newspaper and scored 25 out of 33. That qualifies me as a "news junkie". If one of you can beat me, I'll pay five free issues or one article (for publishers), to the one with the highest score. If no one beats 25 points the winner gets three issues.

1. "Look, ask me what paper came to my desk last week and I couldn't tell you." Who said it?
 - a. Princeton freshman Brooke Shields.
 - b. CIA Director William Casey.
 - c. TV newsman Max Robinson.
 - d. President Reagan
2. To whom was President Reagan referring when he talked about the "feet people"?
 - a. Messengers.
 - b. Hosiery salesmen.
 - c. Central American refugees.
 - d. Moviegoers who used to walk out on his films.
3. True or False: Hustler publisher Larry Flint declared his candidacy for a seat in the U. S. Senate.
4. Who is Blanche Knott?
 - a. The Boston meter maid who ticketed a parked car whose driver was slumped dead behind the wheel.
 - b. A 12-year-old who claimed that she gave Fred Silverman all his program ideas.
 - c. The author of "Truly Tasteless Jokes."
 - d. A frequent guest on "Thicke of the Night."

Who did what? Match them up.

5. Dave Winfield.
6. Tom Snyder.
7. Cornelia Guest.
8. Ryan O'Neal.
9. Gerd Heidemann.
10. Gerald Ford.
 - a. Sang "It's My Party" on the "David Letterman Show."
 - b. "Discovered" the Hitler diaries.
 - c. Wrote "Stultifying Stupid Jokes".
 - d. Received a one-week suspension after making an obscene gesture on camera.
 - e. Accidentally killed a seagull.
 - f. Knocked two of his son's teeth out.
 - g. Wrote "Preposterously Puerile Jokes."
 - h. Appeared on an episode of "Dynasty".
11. True or False: Nancy Reagan revealed that she is an admirer of break dancing.
12. True or False: Eddie Murphy signed to do a remake of "The Toy."
13. What did President Reagan say about environmentalists?
 - a. "I've had it up to my keister with the bunch of them."
 - b. "I don't think they'll be happy until the White House looks like a bird's nest."
 - c. "Give 'em a branch and they'll take the whole tree."
 - d. "They don't know how good they had it with Jim Watt."
14. The original Rat Pack — Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., and Shirley MacLaine — reunited for an appearance in the sequel to what movie?
 - a. "The Cannonball Run."
 - b. "Ocean's Eleven."
 - c. "Sergeants 3"
 - d. "Tony Rome."
15. True or False: While lying in the street outside his TV studio after being shot by an unknown assailant, Los Angeles newscaster Jerry Dunphy asked photographers, "How do I look?"

Who did what? Match them up.

16. White House aide Michael Deaver.
17. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker.
18. Interior Secretary James Watt.
19. House Speaker Tip O'Neill.
20. Nancy Reagan.
21. President Reagan.
 - a. Told reporters to wear "clean and hole-less socks."
 - b. Suggested naming Richard Nixon secretary of state.
 - c. Responded, when told that William Clark had been named to replace Watt, "You're kidding. Now tell me who it really is."
 - d. Appeared on an episode of "Dynasty."
 - e. Issued several apologies.
 - f. Said "it's sinful" that Reagan is president.
 - g. Announced plans to write a diet book.
 - h. Watched "The Sound of Music" on TV the night before the Williamsburg summit.
22. Which magazine was on the newsstands with an article promoting vacationing in Grenada as U. S. Marines invaded that island?
 - a. Vanity Fair.
 - b. Glamour.
 - c. Travel and Leisure.
 - d. Soldier of Fortune.
23. "There is today in the United States as much forest as there was when Washington was at Valley Forge." Who said it?
 - a. Interior Secretary William Clark.
 - b. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.
 - c. White House aide Ed Meese.
 - d. President Reagan.
24. True or False: Mr. T signed to star in a TV movie based on the life of Martin Luther King Jr.
25. Which of these Democratic presidential candidates spoke out against gay rights?
 - a. John Glenn.
 - b. Alan Cranston.
 - c. George McGovern.
 - d. Walter Mondale.
- Who did what? Match them up.
26. Bob Giraldi.
27. Fia Zadora.
28. Richard Gere.
29. Sylvester Stallone.
30. Joan Rivers.
31. Henry Kissinger.
 - a. Appeared on "Merv" with a dog that was wearing a Gucci scarf.
 - b. Denied intention to run for president.
 - c. Wrote "Mind-Bogglingly Moronic Jokes."
 - d. Directed Michael Jackson's "Beat It" video.
 - e. Said that when Elizabeth Taylor pierced her ears, "gray came out."
 - f. Wrote "Cravenly Cretinous Jokes."
 - g. Received a ticket for public urination.
 - h. Appeared on an episode of "Dynasty".
32. Which of the following events occurred in 1983?
 - a. President Reagan said he was "perplexed" by news reports of hunger in America.
 - b. President Reagan appeared on a TV special plugging the new James Bond film, "Octopussy."
 - c. President Reagan interrupted a meeting about arms control to talk about the movie "War Games."
 - d. All of the above.
33. True or False: President Reagan told a group of congressmen that he had only recently learned how heavily the Soviets depended on their land-based missiles.

