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Subscriptions to Raging Main can be secured at the rate of 55¢ per issue. Yes, folks, the rate has gone DOWN! I was able to find a printer here in CC that has a reasonable rate, so now RM will have a price more comparable to other zines its size.

The following people have subs that expire with this issue: Highfield, Michalski, Seymour. Subs ending with #13 are, Corham, Halfman, S. Jackson, Jacobs, Kettman, Knight, Rusnak, Wall, Fowers, Acheson, Allen, & Sandelin.

Game Openings - I have none, but still can use more standbys.

Ship's Log

Here we are again and lo and behold I see that I've put out a dozen issues. When I started this thing last Spring, I really wasn't sure what it would turn out like. All in all, I'm quite pleased.

One of the things that has become sort of a regular feature here has been updates about my sometimes topsyturvey military career. Well, last week things began to look up. I finally got to fly! I've flown twice now, and should be going up two to three times a week for the next three months or so. No, I haven't crashed yet. The next flight will be my first time to land the plane.

Speaking of Sports

Congratulations are in order for the soccer team from my High School alma mater. The Christian High School Varsity soccer team recently advanced to the semi-finals for the San Diego County AA Championship. The team had been ranked seventh for much of the season and considering the fact that the school has only had a soccer program for five years now, it's quite an accomplishment.

Two good friends of mine were part of this achievement. One is my brother Peter. He plays sweeper and this was the fourth year that he has started. The other is Scott Lawrence. Scott's parents are missionaries in Mexico and he has lived with my family for the past three years during the school year. He's my brother's age (they're both Seniors) and he plays midfield. Well done, CHS Patriots!

NASL Indoor Soccer is looking up for the Sockers. As of last week they were sitting atop the league having defeated Golden Bay the week before. Keep it up Sockers! (Did you folks know that the Sockers' booster club is known as the 'Garters'? True.)

United news: The South Texas Tomcats got beat three times in the last session. That puts me on the bottom of the division, although there are a few teams doing worse than I in the other division. RM reader owners are doing as follows: Dick Martin's Rock n' Rollers lead Div. A with a 4-1-0 record; Steve Knight's Round Table lead Div. B at 4-0-2; Mark Luedi's Veggies (2-2-1), Jerry Lucas' Flames (1-3-1), and my Tomcats (1-5-0) are holding down the three cellar spots in Div. B. I can't figure out what's going wrong. In intra-RM games, Table over the 'Cats 2-0, the Veggies beat the Flames 8-0, and ... I guess that's it.

The U.S. Olympic team did pretty well in my opinion. The hockey team didn't come through, but I doubted they could. Four Gold medals isn't as many as the last time, but when you think that in 1980 we got six, but they were won by only two people (sort of), I think we did better this time. Those "two" were Eric Heiden and the Hockey Team. I really enjoyed watching the Ice Dancing this year. I'd never really seen it before and I like ballroom dancing myself. The British pair of Torvill & Dean was truly incredible.

Film Focus

The Nominations for the Academy Awards were announced in the last month. Last issue, I mentioned that I was going to poll you on what your favorite movies of the year were, but I've decided against it. Instead, I'll just invite you to send in your choices and I'll print them. (like the Irksome music non-poll).

Among the Best picture nominees, I have seen two of them. Those films are, "The Right Stuff", "The Big Chill", "Terms of Endearment", "The Dresser", and "Tender Mercies". Of the first two listed (the ones I've seen), I liked "The Big Chill" better. I finally got to see "The Right Stuff" this last month and it was also good. From what I've heard and read, I think that "Terms of Endearment" will win.

The Best Actor hopefuls include four British stars. Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay ("The Dresser"), Michael Caine ("Educating Rita") and Tom Conti ("Reuben, Reuben"), are nominated along with American Robert Duvall ("Tender Mercies"). I've seen none of these movies so I really can't comment.

For Best Actress, the nominees — Shirley MacLaine and Debra Winger for "Terms", Jane Alexander, "Testament", Julie Walters, "Educating Rita", and last year's winner Meryl Streep, "Silkwood" — are again from movies that I haven't seen.

The big surprise of the nominations was that "Yentl", which Barbara Streisand directed, produced, co-wrote, and starred in, received no nominations.

Well, enough babbling, eh? I want to hear what movies you saw in the past year and what you think of them.

Game Notes:

This deadline, I received joint orders from a couple of players. This is perfectly alright. One player mailed his orders to another who sent them on to me with his own orders. The first stipulated that those orders should stand even should he attempt to change them. In such cases, I will accept the latest dated set of orders regardless of any disclaimers attached to any previous set. In other words, if the first player had tried to double-cross the second player by sending me a change, I would accept them.

A note on those of you who want to phone in your orders. You must get phone orders to me by the night before the deadline (it's in the HRs). I usually begin typing the results on Friday evening, so you have to have the phone call in by Thursday. If you try and call, and I'm not here, call (512) 939-2388. This will get you the front desk and you can leave me a message to call you back. DO NOT attempt to give orders to the desk clerk!!

You're getting five weeks for your orders this time. I'll be out of town during the regular deadline weekend. Orders are due 6 April 1984, my 23rd birthday.

This article is reprinted with permission from The Acolyte #50. In keeping with the nautical theme of RM I I thought you would like to see it. Besides, it's a good article. Steve is interested in seeing any American reactions to it, so I'll be sure to print any that come.

In retyping it I have changed the abbreviations used for the spaces to those commonly used in the American hobby.

"The Influence of Sea Power in Diplomacy"

by Steve Jones
with apologies to Alfred Mahan

Over the years, many excellent articles have been written discussing the tactics and strategy of playing Diplomacy, and have covered the gamut from opening theory to stalemate theory. However, in all this, I don't think anyone has discussed the global influence of sea power in determining the outcome of the game. It is my contention that sea power can be vital to success in any game of Diplomacy, and that control of the seas is a decisive factor that tends to be overlooked by many players.

Geopolitically, the Diplomacy board essentially depicts a peninsula surrounded by seas. These seas can be conveniently sub-divided into regions, of which there are four:

- (a) the Atlantic region consisting of BAR, NWG, SKA, HEL, NTH, ENG, IRI, NAT, and MID;
- (b) the Mediterranean region consisting of WES, LYO, TYH, ION, ADR, AEG, and EAS;
- (c) the Baltic region consisting of BAL and BOT;
- (d) the Black Sea.

Within the context of the game, I define sea power to be the control of the sea spaces, and the exercise of that control to the benefit of a country's overall strategic position. These benefits are maximised if a player can achieve naval supremacy in a given region by destroying all enemy fleets in the region, or by rendering any existing fleets impotent by locking them up in a coastal province or an enclosed sea space, e.g. HEL. Once full, or even partial, naval supremacy is achieved, the major benefits that immediately accrue are (i) the capability of maximising the efficiency of your resources, and (ii) the rapid deployment capability and flexibility made available through the convoy order.

Naval supremacy allows a power to increase the efficiency of its resources in a number of ways. First, it usually implies that fewer pieces are needed to protect, or "police", quiet areas of your empire, and this, in turn, releases resources for concentration in active areas leading to a buildup of offensive momentum. As an example, consider a France which has just completed its conquest of England with fleets in MID, ENG, NTH, NWG and EdI, and armies in Bel, Pic, Bur and Lon. Assuming Italy is neutral, the two armies in Bur and Pic and the fleet in MID can be assigned to guard duty of mainland France and the Iberian Peninsula, and no less than 6 active units can maintain an eastwards offensive momentum. Secondly, the control of the seas usually enables the power concerned to conduct offensive operations with a reasonable degree of success where none would exist in the absence of naval supremacy. As an example, consider an Austria which has successfully conquered Turkey and Italy, has fleets in LYO, WES, NAF and TYH, and an army in Pie. With such a position, Austria has an excellent opportunity of breaking into France and the Atlantic area; without the Mediterranean naval supremacy, Austria's chances of breaking into France would be almost non-existent.

The convoy order gives a power possessing naval supremacy in a given region an enormous degree of strategic flexibility and scope. Any England which gains naval supremacy in the Atlantic region has the capability of conveying armies to France, Iberia, the Low Countries, Scandinavia and northern Russia, and also between any of those areas, and this capability is clearly of great strategic value, allowing armies to be switched from one front to another very rapidly. Also, not only does the convoy order allow rapid movement of armies, it also implies that immediate back-up is available upon arrival in the form of support from the conveying fleet. However, probably the greatest advantage of the convoy order is the element of surprise factor it affords. The classic example of this is the convoy of an army from Kis to Lvn by a fleet in BAL, allowing a follow-up strike at Mos; under the right conditions, it can be a killer blow - I can still remember the first time I saw this happen in a Diplomacy game, and Russia never recovered from it. A less classic example of this surprise element is the convoy by fleets in ION and EAS of an army from Nap to Syr, which, if successful, can destroy the usually strong Turkish defensive corner position. However, it has been used so often in recent years as part of the Lepanto opening that it has lost its surprise element, and any Turkey worth his salt is well aware of it.

No discussion of the influence of sea power in Diplomacy would be complete without a discussion of the most strategic sea-spaces on the Diplomacy board. Without any doubt, the most important sea-space must be NTH. With 4 sea-spaces, 6 supply centres and 1 coastal province adjacent to it, possession of the NTH is the key to the control of England and the Atlantic region. If England ever loses control of NTH, his chances of surviving the game are slim at best; contrawise, any other power which succeeds in gaining control of the NTH can be considered on the way to a possible win.

The second most important sea-space would be ION. Possession of it is the key to control of Italy and the central Mediterranean Sea. Should Italy ever lose control of ION, he is in serious trouble, and for Turkey, possession of ION is vital for any chance of winning to be entertained. The third most important sea-space is probably MID, and its importance arises from its location on the stalemate line running from the north-eastern to the south-western corners of the board. Consequently, anyone seeking to set up a stalemate line will need to occupy it and be able to hold it; contrawise, anyone seeking to break a stalemate line, particularly from the east, needs to occupy it as well.

The next two sea-spaces in importance are probably the BLA and BAL; which one is more important in an individual game will depend on the strategic situation pertaining. The importance of BLA, apart from its obvious importance to Russo-Turkish relations early in the game, lies in the concept of the Lone Strategic Fleet: a situation arises where one power finds itself with a fleet in BLA with all the surrounding coastal provinces controlled by a second power. In this case, the very existence of the fleet in BLA is an enormous strategic diversion to the second power to devote a large number of units to protect the coastal provinces around the BLA when they might be needed elsewhere. If the situation is right, this might allow the first power or his allies to make inroads into the second power's position simply because he hasn't enough resources to cover everything. This is admittedly an extreme example of the strategic value of a fleet in BLA, but I hope it highlights the strategic value of F BLA, which should never really be underestimated.

I should like to finish off this article by discussing the importance of sea power in the end-game. Here, it can be a two-edged sword, in that it can be used to convert a draw into a possible win, or to prevent someone else from winning. The most important strategic factor about sea power in the pursuit of a possible win is its potential stalemate line busting capability. The possession of sea power in the right places makes it possible to get past troublesome bottlenecks like, for example, the Pie gap: the possession of sea power in the Western Mediterranean region makes it possible to push through this otherwise impregnable barrier. The best way to consider the importance of sea power in setting up winning positions is to look at each country separately.

Austria: While Austria can win without any great naval capability, there is no doubt that the attainment of naval supremacy in the Mediterranean will give a big boost to any winning chances that may arise.

England: Sea power is absolutely vital for any English win to be possible, but does not guarantee it. Unless England is fortunate enough to get lots of armies into central Europe fast enough, any English victory will require pushing fleets beyond Gibraltar, and the attainment of naval supremacy in the Western half of the Mediterranean region.

France: Virtually any French victory requires naval supremacy in the Atlantic or the Mediterranean or both; nothing less will do.

Germany: Germany is much like Austria in that winning German empires without any strong naval contingent are possible. Nevertheless, if Germany gains naval supremacy in the Baltic and Atlantic regions, his winning chances are very good.

Italy: Italy is very similar to England in that he must have strong naval forces to have any chance at all, and yet this does not guarantee victory. However, if Italy can break through Gibraltar into the Atlantic in force, his chances of winning are very good.