Movie Trivia

The contestants for this month are Jim Makuc, Mark M. Frueh, Kathy Byrne & Matt J. Fleming. I'm quite sure that I received an entry from John Caruso, but I can't find it. Sorry, John.

55. Humphrey Bogart mutters the catchy line "you can kill me, but you can't murder a newspaper" in what film? — "Deadline USA"

JM: "The Harder They Fall" MMF: "Key Largo"?? KB: "On the Waterfront" MJF: "The Barefoot Contessa"

56. At the conclusion of "Help!", an onscreen dedication appears. To whom is the film dedicated? — Mr. Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine

MMF: Paul McCartney's Grandfather - (so I'm told) KB: Queen Elizabeth MJF: The Beatles' mothers

57. Name the three actors who played the sadistic sergeant in all three versions of "Beau Geste". — Noah Beery Sr., Brian Donlevy, Telly Savalas

JM: Telly Savalas, Peter Ustanoff, Jack Lemmon (1 point) MMF: Noah Beery, Brian Donlevy, & Telly Savalas (2 points) KB: Telly Savalas, Jason Robards, & Mark Berch (1 point)

58. In the 1939 "Beau Geste" where is Donlad O'Connor hiding when he witnesses the transfer of funds from the sale of the genuine Blue Water diamond and the switch of the fake stone? — In suit of armor

JM: In the latrine MMF: Behind a curtain KB: The latrine (outhouse for Gary) MJF: Inside an empty barrel of gunpowder

59. A newspaper column in "To Catch a Thief" discusses the return of "the Cat," a notorious burglar. Who wrote the column? — Art Buchwald

MMF: Phyllis Schafleir KB: "the Cat" - David Niven

60. Which one of the "Twelve Angry Men" is the last to vote for acquittal? — Lee J. Cobb

JM: Lee Cobb (1 point) MMF: Lee Cobb (1 point) KB: the 12th man, fool! MJF: Lee J. Cobb (1 point)

61. Bill Cosby and Sidney Poitier successfully hypnotize Jimmie Walker into becoming a boxing champ in "Let's Do It Again." At the end of the film, whom did Cosby suggest they hypnotize into defeating Muhammad Ali? — Sammy Davis Jr.

JM: A gorilla MMF: Howard Cosell KB: Howard Cosell (I'll help) MJF: George Wallace

62. In what town in Arkansas does "Honkytonk Man" Clint Eastwood have to leave his car for two days? — Noxpaten

JM: Little Rock MMF: Clarksville KB: Hick Town MJF: Texarkana

63. Who speaks the following line and in what film? "I loved baseball ever since Arnold Rothstein fixed the world Series in 1919." — Lee Strasberg in "Godfather II"

MMF: Don Rickles, "Damn Yankees" KB: Jimmy Stewart, "The Lou Gehrig Story" MJF: Al Pacino, "Godfather"

This month's scores: Frueh: 3; Makuc: 2; Fleming: 1; Byrne: 1

The overall scores: Frueh: 33; Makuc: 28; Keller: 24; Byrne: 10; Briggs: 7; Wall: 5; Caruso: 5; Fleming: 4; Del Grande: 2; Michalski: 1; Rosenzeig: 1.

PRESS:

Fleming-Woodson: You mean I have helped start the Trivia Press tradition? Actually, with the writers you have in the contest, the press here could be better than in most games.

Woodson-Fleming: You're going to have to do better than that, I think!

Fleming-Frueh: MMF? Sounds more like you are mumbling. Memmmmmmm!

Mark-James: Can you believe it, "Casablanca" is my favorite movie and I don't even know Victor Laszlo's first drink request?!

James-Trivial People: (I really didn't mean that.) Answers to #64-73 are due on Wednesday 1 February 1984. And now... on with the show!

74. In "Best Years of Our Lives", what is the name of the tavern that was the favorite hangout of the characters?

75. What prevents Jack Lemmon from jumping out of the window of the Hotel Flanders in "The Odd Couple"?

76. In "The Great Race," what's the name of Jack Lemmon's automobile?

77. Lemmon is trapped in the hold of a freighter after a collision in the film "Fire Down Below". What is the name of the freighter?

78. What is the first drink Lemmon buys Lee Remick in "Days of Wine and Roses"?

79. Who played Doris Day's father in "The Glass-Bottomed Boat"?

80. What is the name of the town where the two rival motorcycle gangs meet in "The Wild One"?

81. What name is inscribed on Marlon Brando's leather motorcycle jacket in "The Wild One"?

82. In "Easy Rider", Jack Nicholson wears a letter sweater. What letter is on the sweater?

83. Peter Fonda is named Captain America in "Easy Rider", but what other name does he go by in the film?

84. In the 1941 version of "The Maltese Falcon", what is the name of Sam Spade's secretary and who played her? (2 points)

85. Tramp gives Lady a nickname in "The Lady and the Tramp". What is it?

1983-EE - Graf Spee
Spring 1902

AUSTRIA (Pat Conlon): A Boh-SIL, A Vie-GAL, F Gre-AEG, A SER-RUM, A BUD S A Vie-GAL.

ENGLAND (Gregg Fritz): A Yor-LVP, F NTH-Hel, F Nwy-Nth (dislodged, retreats to Nwg, Ska, Bar or OTE).

FRANCE (Timothy Allen): F Bre-ENG, F IRI S F Bre-ENG, F Mar-LYO, A Spa-GAS, A Por-SPA.

GERMANY ("Faz" Fassio): F Ber-BAL, F Kie-HEL, A Hol-BEL, F DEN S F Kie-HEL, A RUH S A Hol-BEL.

ITALY (Scott Luckenbill): F Nap-TYH, A ALB-Gre, A Tun-NAF, F ION S AUSTRIAN F Gre-AEG.

RUSSIA (Ken Hager): F Swe-NWY, A STP S F Swe-NWY, A Gal-RUM, A SEV S A Gal-RUM, F Rum-BLA, A WAR-Gal.

TURKEY (Greg Murray): A BUL-Gre, F CON-Aeg, F Smy-RAS, A ANK-Con.

Fall 1902 orders are due Friday 3 February 1984.
Gregg Fritz is now the English player.

Graf Spee Press:

NAPLES: The Italian Admiralty announced maneuvers in the Tyrrhenian Sea were completely of a non-aggressive nature.

The maneuvers are expected to end in the fall of this year, when the second fleet is reassigned to its permanent station off the coast of Palestine.

IRISH SEA: Adm C.O.D. was most distressed upon the arriving off the English coast. Not only did the Limies welch on their offer, but they apparently skipped town. The shipyards in London were strangely quiet.

BERLIN: The War Ministry realizes some of these moves may not seem altogether "rational and logical", but rest assured, there is a method to our madness.

AUS-GER: One thousand pardons. I'm moving out just as fast as I am able.

AUS-RUS: One thousand pardons for the Rumanian Gambit. It was not intended to succeed.

More Graf Spee Press:

AUS-TUR: One thousand pardons. The Italian Devil made me do it.

AUS-ITA: One thousand pardons for calling you a devil, kind sir.

RUSSIA-TURKEY: Don't worry! I'm just shuffling pieces around. Honest!

KIEL: The Navy announced today that the Dreadnought Admiral Freiherr von Fozdorffium has left port — destination: a "goodwill visit" to our English cousins, via Helgoland Bight. We hope we shall be warmly received by our Anglo-Saxon comrades????

TURKEY-RUSSIA: Rumania is yours, just be careful in the Black. Good luck up north.

ITALY-RUSSIA: Sorry, but it can't be worked out. Long live the Austro-Italian alliance. Down with the Russian & Turkish scum!

BERLIN-MOSCOW: Czar Hagerovich, the Kaiser sends regards and wishes for a "clean house" in the Frozen North. May our mutual borders be open and friendly, and may the English Pestilence be gone!

BERLIN-TURKEY: Sultan Murr-ai-a-man, good luck in the soon-to-be-occurring battles along your frontier. Germany sends regards, but alas! no troops...commitments elsewhere have drsined our War Reserves.

PARIS-ROME: This Frenchie isn't any dummy, so you better watch yourself. My fleet is there to ensure you don't try anything you might regret. Be careful, or Rome may fall once more.

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Forgetful, huh? Well, please notice that I'm only being defensive here. Aegean should rightly be mine, or at least a DMZ — same with the eastern Med. As to Greece, well, one can't be too trusting.

TURKEY-ITALY: Care to tango or tangle? The choice is yours.

BERLIN-ENGLAND: If you are the old Highfield, sorry but the war continues. If you are the new England, we can 'talk shop', if you so desire?????

BERLIN-AUSTRIA: Archduke Franz-Pat, we hope you enjoyed your recent vacation and are ready to deal with the pressing problems of World Peace in this troubled area of Europe...

SARDINIA: French early-warning outposts on this island report that the Italian second fleet is not only made up of decrepit ships, but apparently carries no live ammunition of any caliber.