Russia: Russia, of all the major powers needs naval supremacy the least. Nevertheless, if Russia gets strong naval forces into either the Atlantic or Mediterranean, victory is almost assured.

Turkey: Turkey is in the strange position of needing to dominate the "land ocean" from Mos to Mun in order to have any chance of even thinking of victory, and then requiring a strong naval presence in the Mediterranean in order to convert this into a win. The eternal bug-bear of frustrated Turkish victory attempts is the impossibility of taking and holding StP in the face of opposition from a sea power in the north. It is therefore essential for

any Turkey to get fleets past Italy, and into the western Mediterranean area in order to pick up the elusive 18th centre from southern France and Iberia. If Turkey cannot do this, his winning chances are almost non-existent, barring inept play from the opposition.

While sea power can prove indispensable in setting up a possible win, it is equally true that it forms the basis of some stalemate lines. This usually requires the relevant powers recognising the warning signs early enough and maneuvering their naval forces into position; this is not always easy simply because it requires co-operation between powers concerned and a recognition of what is strategically required - and such considerations lie outside the scope of this article.

In conclusion, the exercise of sea-power in Diplomacy is a very important factor in most games, and has a bearing on the outcome. By appreciating the importance of sea power in the game, and learning how to exercise it to good advantage, a player may not gain victory, but he can greatly improve his chances of avoiding defeat.

"The Only Good Swab is a Cotton Swab,"

or

"The Navy—Big Deal!"

by Paz

Well, I see it's finally come to this...I had hoped that our Naval counterparts in the "zine would "hoist their mizenmasts" and learn to have a harmonic one-ness with we of the "blue-suit" persuasion in the Air Force. However, all my fervent wishes have fallen upon barnacle-laden ears, it seems. So, just as the USN has seen fit to dredge up the New Jersey, so too must I dredge up my mothballed logic and reply to the scurrilous remarks made by Mr. Hager last issue. Incidentally, for those of you unfamiliar with the Bantu language, "Hager" means "face of mutilated seaweed." Consider then, the source of these blatant attacks on the "Force."

OK, anyway—about his article. Mr. Face of Seaweed seems to make note of naval/army occurrences and abuses the AF for their "newness." Well, let's look at the REAL notable successes of the other services. Navy: I like to think of Pearl Harbor, for one. Also, Ironbottom Sound. Let's also Remember the Maine, and the "big" "decisive" victory of the Monitor over the Merrimac. Should we also remember Midway, then one must not forget that AIR forces (ever "naval" air forces) were the determinant to victory, instead of those cumbersome targets — the Akagi, the Lexington, etc. etc. When I think hard about the Navy (not often) I think about the AIR POWER genius, Billy Mitchell, and the demonstration against the Ostfriesland in 1921, when AIR POWER sunk the much-vaunted ships of yesteryear. Anchors—away (sic)!

Let's turn to the Army, which I used to be in back in 74-76 (tank trooper, thank you). Besides the fact that they nearly froze to death in 1776, they spent the next 100-odd years killing Mexicans and Indians, then took 5 years to defeat dumb Southern boys. After that, they killed Spaniards in Cuba, walked into machine-gun fire in the Argonne and St. Mihiel, and then went 1-1-1 in their last 3 wars. Hmmm.... perhaps their 5th-grade level field manuals were a little too complex, wot?

As for Diplomacy omitting the Air Force—given the fact that it takes place in 1900, I would think it would be logical to delete Air Power. Perhaps the same point could be made for deleting tactical nukes in a game of Shiloh. And, unless the Eisenhower manages to attach some Jumbo Saturn-5 rockets to its hull (keel?), you can forget about "navies" in space games.

No, it's the Air Force that's the Visionary of the Future. We are chided about being the baby of the services, but that just says we "save the best for last." Note that WE have main jurisdiction for Space Activity—the best qualified unit gets the best future mission for the Nation.

As for traditions of the Army/Navy—Mussolini, when told by his generals that he should not fight WW2 because the nation lacked essential supplies for the army, remarked, "History cannot be reckoned on the number of undershirts." Well, I submit that accomplishment cannot rest on 200-year old laurels like John Paul Jones having his ship burned and mooching the Serapis, or the firing on British troops at New Orleans after the War of 1812 was over. No, new challenges are being met by the Newest Service. They won't be met by some \$2 billion target like the Nimitz steaming around Pago Pago, waiting for the Air-Surface missiles to come callin'.

Incidentally, NO ONE asked you guys to copy our idea and fly. If you can't hack the landings on the little ship-runways, either (a) spend another billion and build a miniature nation to sail around, or (b) keep out of the air, and the USAF will keep out of the water, hokay?

I guess I'm just jealous of the Naval Tradition mentioned by Mssr. Hager—the 1840-ish caste system, the

challenge of football (ha ha ha) between Army-Navy (much akin to a border war between Guatemala and Belize), and other such import.

No, dear readers, I didn't want to release this broadside against the paper-mache hull of the USS Hager. But after reading such bilge from the Boys in White (the uniforms are replicas of the Good Humor and Lunatic Asylum people), I had to uphold the honor of the USAF. I should have expected as much tripe from a service that calls its people "Mister" (as in Mr. Rogers), wears 40 different uniforms, depending what time in the Lunar Cycle it is, and ONLY GIVES THEIR OWN THE 3 FREE ISSUES FOR WRITING ARTICLES. WE OF THE USAF DEMAND JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND FREE ISSUES, TOO!!!! I await a reply, Davey Jones!

Well, excuse me! Sir!! This is your USN pubber back if you readers hadn't guessed. Greg Murray, USAFR (who wrote an article two issues ago) did receive his 3 free issues. I just failed to mention it in print. SORRY!

As for you MISTER Faz, you don't need them. With all the money you've sent me, the credit for ESAD, and this bit of baloney, your sub is good through the next two or three decades. But, we'll add three more to that. Thanks for the submission.

I'll take a few lines to talk about NASA and the "Air Force". You may have "jurisdiction" for the Space Program, but the majority of the astronauts (at least those that have been trusted to fly the shuttle) are Naval Aviators. Captain John Young, USN, who flew the first mission, has landed the shuttle three times, and has been in space more times than any other American (5 times, I believe). He's going up again (sure hope I'm not wrong on this one) on 4 April.