TURKEY-GERMANY: Well, maybe this will get me up near your level of a press release for most everyone! Goodluck up there, and keep in touch. Go Air Force!!

BERLIN-ITALY: Best wishes to our friend in the Boot! I hope your wandering Alb army finds a home soon.....

BERLIN-FRANCE: Best of luck in your expedition to visit the scenery of Wales and Liverpool — may all of England be such a "traveller's paradise."

BERLIN-ALL: Happy after-the-fact New Years! Best to you all in 84!

AIR FORCE-LAND LUBBERS AND SCOW MASTERS: Well, guys, what happened during this last football season? Looks as if the AF Academy comes out on top again, and with a win in the Independence Bowl to boot!! How appropriate, as the Air Force is recognized as our first line of defense. Better luck next time, guys, I'm looking forward to next year's games!!

While I'm here, I'll mention also an article that should be appearing in this issue. It says among other things, that the AF really came through in Grenada. When the logistics are considered, we never could have gone in without that air capability. For that Navy guy last month who wrote that slanderous, unbelievable remark, just remember that we could have easily air-lifted in those troops you landed, given more close-air support, and negated any need for you people, period! Take what can get, guys, it made you look good.

WOODSON-AIR FORCE: I'll concede that the Grenada operation would not have been what it was without the Air Force contribution, but to say that the Navy and Marine Corps were not needed is ridiculous!! And the remark that the Air Force is our 'first line of defense' is simply not true. Whenever there is trouble in the world, no matter where, it is the Navy in general and the Carriers in particular that are sent!

ARMED FORCES-SYRIA: You had better return Lt. Goodman soon, or there will be some more good men sent to get him.

WOODSON-ALL: Gladly this episode ended happily. Welcome home, Lt. Goodman!

MURRAY-WOODSON: I bet you go to sleep & have nightmares about press releases, right? Enjoy, and be glad my hand is tired!

WOODSON-GRAF SPEE: I really don't mind the press. It's all the typing that gets to me!

1982-HT - Hartford
Spring 1903 (again!), due to GM error.

I made a mistake with the Italian units. He does have a F ION. Therefore, the moves that change are:

ITALY: A Pie-VEN, A Tus-Rom(nsu), F ION-Bas, F NAF-Ion, A TUN U.

TURKEY: F Con-AEG, F SMY-Eas, F Aeg-GRE, A Gre-SER, A BUL S A Gre-SER.

All other orders are as they were reported in RM #9. I will accept any changes to Fall 1903 orders until Friday 20 January 1984 (the night before for phone orders). The Winter builds will then be done on a two-week deadline to be reported in RM #11.

1983-AA - Bonhomme Richard
Autumn/Winter 1902 only, by players' request

AUSTRIA (Chris Seymour): Retreats A Bud-VIE; Removes F ADR - Has A VIE, A SER.

ENGLAND (Robert Whiting): Even - Has F NTH, F NWG, F SKA, A NWY.

FRANCE (Jeff Sandelin): Builds F BRE, A MAR - Has F BRE, A MAR, F MID, A GAS, A PIC.

GERMANY (Dan Gorham): Builds A KIE - Has A KIE, A PIE, A MUN, A DEN, A BEL, F HOL.

ITALY (Mike Kettman): Even - Has A TRI, A ALB, A VEN, F ION, F TYH.

RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): Builds WAR - Has A WAR, A STP, A BUD, A RUM, F SWE, F BAR, F SEV.

TURKEY (Greg Doyle): Builds F SMY - Has F SMY, F AEG, F CON, A GRE, A BUL.

Spring 1903 orders are due Friday 3 February 1984.
Robert Whiting is now at 651 Airport Rd. #3, Marion, NC 28752.

Bonhomme Richard Press:

FRANCE-GERMANY: What is this madness? I have no desires for Belgium. What are you after?

RUSSIA-AE: A traitor is one who betrays his own country, something I have not done, though it seems that you have betrayed AE, and with astonishing success!

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Actually the III stands for how high I can count.

A/H-BUROFS: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ. See! I really do know the alphabet. Although I haven't learned to spell, as observed in my letters.

TURKEY-ENGLAND: Hey, weren't you in that new "Thriller" video? Or was that Creepshow?

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: Support you to Pluto??? Sure!!!

ITALY-ITALY: Aren't I tricky, tee hee. No one will beat me, I am great, etc.

RUSSIA-FRANCE: I am the Phantom Pen.

GERMANY-FRANCE: I am the Phantom Pen.

ITALY-FRANCE: I am the Phantom Pen.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: I am NOT the Phantom Pen.