Movie Trivia

Here they are. The last questions!! (Applause!) Starting next issue a new trivia contest will begin. We'll have some new Trivia Houserules, and questions on all sorts of things. Easier, too.

96. In "My Favorite Year," Peter O'Toole plays flamboyant actor Alan Swann, but what is Swann's real name?

97. Name the textile mill that Sally Field successfully union-organizes in "Norma Rae."

98. How were Jennifer Jones' parents killed in "Portrait of Jennie"?

99. What country served as the principal setting for the Bob Hope mystery-comedy "The Ghost Breakers"?

100. Whose baseball-hitting career is Robert Mitchum following closely throughout "Farewell, My Lovely"?

101. In "Captain Kidd," Charles Laughton, as the famed buccaneer, sinks a ship after looting it and buries its treasure. Name that ship.

102. What actress played all the following characters: Anna Holm, Monica Rivers, Peggy O'Neal and Michèle de la Becque?

103. What actor played all the following characters: Jerry McKibbin, Joe Gillis, Eric Erickson and Bernie Dodd?

104. What is engraved on Barbara Stanwyck's ankle bracelet in "Double Indemnity"?

105. Under what assumed name does Janet Leigh register at the Bates Motel in "Psycho"?

106. Who speaks the following and in what film? "The one thing in this whole stinking world that I'm sure of is my partnership, my chromosomal partnership, in the creation of our blond-eyed, blue-haired son." (2 pts.)

107. What is the only thing that a skeptical Natalie Wood wanted from Santa Claus in "Miracle on 34th Street"?

108. The name Sergius Bauer should recall a 1944 Oscar-winning psychological thriller. Name the film and the actor who played Bauer. (2 points)

109. What three actors all played Quasimodo in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"? (2 points)

110. Jack Soo owns a nightclub in "The Flower Drum Song." What is the name of the place?

Movie Trivia - #74-85

I received some late answers for last times set from Mark Keller which gave him another 6½ points. For this time we've got the usual four: Jim Makuc, Mark Frueh, Kathy Byrne and Matthew Fleming.

I don't think I've got enough room on this column for the first question, so everyone will have to move on to the next one.

Trivia continues:

74. In "Best Years of Our Lives", what is the name of the tavern that was the favorite hangout of the characters? — Butch's
 JM: Butch Eagle's Bar (1 point) KB: Mos Eisley
 MJF: Art's Dive
75. What prevents Jack Lemmon from jumping out the window of the Hotel Flanders in "The Odd Couple"?
 — He can't get it open
 JM: He hurt his back trying to open it MMF: The dirty sidewalk? KB: Bars MJF: He can't get the window open (1 point)
76. In "The Great Race" what's the name of Jack Lemmon's automobile? — Hannibal 8
 JM: Hannibal 8 (1 point) MMF: Hannibal 8 (1 point)
 KB: Hannibal Eight (or ate) (1 point) MJF: The Cannonball Special

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? — The Ulysses
 JM: Andrea Doria MMF: Marshmellow KB: Titanic
 MJF: Olympia
78. What is the first drink Lemmon buys Lee Remick in "Days of Wine and Roses"? — Brandy Alexander
 JM: Wine (of course) MMF: Brandy Alexander (1 point)
 KB: Screwdriver MJF: Manhattan

79. Who played Doris Day's father in "The Glass-Bottomed Boat"? — Arthur Godfrey
 JM: Arthur Godfrey (1 point) MMF: Arthur Godfrey (1)
 KB: David Niven MJF: Maurice Chevalier

80. What is the name of the town where the two rival motorcycle gangs meet in "The Wild One"? — Wrightsville
 JM: OK Corral MMF: Wrightsville (1 point) KB: Tucon
 MJF: Santa Clara

81. What name is inscribed on Marlon Brando's leather motorcycle jacket in "The Wild One"? — Johnny
 JM: John (1/2 point) MMF: Johnny (1 point) KB: Hell's Angel

82. In "Easy Rider", Jack Nicholson wears a letter sweater. What letter is on the sweater? — M
 JM: C MMF: M (1 point) KB: S MJF: T

83. Peter Fonda is named Captain America in "Easy Rider", but what other name does he go by in the film?
 — Wyatt
 JM: Wyatt (1 point) MMF: Wyatt (1 point) KB: Ironman

84. In the 1941 version of "The Maltese Falcon", what is the name of Sam Spade's secretary and who played her?
 — Effie Perine played by Lee Patrick
 JM: Effie Perine, Lee Patrick (2 points) MMF: Effie Perine, Lee Patrick (2 points) KB: Lillie, Bette Davis
 MJF: Ann Southern,

85. Tramp gives Lady a nickname in "The Lady and the Tramp". What is it? — Pigeon.
 JM: Pigeon (1 point) MMF: Dutchess? KB: Lady MJF: Tramp
- This month's scores: Frueh: 9; Makuc: 7 1/2; Byrne: 1; Fleming: 1.

The overall scores: Frueh: 54; Makuc: 45 1/2; Keller: 30 1/2; Byrne: 12; Flemings: 7 1/2; Briggs: 7; Caruso: 6; Wall: 5; Acheson: 3; Del Grande: 2; Michalski: 1; Rosenzweig: 1.

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Mark F. to Matt: Ah, you were just lucky. If it had been the tango, you would have been bitching. Now, tell me, after I told you the songs in "Casablanca" you stuck to "La Marsailles"? Next time you watch the movie you will notice that Sam does not sing nor does he even play it. When you come to MadCon II, I'll show you the film archives. (Alright, James, you can come too!)

James to Mark: Thanks, buddy, I'll look forward to it. Groucho to Trivia Master: When do we get questions on the Marx brothers??

Grouch to TM: I think you should give something out for second place. How about the free issues to first place and the work of art (or whatever you call it) to 2nd place.

TM to Grouch: Actually, I am planning on giving something to the rest of you who have stuck with this. I'm not sure what, yet. As to the picture of Woody, you'll have to talk to the winner about that. Perhaps, he'll donate it to the FDORA?

I've got a few lines to fill so I'll give you a taste of what's instore for the next trivia contest. Encouraged by the words of Jim Briggs and others the house rules for trivia in RM will outlaw research. I know that this will be impossible to enforce, but I'm going to count on you all to play within the spirit of the rules. As a result, the questions will be easier and most of the questions will be written off the top of my head.

I did get four entries to this quiz, and I thank Jim Briggs, Kathy Byrne, Jim Makuc, and Ed Wrobel for their participation. And here we go...

1. "Look, ask me what paper came to my desk last week and I couldn't tell you." Who said it?
 d. President Reagan - JB, KB, JM.

2. To whom was President Reagan referring when he talked about "feet people"?
 c. Central American refugees - JM, EW.

3. True or False: Hustler publisher Larry Flynt declared his candidacy for a seat in the U.S. Senate.
 False, he's running for President - JB.

4. Who is Blanche Knott?
 c. The author of "Truley Tasteless Jokes." - JM.

Who did what? Match them up.

5. Dave Winfield: e. Accidentally killed a seagull - JB, KB, JM, EB.

6. Tom Snyder: d. Received one-week suspension after making an obscene gesture on camera - KB, JM, EW.

7. Cornelia Guest: Sang "It's My Party" on the "David Letterman Show" - JM, EW.

8. Ryan O'Neal: f. Knocked two of his son's teeth out - JB, JM, EW.

9. Gerd Heidemann: b. "Discovered" the Hitler diaries - JB, KB, JM, EW.

10. Gerald Ford: h. Appeared on an episode of "Dynasty" - JB, JM, EW.

11. True or False: Nancy Reagan revealed that she is an admirer of break dancing.
 False - JB, KB, EW.

12. True or False: Eddie Murphy signed to do a remake of "The Toy."
 False - JB, KB, JM, EW.

13. What did President Reagan say about environmentalists?
 b. "I don't think they'll be happy until the White House looks like a bird's nest." - KB.

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." - KB, JM, EW.

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?"
 True! - JB, JM, EW.

Who did what? Match them up.

16. White House aide Michael Deaver: g. Announced plans to write a diet book - No one gets it right (including me!)

17. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker: c. Responded, when told that William Clark had been named to replace Watt, "You're kidding. Now tell me who it really is." KB, EW.

18. Interior Secretary James Watt: e. Issued several apologies. - JB, KB, JM, EW.

19. House Speaker Tip O'Neill: f. Said "it's sinful" that Reagan is president. - JB, KB, EW.

20. Nancy Reagan: a. Told reporters to wear "clean and hole-less socks." - JB.

21. President Reagan: h. Watched "The Sound of Music" on TV the night before the Williamsburg summit. - JB, KB, JM.

22. Which magazine was on the newsstands with an article promoting vacationing in Grenada as U.S. Marines invaded that island?
 b. Glamour - Again No One!

23. "There is today in the United States as much forest as there was when Washington was at Valley Forge." Who said it?
 d. President Reagan - KB.

24. True or false: Mr. T signed to star in a TV movie based on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.
 False - JB, KB, JM, EW.

25. Which of these Democratic presidential candidates spoke out against gay rights?
 a. John Glenn - KB, JM, EW.

Who did what? Match them up.

26. Bob Giraldi: d. Directed Michael Jackson's "Beat It" video. - KB, JM.

27. Pia Zadora: a. Appeared on "Merv" with a dog that was wearing a Gucci scarf. - JB, KB, JM.

28. Richard Gere: g. Received a ticket for public urination. - JB, KB, JM, EW.

29. Sylvester Stallone: b. Denied intention to run for president. - KB.

30. Joan Rivers; e. Said that when Elizabeth Taylor pierced her ears, "gravy came out." - JB, KB, JM.
 31. Henry Kissinger; h. Appeared in an episode of "Dynasty." - KB, JM.
 32. Which of the following events occurred in 1983?
 d. All of the above - JB, EW.
 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.
 True - JB, KB, EW.

Now I'm sure that you are all hastily adding up your correct answers to see if you've won the prize. Well, it was close. The winner, with 22 correct answers is Kathy Byrne. The rest of your totals are: Jim Makuc (21) Jim Briggs (20) and Ed Wrobel (19). Kathy wins three issues (or an article). Well done!

Enough nonsense, huh, let's get on with the games!

1983-AA - Bonhomme Richard
 Fall 1903

FRENCH OCCUPY LIVERPOOL
 AUSTRIA DOWN FOR THE COUNT

AUSTRIA (Chris Seymour?): NMR! A Vie U (dislodged)
 ENGLAND (Robert Whiting): F Nth-LON, F Nwg-NAT, A NWY S F SWE, F SWE S A NWY.
 FRANCE (Jeff Sandelin): F Iri-LVP, F Eng-BEL, A PIC S F Eng-BEL, A Gas-BUR, A MAR S A Gas-BUR.
 GERMANY (Dan Gorham): A DEN S ENGLISH F SWE, F Hol-NTH, A Bel-Bur (dislodged, retreats to Ruh, Hol, or OTB), A Pie-TYO, A Mun-KIE, A BER H.
 ITALY (Mike Kettman): A ALB-Gre, A Ser S A ALB-Gre (destroyed)
 F ION S A ALB-Gre, F Tyh-LYO, A TRI S RUSSIAN A Gal-VIE.
 RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): F STP(nc)-Nwy, A FIN-Swe, F BAL S A FIN-Swe, A Gal-VIE, A BUD S TURKISH A Bul-SER, A RUM S TURKISH A Bul-SER, F SEV S A RUM.
 TURKEY (Greg Doyle): A Bul-SER, A GRE S A Bul-SER, F AEG S A GRE, F Smy-EAS, F Con-SMY.

SUPPLY CENTERS, 1903

AUSTRIA: ~~See~~, Vie (0) OUT!
 ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Nwy, SWE, Lvp (4) Even.
 FRANCE: Home, Spa, Por, BEL, LVP (7) May build two.
 GERMANY: Home, Hol, Den, Bel (5) Must remove one.
 ITALY: Home, Tun, Tri (5) Even.
 RUSSIA: Home, Rum, Bud, VIE, Swe (7) Even
 TURKEY: Home, Bul, Gre, SER (6) May build one.