1983-CA - Victory
Spring 1903

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): A RUM S RUSSIAN A Ukr-SEV, A BUD S A RUM, A Vie-Tri (nsu), A BUL-Con, F GRE-Aeg.
ENGLAND ("Groucho"): A Yor-LVP, F Nth-NWY, F SKA S F Nth-NWY
FRANCE (Dale Bakken): A Pic-BUR, A Spa-GAS, F Mar-SPA(sc), F MID S F Mar-SPA(sc), F ENG S GERMAN F Hol-NTH.
GERMANY (Ed Menders): F Hol-NTH, F HEL S F Hol-NTH, A Ruh-BEL, A Kie-DEN, A Ber-SIL, A MUN-Tyo.
ITALY (John Caruso): A Pie-MAR, A TYO R, F WES-Spa(sc), F LYO S A Pie-MAR, F Aeg-EAS.
RUSSIA (Dan Gorham): F Nwy H(dislodged, retreats to Swe. Nwg, Bar, or OTB), A War-MOS, A STP S A War-MOS, A Ukr-SEV.
TURKEY (Michael Quirk): A Mos-STP(dislodged, retreats to Lvn, Ukr, or OTB), A Sev-Mos(dislodged, retreats to Arm or OTB), F Con-ARQ, F SMY S F Con-ARQ, F BLA-Con.

Fall 1903 orders are due Friday 3 February 1984
A concession to Germany has been proposed. Please vote by the next deadline. NVR=yes.

Victory Press:

ST PETERSBURG: Them Pearly Gates will look good to you Quirk-Turk, pretty quick!

VIENNA: The government would like to express its appreciation to the Italian government for vacating Austrian territory. Perhaps a lasting relationship can come of all this.

GROUCH-GM: Please inform Bakken if he wants to feud he'll have to feud with a mirror, as I don't feud. I'm such an easy guy to get along with!

PARIS-ROME: How come it's my burden to be truthful to you? You're the one who broke our original neutral territories!

BREST-LONDON: The only class thing about you is your nickname "Groucho".

GERMANY-ITALY: If I have to stay in Munich because you are in Tyrolia, then you should have to stay in Tyrolia because I am in Munich. Fair enough?

BAKKO-QUIRK: You are almost as big a wimp as England is.

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: How does it feel to be a Caruso today?

ITALY-FRANCE: Surrender, you Madison mudsucker.

FURBER: You swine! I am at 6 where I should have been since 1901. I will be at 10 soon. No one will dare stand in the way of der Panzers!

ITALY-FRANCE: I beg your forgiveness. Here, have some cheese, rat!

ITALY: There once was a ruler, a Turk
Who thought he could get all his names to work
He ordered an army
And then tried to harm me
But I kicked the sucker in his teeth.

(OK, I'll make it rime ((sic)):

But the sucker was an assinine jerk.)

GERMANY-RUSSIA: I was warned by your green ally of your Silesia movement. I don't understand why you would come after me; but then again I don't understand your lack of response.

(no dateline): Austria 54 where are you?

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Nothing personal, you understand.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: See, I even told the truth.

MADMAN-ITALY: "You're traveling through another dimension, a dimension not only of sight and sound, but of a manman's mind; a journey into a wondrous land whose boundaries are that of imagination. That's the signpost up ahead - next and last stop, Marseilles - the MADZONE!"
With thanks to the late Rod Serling.

GM: (Sung in high tones) Doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo.

BUDAPEST: The glorious Austrian Army had received orders to cross into Asia-Minor in a Christian effort to locate and preserve Noah's ark, believed to be somewhere in Turkey. This project may take some time and require extensive movement about the countryside.

GREECE: The Austrian Navy has announced that it will assist in the search for the Ark.

DALE-GERMANY: Will you please attack Italy?

ANKARA-FLUSHING: You are as evil as everyone said you were.
GROUCHO-AUSTRIA: Grease up your rear entrance, here comes Caruso.

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Did toad Caruso order you not to build?

CARUSO-WORLD: Why don't you jerks just concede to me right now, don't make me waste any more time.

BAKKO-GM: Been busy lately?

GM-BAKKO: Very!

1983-HM - Mikasa

Winter 1901 only, by players' request

AUSTRIA (Paul Rosenzweig): Builds A TRI, A VIE - Has A TRI, A VIE, A SER, A GAL, F GRE.

ENGLAND (Pat Pakel): Builds F LVP, F EDI - Has F LVP, F EDI, F NWY, F ENG, A BRE.

FRANCE (Matthew Fleming): Builds A PAR - Has A PAR, A SPA, A BEL, F POR.

GERMANY (John Caruso): Builds A MUN, A KIE - Has A MUN, A KIE, A BUR, A HOL, F DEN.

ITALY ("Grouchie" Makuc): Builds F NAP, F ROM - Has F NAP, F ROM, F ION, A TUN, A MAR.

RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): Even - Has F BOT, A WAR, A UKR.