PRESS:

RUSSIA-ITALY: Consummate this! Liar!
 TURKEY-RUSSIA: You took a big chance and I won't forget it. Thank you.
 TURKEY-ENGLAND: No!!!! Please continue sending your letters. I need a good laugh every 3 weeks.
 TURKEY-ITALY: Ditto.
 FRANCE-GERMANY: Are you still trying to get into Burgundy? I thought Germans preferred German beer to French wine.
 RUSSIA-ITALY: Union of two plans? What a joke.
 ANKARA-BERLIN: I'm not that foolish. Italy will be repelled and you'll be crushed. You'll curse the day you went against Russia.
 ANKARA-VENICE: You won't last. You're going to be destroyed. We can read you like a book.
 ENGLAND-TURKEY: No, you got it all wrong. I was in "Poltergeist".
 FRANCE-ITALY: You have a lot of faith to leave Venice open. What color block do you prefer in it?
 ENGLAND-RUSSIA: I'd like to end the discussion right now - it stands for the number of friends I have.
 FRANCE-TURKEY: Just thought I'd say "Hi". Maybe someday we can write to each other; just as a change of pace.

VENICE-PARIS: Pst. Want to be allies?
 PARIS-VENICE: No, thanx. I'd rather drink my piss.
 ANKARA: (Dateline: 1985) It was a glorious day. The Sultan was in the best of moods and had ordered only 3 executions in the last week. His understudy came in and warned him he was going to miss the locomotion. He looked upwardly and acknowledged with his eyes. He glanced at the map, he felt pride upon seeing the Ottoman-Bolshavic empire conquests. He remembered the bloody battles of Serbia and Naples. For it had taken 7 years for he and his Russian brother to liberate Europe of the scourge that burnt the great earth, threatened the dreams of Allah and the destiny of the Ottoman people. He remembered the fall of Rome, of Berlin, and finally, last week, London. Yes, Turkey and Russia were brothers, and the fate of Europe was in their hands. So, it was on the Vienna to set up a conference of leaders. He decided months ago to limit Germany's power and restrict them from military buildup and the placement of troops in the Rhineland. Italy would

BONHOMME RICHARD PRESS (continued):

need a constitutional monarchy, if they ever get out of line though ... He decided that the fate of England and for its leader, Prime Minister Whiting, nothing short of death would be sufficient. Yes, Turkey was master of Europe, and the Sultan was happy. He glanced at his understudy, standing dumbfounded in the Royal Palace, and said, "Then, on to Vienna, on to Vienna." The dreams of Allah had been realized... Yes, the Sultan was happy. Pat Pakel, this is your antithesis.
 GM: Nice press release, Greg. Can't say that it makes a lot of sense to me, but...

Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 orders are due Friday, 6 April 1984.

1982-HT - Hartford
 Spring 1904

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY SLEEP
 AS RUSO-TURKISH FORCES ADVANCE

AUSTRIA (Marc Peters?): NMR! A TYO U, A Vie U (dislodged, retreats to Boh or OTB).
 ENGLAND (Greg Murray): F WAL H, F Nth-SKA, F Lon-NTH, F DEN S GERMAN F NWY-Swe (nso).
 FRANCE (Robert Whiting): A PIE-Tyo, F Mar-LYO, F Bel-ENG, A BUR S GERMAN A MUN, A Pic-BEL, F Eng-MID.
 GERMANY (Ed Jacobs?): NMR! A HOL U, A MUN U, A KIE U, F NWY U.
 ITALY (Ricardo Fernandez): A Tun-APU, F ION C A Tun-APU, F NAP S F ION, A Apu-VEN.
 RUSSIA (Blaine Fowers): F STP(nc)-Nwy, F Bot-SWE, F BAL S F Bot-SWE, A SIL S A BER, A Gal-VIE, A BUD S A Gal-VIE, A BER U, F RUM U.
 TURKEY (Russ Rusnak): F Gre-ALB, F Aeg-GRE, F Con-AEG, F EAS S F Con-AEG, A Ser-TRI, A Bul-SER.

PRESS:

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Either this will get you out of Norway, or next turn you will get attacked directly. I warned you against taking Norway, so be prepared to take the consequences.
 LONDON-MOSCOW: This should set Ed up for the final blow. Surrounded on all sides, the Kaiser will never see 1904! Meanwhile, we need some serious talks as to what to do with your northern fleets.
 PARIS-MOSCOW: I can easily see where the real threat lies!
 ATLANTA-DURHAM: Regardless of the outcome of the game, you should thank us for honoring your Devils with the presence of the eventual NCAA champion Yellow Jackets. There is no way that Mike Shoveshtsky can match the fantastic coaching job that Cremins has done this year.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL-ITALY & AUSTRIA: Turn out the lights, the party's over

LONDON-ANKARA: Hot damn, look at that Navy! Let me know Let me know if it's too big to handle on your own!

MARC-BLAINE: If you could only see the letters I've been getting from Russ!

PARIS-ROME: The recent naval action in the Mediterranean is a rescue mission to save the Sardinian people from the clutches of Communism. Any similarity to actual people, places, or recent wars is completely unintentional.

All of the draws and concessions failed and we have some new proposals. Please vote on an A/G draw, another concession to Russia, and a proposal that Duke basketball deserves a national ranking. Remember that NVR="yes"
 Fall 1904 orders are due Friday 6 April 1984.

The standbys are: for Germany, Jeff Sandelin 417 Edwards St., Ft. Collins, CO 80534, and the lucky guy who gets to standby for Austria is Pat Pakel 633 Paden St., Endicott, NY 13760.

1983-CA - Victory
 Winter 1903/Spring 1904

FRANCO-GERMAN CONFLICT HEATS UP
 RUSSIA RECOVERS HOME

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): Builds A VIE, A BUD; A BUL-Con, F GRE S ITALIAN F Eas-ION, A GAL S RUSSIAN A Mos-WAR, A VIE S A GAL, A Bud-SER, A RUM H.
 ENGLAND (Jim Makuc): Builds F LON; F LON-Nth, F SKA-Swe, F NWY S F SKA-Swe, A EDI-Yor.
 FRANCE (Dale Bakken): A Bur-RUH, A Gas-BUR, F ENG-Bel, F MAR-Spa(sc), F MID-Spa(sc).
 GERMANY (Ed Menders): A BEL-Wal, A DEN-Yor, A Sil-BOH, F NTH C A DEN-Yor, F HEL S F NTH, A MUN S A Sil-BOH.
 ITALY (John Caruso): A Mar retreats to PIE; A TYO H, A PIE S A TYO, F WES S F LYO, F LYO S A PIE, F Eas-ION.
 RUSSIA (Dan Gorham): A STP-Nwy, F SWE S A STP-Nwy, A Mos-WAR, A Sev-UKR.
 TURKEY (Michael Quirk): Removes A War; F Aeg-EAS, F SMY S F Aeg-EAS, F Con-AEG, A ANK-Con.