TURKEY (James Wall): Builds F SMY, F CON, A ANK - Has F SMY, F CON, F RUM, A ANK, A BUL, A SEV.

Spring 1901 orders are due Friday 3 February 1984.

Peter Halfman is now the Russian player.

All players have orders on file.

James Wall will be back at his Madison address after 17 January.

Upon returning to Corpus Christi last week, I discovered that my mail that had been sent here (or to Pensacola and forwarded here) had not been sent to San Diego as I had requested. Most of it was just 'zines that I don't play in and a few letters to do with the 'zine (see the one from Steve Knight in the letter column), but one of these was from David Schaubert. Dated 29 Nov, the letter tells me that he didn't receive his copy of RM #8 and with it the Mikasa results. That certainly explains his first NMR, but I still haven't heard from him since and I did send him his copy of #9. Due to circumstances, I'm willing to give him back his position, if he wants it.

Mikasa Press:

FRANCE-RUSSIA: You Glen Overby clone! How could you NMR & leave me to the dogs?

GERMANY-FRANCE: Calling me a dog will ya? Take that!

FRANCE: Ouch!

GERMANY: Serves you right.

ANKARA-ROME: So Groucho, you choose not to answer your mail because you are so sure of your German ally. I will make a prediction - you will live to regret the day you did not respond to my letter, but not for long.

PARIS-ROME: Obviously the plague affected the part of your brain responsible for the truth.

GROUCH-PARIS: Couldn't resist.

ROME-MOSCOW: Wake up! The Ottomans are coming!

FRANCE-WORLD: Caruso & Makuc crossgame.

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: We know, we'll get them next.

ANKARA-LONDON: I hope you realize that as soon as Fleming is carved duck, Caruso and Groucho will make you their next victim.

FRANCE-ENGLAND: You are next, I just hope I am around to enjoy it.

FRANCE-ITALY: And after that it's you — here come those yellow fleets!!

Air Force Involvement in World Events

by Greg Murray

(Author's note: For those who don't know me, my name is Greg Murray. I'm an Air Force ROTC Cadet and student at Duke University, and wrote the following article about eight weeks ago. Basically, it says that the Air Force is great (which is true), but was meant to point out the AF's recent involvement in world-wide military actions. One fact that isn't included in it is the fact that there were several of the MAC's planes shot down in Grenada. Many more would have been, though, if we hadn't gone in to drop the Rangers at 500 ft. This kept some first-class Russian guns from being able to depress down far enough to be effective. Thank God for our good American pilots & superb training programs in all branches of our armed services.)

Recent events in Grenada and Beirut have turned the public's eye squarely on the armed forces of the United States. Actions of the U. S. Marines, and the Reagan administration, have been applauded and condemned, but what has gone practically unobserved in these recent actions is the Air Force's key role throughout. In all of these operations, the Military Airlift Command (MAC) has proven without a doubt its capability to perform whatever task our government gives it.

The invasion of Grenada once more showed that MAC has superb operational skill and capacity in a combat situation. Under combat situations, several thousand Marine reinforcements were flown in during the early days of the conflict. After most hostilities had ceased, over five thousand troops of the 82nd Airborne were flown in. Just before and during this Grenada operation, MAC was also a vital instrument in the recovery and replacement of Marine Company Alpha in Beirut following the terrorist bombing that devastated their command post and killed over two hundred American soldiers. Hundreds of dead and wounded had to be airlifted out, and a replacement company flown in.

While the numbers of troops involved in these two actions appear large, accommodating their needs proved to be well within the realm of MAC's capabilities. Various air units throughout the southern United States were co-ordinated into the Grenadan operations, in which the Air Force not only had to put many of the troops in, but keep them supplied for about a week's time. This entailed, at some points, flights leaving or arriving at the Point Salinas every ninety seconds. This was after Rangers and support groups had been dropped in under hot combat conditions. In performing its job with success and precision, MAC proved its abilities to support America's ground forces.

Despite the numbers involved, though, MAC apparently was easily inside its scope of operations. Our own Captain Audenaert, who had occasion to spend several years in MAC, reflects that operation the size of the Grenadan one would entail the use of only a few transport squadrons, or the equivalent thereof. The relief operations of Beirut would certainly be of small scale, perhaps only involving as few as a half dozen transports. When questioned as to our rapid deployment capacity, the Captain speculated that moving a division to most any point in the world could be performed in the spectrum of about twenty-four ours. It is obvious, therefore, that the Military Airlift Command is well prepared to carry out its role in our national defense. With great carrying capacity, quick operation time, and proven capability, MAC provides the United States and the world with a guarantee of American capabilities to meet threats to its security whenever and wherever present.

More Mikasa Press:

GERMANY & ITALY-AUSTRIA: Bet you the Moonyman in the corner puts the knife way in your back, up to the HIIT!
ANKARA-AUSTRIA: I hope that my builds do not make you panic.
VENICE-MUNICH: Spare me your bad press. Please?
THE WALL-GM: I must register a strong protest over the press you printed from the Victory game written by Michael Quirk. You have no business printing press about a game in progress in which you are a participant and allow that to be used as negotiation. Quirk has a right to say anything to you in private but the press of a game in which you are the GM is not the proper forum for such negotiations. It should have been treated as a note about the game and not press to be printed for consumption by the general public. The proper place for it to have been printed would have been in Midlife Crisis not in your zine. I hope that you'll use a little discretion next time.

GM-THE WALL: I really don't see any problem. Who is to say that the only proper place for negotiation is in private? In a face-to-face game there is nothing wrong with two players openly discussing strategy (or anything else) in the presence of one or more other players. Even if they do not allow said other players to participate in said discussion. The press item in question was clearly labeled as press and as far as I can tell, Mike intended for the statement to be seen and read by both you and I. I'll admit it was unorthodox, but I see nothing wrong with my conduct as GM.

GM-RAGING READERS: What say you all?

Letters and Cards

This plain, boring, everyday business card is being printed here to remind you all that just because the only cards that I usually print here are funny or interesting, it does not mean that they are the only ones that I want or will accept.

Keep sending those cards that you come across in everyday life. Thanks to Jim Meinel for this one.

Here is a letter that was waiting for me when I got back to Texas. It's dated 8 Nov 83, and it's from Steve Knight:

"About time that I started giving you some feedback, now that I'm in my new home and all. Unfortunately, the move and all got in the way of my participating in the Movie Trivia Quiz, so it seems that I'm hopelessly behind the front runners by now. Oh, well, it's still fun to follow along, and I must say that I enjoy EM quite a bit.

James Meinel

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Steve Knight's letter continues:

"I'm rather a novice soccer fan myself, and am thrilled to find out that there are others in the hobby. I 'discovered' the Minnesota Kicks just two years ago, and really enjoyed following them for the remainder of that season. I was looking forward to following them the next season, but that jerk Ralph Sweet up and folded the franchise, even it had lots of public support. And of course, without a local team, Minneapolis coverage of the NASL went down the tubes, so I've been kind of out of for a bit. Anyway, as soon as I found out Dimmer was running a game of United I had to join. So it looks like you and I will be meeting each other across the football field! I think I'm more excited about this United game than I've been about any other postal games — I can't wait for us to start!

"Well, I should run and do some other things, but I wanted to let you know that I am alive and appreciate the fine job you do with RM. Good luck with the flight school, and keep up the good work."

Good to hear from you, Steve. Try and write more often, okay? The demise of the Kicks was a real shame, but I don't think I would put the blame totally on the backs of the team's management. The real killer was the Dome! The Kicks were successful at the gate, to a certain amount because they were able to offer low ticket prices and had free parking at the Met. When the Dome was built and the Met abandoned, the Kicks could no longer keep the prices that had kept them in business. I think that soccer will eventually return to the Twin Cities. Last Spring a game was played between the Cosmos and Toronto and it was well attended. I am also eagerly looking forward to United.

And now, some words of encouragement from Steve Arnaoodian:

"Well, Jim, another boring issue of Raging Main. I never imagined anyone could be so boring. Each issue of RM amazes more than the previous issue. I thought only Mark Berch had the God-given ability to cure insomnia. But, Jim, you are rapidly approaching the Berch level. Already, I get 8 yawns per page from RM! I predict someday soon you'll reign supreme to Uncle Berch as the yawn god!

"Of course, Jimmy, it does not have to be that way. Caruso, Byrne & I sent you a movie trivia quiz several months ago. But you have refused to print it even though we have asked you time & time again! I will ask you one more time, liven up RM. Print a gee great movie trivia quiz or return that quiz to me.

"On your ByrneCon report, please never write about an East Coast Clique happening. You make them sound so boring! So do us ECCers a favor. Leave us alone!

Woody"

Woody is the only member of the hobby who calls me Jim and gets away with it. He is also the Zone Kommissar for Zone 2 of the FDO.

With respect to the aforementioned quiz, it did not reach (up or down, depending upon your point of view) the standards for material in RM. It has been mailed back to Kathy Byrne, who has promised to print it as the RM Memorial Movie Trivia Quiz in Kathy's Korner.

I'm really suprised at your attitude, Woody. When I consider the quality of Coat of Arms, I would think that you might think that RM was very interesting. Apparently not so. If I am destined to be as boring as Berch, so be it. I don't think RM has changed much since the last issue, so you shouldn't have any problem sleeping this month.

Watch out Zone 2!! Zone 6 is up and coming!