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VICTORY PRESS:

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Are you going to have the guts to get Trieste back this year?

ST. PETERSBURG: It has always been the Russian objective to free Ireland from the oppression of English rule. Human rights must be restored in that poor land!

MARSAILLES-ROME: Well, did you screw me or not?

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Silence on the white cliffs of Dover?

GERMANY-TURKEY: On your own now.

FRANCE-GERMANY: I wonder what set of orders I'm gonna see from myself - the orders I sent in when I was mad at you or the REVISED set!!

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Why don't you take back Trieste and then we can teach Italy a lesson.

ROME-MUNICH: How much longer are you going to put up with your French bozo?

GERMANY-ITALY: Still in Trylolia (sic)?

GERMANY-RUSSIA: We are as far apart as black and white. Let's keep it that way.

BREST-LONDON: I don't have to play you as a sucker.

You're so paranoid that you end up suckering yourself.

SWITZERLAND: Austria 54, where are you??

GERMANY-FRANCE: Sorry guy, I guess I screwed up.

1983-HE - Graf Spee
Winter 1902/Spring 1903

FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN CHAOS
PALACE COUP PUTS NEW ARMY MAN IN VIENNA

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): Retreats A Ser to TRI, Removes

A Sll; A BUD S A Tri-SER, A Tri-SER, A GAL-RUM.

ENGLAND (Gregg Fritz): F Nwg-NAT, A Lvp-WAL, F LON S A Lvp-WAL.

FRANCE (Timothy Allen?): NMR! F ENG U, F IRI U, A BRE U, A GAS U, F SPA(sc) U.

GERMANY (Faz): Builds A MUN, A KIE; A Kie-DEN, F Swe-SKA, A Bel-EDI, F NTH C A Bel-EDI, A RUH H, A Mun-BOH, F Hel-HOL.

ITALY (Scott Luckenbill): Builds A VEN; A Gre-Ser(gone!) A Tun-ALB, F ION C A Tun-ALB, F Tyh-TUN, A Ven-TRI.

RUSSIA (Ken Hager): Builds A MOS; F NWY S GERMAN F NTH,

A STP S F NWY, A Ser S TURKISH A Smy-GRE(gone!),

A Mos-UKR, A WAR S A Mos-UKR, A RUM S A Ser, F BLA S A RUM.

TURKEY (Greg Murray): A Smy-GRE, F AEG C A Smy-GRE, A BUL S A Smy-GRE, F Con-SMY.

PRESS:

WARSAW-AUSTRIA: Thanks for the NMR. I sure didn't expect a break like that.

ITALIAN DESERT COMMAND: Anyone know where Tim-buk-tu is? We can't find it, and goodness knows we've looked all over the place!

TUNIS: Liberty call, liberty call. Liberty commences

for the second fleet, to expire onboard Fall, 1903.

NORTH AFRICA: The oppressed inhabitants expressed great relief at the removal of the Italian Army in Tunis.

Reportedly, the camel population has decreased as many Italian dogfaces have taken Moroccan camels as brides.

BERLIN: The German High Command announced today that it is sending armies all around the world in a gesture of military fraternity and cooperation with neighbors. We hope they will be welcomed as friends and liberators!

ENGLAND-GERMANY: If you got me, then I commend you a fine job of despection. If not, then I look forward to working with you in the future.

AUSTRIA-GM: Why me?

GM-AUSTRIA: Why not?

BERLIN-ENGLAND: Gregg, I KNOW you trusted me more than the others, and I let you down. But Genghis Khan used to try to "negotiate his way to victory" through cunning and guile, trying to seize a fortress from within, rather than resort to storming it. I have also tried to do the same. I may be no Khan, but that way works quicker, and (hopefully after this move), better, than a direct attack. France and Russia were right in their dealings with England; you must die. There can be no proper alternative.

VIENNA-ITALY: I'll fight to the death! If you grab Trieste, I think I may have trusted you one turn too long.

MURRAY-USPS: Thanks for returning the favor of the NMR!

ANKARA-VIENNA: As I said, feel free to try talking!

RUSSIA-ITALY: Now, it's your turn to play some defense. Have fun.

ANKARA-ROME: Time for you to start proving yourself! My move to Rumania should show my dedication.

RUMANIA: The oppresses cries of the Rumanian people have finally met friendly ears. Welcome to the Turkish freedom fighters!

BERLIN: The German Army has reportedly been trading in their winter supplies for suntan lotion and maps of the Italian Riviera.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: If all works out, I hope you get what is coming to you!

MORE GRAF SPEE PRESS:

BERLIN-RUSSIA: Czar Hagerovich, do not crap in thy collective drawers when you see Kie-Den, OK? I am trying to ensure that Germany retains what see needs before we do any transferring of territory, and with F Swe leaving, I don't want a power vacuum up there. A letter will be forthcoming - I remain an honorable man, and thank you for your support.

FRANCE-ITALY: I don't like your tone. I've been agreeable thus far, but I can only take so much!

MURRAY-FAZ: Congrats on your two builds, and good luck!

BERLIN-FRANCE: Alas, STILL no news from my French ally (25 Feb)! What's the story? Don't I even rate a postcard, telling me what you have in mind? Most distressing....

RUSSIA-TURKEY: I think it's time we liberate the Balkans.

BERLIN-ITALY: Your ideas make sense, but I urge you to reconsider direction.

BERLIN-TURKEY: Wither liest your course of action, oh ditto-of-the-nonwriters? Good hunting in the Balkans, now that the majority of threat against you has receded. You have a most interesting positioning, Greg.

RUSSIA-FRANCE AND GERMANY: You guys have enough firepower against poor old England? That's like using 100 lb. test line to fish for blue gills.