Musical comments from Gregg Fritz:

"I've got a few suggestions for your playlist. Normally I don't write in on this topic, but I just can't stand Brad Wilson's taste in music. I must say something, lest your subbers think we all like that stuff Brad calls music (Nothing personal against Brad, just don't like his music). Here's my 5 favorite songs of late —

- (1) Whammy Kiss - B-52's
- (2) Secret Agent Man - DEVO
- (3) Song for a future Generation - B-52's
- (4) Dirty White Boy - Foreigner
- (5) Gimme All your Lovin' - ZZ Top "

Funny that you would attack Brad's musical tastes, but not mine. It seems that your tastes are closer to his than mine, but who knows? I heard "Secret Agent Man" for the first time today and it's not bad. Didn't know that it was DEVO though.

Gregg also enclosed a copy of his new 'zine. All it is actually is a newsletter to run the two games that were left from his old 'zine Damn the Torpedoes. Two of the old DTT games were not placed with new GMS and Gregg has been running them himself. He says that he may expand the new 'zine to take a few orphans. The new DTT uses a name that Larry Peery and I suggested to Gregg last summer. It's called Down the Tubes.

And now, a letter from the only person who writes me with any regularity (that's a line borrowed from a Minneapolis disk-jockey), Mark Fassio:

"As for the ribbing of Army-Navy-AF last press in Graf Spee: Avast there ye swab! Don't get too smug of a mug, oh Naval Destroyer! The AF wasn't called out to Grenada because (a) it was considered a "two bit" operation, something EVEN the Army and Navy could do by themselves, and (b) we have more important things to do than watch the Big Stick doctrine be done -- we're preparing for the Real Russian Threat, not some Corny Cuban one.

"And the Army-Navy game: what a joke! Sort of like 'Laurel and Hardy meet for the 50th time' or something similar. I think the USAF Academy team was better in 83 than both your fleabag teams -- combined. Anyway, service academy football is boring -- they're not there to score TDs, they are there to learn to soldier (or sail, if you will). So don't get too gleeful over some symbolic Helen Keller football victory.

"After all -- you DID 'just bear Army.' Nothing new there.

"Well, enough good natured (??!??) ribbing. I better go home and get packed up for the Great Trek, and hope I don't freeze in West Virginia next Monday. If you disappear there, they wait until Spring whrn the thaw comes to find you...

"Hope things are going OK for you down in the land of Albania's Team, the Dallas Blowboys. Your description of training last ish reminded me of the "old days" in Army Basic, and even a little of Air Force Officer Training School. Of course, we don't do that type of aggression any more, you know -- sniff.

"I recently got 'promoted' to a job at the Wing -- I am now a supervisor (big deal) and do about 150% more work than before, which just thrills the hell out of me, as you can no doubt imagine. I have little time to do the important things in life -- write Dip letters, see the wife (wife? I have a wife?) and all that jazz. The prior OIC left the place in a shambles, and of course everything is due -- yesterday. Ah, the service! Once you get weaned away from being a jet jockey, you'll experience it; so take my word, James -- enjoy, buddy. I wish you well.

"I really enjoy your 'zine, and wish you continued success in it. Hope you can somehow make a hobby life and service life blend together -- it's tough, but it can be done. If I could keep my deadlines from Saudi Arabia, you will be able to from that desolate section of (cough)... the South.

"Assignment news: what a joke! I heard that the PG school (I'll humor you) was 'out', and that I was leaving for Italy. I had the Colonel call the personnel place, and they never heard about me and Italy -- said the school was still a 'viable option!' Unbelievable... I won't believe squat until the printed orders are in my greasy hands.

"Oh, response to a question you asked: a '3-striper' is NOT a Lt Commander-equivalent rank for us. 'Stripers' are enlisted troops. Slick sleeve is Airman basic. '2-striper' is Airman first class, and a '3-striper' can either be a Senior Airman or a buck sergeant, both pay grade E-4. Confused???

"I'll be voting for RM as Freshman zine, if I ever get around to sending in the ballot -- I think 99% of all polls are moronic and degrade the hobby by reducing everything to meaningless popularity contests, but what do I know, right?

Rod,

Here's the latest"

RM. Trade for

Erehwon is fine.

James.

(One comment on skinning
DW #36)

I see that D. Graham wrote an article for DW #4. I have a player/subber by that name, but had no idea he was an "old-timer". Well, something new learned each day, eh?

James

"Take care, James -- press on and fly high, even if you are 'just Navy'. At least you're not a jarhead, like my brother-in-law on the Rock."

Actually, that was a combination of parts of two letters from Faz. In the Navy a 3-striper is a Commander due to the stripes on his/her sleeve or shoulder board. Since you were talking about the Navy PG School, I assumed it was Navy personnel.



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