BERLIN-AUSTRIA: Archduke Conlon-Blant, your fellow Deutscher is coming to your aid and liberation! Help me Anschluss mit du, oh kamerad! We stand ready to guard the Gateway to the West against foreign oppression - just say the word.

Fall 1903 orders are due Friday, 6 April 1984. Pat NMRed again, so Bob now has the Austrian position. The standby for France is Ed Jacobs Box 119, Midwood Station, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Ed used to be an Air Force flyer.

1983-HM - Mikasa

Fall 1902

ITALY AND TURKEY CLASH IN AEGEAN
FRANCE LIBERATES RIVIERA

AUSTRIA (Paul Rosenzweig?): NMR! A TRI U, A BUD U, A BUL U, A GAL U, F GRE U.

ENGLAND (Pat Pakel): F Iri-MID, F ENG S F Iri-MID,

F SWE S GERMAN F Den-BAL, A BRE S GERMAN A PAR, F Nwg-NWG.

FRANCE (Matthew Fleming): A Bur-MAR, A SPA S A Bur-MAR,

A GAS S A Bur-MAR, F POR-Mid.

GERMANY (John Caruso): A MUN-Ber, A KIE-Ber, F Den-BAL,

A PAR S ENGLISH A BRE, A BEL H.

ITALY (Jim Makuc): A PIE-Mar, F ION-Aeg, F AFU-Ion,

F Tyh-WES, A TUN S A PIE-Mar(imp).

RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): F Bal-Kie(dislodged, retreats to

Bot, Lvn or OTB), A War-PRU, A Ukr-WAR.

TURKEY (James Wall): A Sev-RUM, A Ank-SMY, F BLA S

A Sev-RUM, F CON-Bul(sc), F EAS-Aeg.

SUPPLY CENTERS, 1902

AUSTRIA: Home, Ser, Gre, BUL (6) May build one.

ENGLAND: Home, Nwy, Bre, SWE (6) May build one.

FRANCE: Spa, Por, MAR, ~~Par~~, Bel (3) Must remove one.

GERMANY: Home, Hol, Den, PAR, BEL (7) May build two.

ITALY: Home, Tun, ~~Mos~~ (4) Must remove one.

RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP (3) Even.

TURKEY: Home, Rum, Sev, Bul (5) Even (one destroyed).

PRESS:

FAZ, FEE, FEE: FRANCE-ITALY: How do you like it? I may never get anywhere myself, but at least I have the privilege of watching you perish. (sooner or later...)

RUSSIA-GERMANY: Hi!

SOMEWHERE IN TUNIS: "Well men, those are our orders, 'Support A Pled to Mars'. Anybody bring a flying machine? No? Well the n we shall just have to pray on their behalf. Everybody join hands, afterall, who can stand against God?"

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: I knew I was vulnerable to a one dot stab.

I hope you realize what you've gotten yourself into.

You god damned short sighted dot grabbin spawn of hell.

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: Someone wreck your compass, boy? Get with it before Germany wrecks Vienna.

TURKEY-ITALY: Me and my big mouth!

ROME-ANKARA: Thanks for the letter. One will be returned. Soon.

TURKEY-GERMANY: Do we have something to talk about?

Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 orders are due Friday, 6 April 1984. The standby for Austria is Brad Wilson Box 327 Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045. The order A Bel-BUR was omitted from the French orders for Spring '02. The players were notified by postcard earlier.

Note to all players: I received two sets of moves on the day after the deadline (today). One of these was postmarked 25 February. That's a week before the deadline! I know that it wasn't the player's fault, but it just goes to show what can happen. I encourage you all to mail just-in-case orders early.

Letters and Cards

A pretty good bunch of mail this month. First up, Don Del Grande:

"You want to know how many replies I got to previous NADBs? This is the third NAED exam; the first one got 5 replies, the second 7. However, in the past, only one month was allocated for the exam, and it was only in LOM - the low turnouts prompted me to seek a larger crowd. (I knew I should've mentioned the prizes....) Actually, I only have ONE response so far! (letter dated 9 Feb) It's probably because of the long deadline.

"I understand you collect business cards. After Berch- only-knows how many interviews I've had, I've managed to keep six cards from five companies in California, and since they've all said no (or words to that effect - nobody ever says "no" but "we'll keep your application on file, and if an opening pops up that fits your qualifications...."), I suppose that it's better to send them to you than to file them away in a certain round file.

"You found all of the names of the RAIL BARON dots? I found something unusual about the map - supposedly, the game takes place in the 19th century, and San Francisco/Oakland are in the same place. The only railroad bridge to ever cross San Francisco Bay - Dumbarton, 27 miles south of San Francisco - wasn't built until after 1900, requiring a trip of 76 miles between the cities! Meanwhile, the 85 mile trip from Oakland to Sacramento requires 2 spaces! By the way ... obviously, the city (dot) east of SF/Oak must be Stockton, but what could the one north of SF/Oak be? The only semi-big town nowadays is Vallejo, and that wasn't very big back then. (It can't be Sonoma, where the northernmost Spanish mission is, because Sonoma is much closer to the coast.)

"I read a condensed version of "College Kids..." in READER'S DIGEST. The longer version is better - in the Digest version, the last paragraph is deleted except for the last five words. Now it makes sense. (Well, it makes more sense than it did...)"

Thanks for the cards, Don. I was lucky not to have to go through any interviews when I graduated. I had a job with Uncle Sam whether I liked it or not. I hope things start looking up.

Yes, the dot east of SF/Oak is Stockton. The one to the north is Santa Rosa. The map I used was a modern RR map and many of the dots were not on the map, so I those cases I went to a modern road map, so it's certainly not 100% accurate. Thanks for the northern California geography lesson.

You've got my NADB entry. How'd I do?

From Ed Wrobel:

"Your pirated "Damnedest Things" was a delight. I couldn't help from laughing out loud. The perpendicular Englishmen and beautiful, almost-lifelike Renaissance merchants who bolted from the blue to make English the national language of Italy and expose themselves to organized fairies were particularly amusing.

"I enjoy Rail Baron when I win (i.e., when the competition is at about the level of Pat Pakel - (a very loyal ally, by the way)). I don't know if I'd have time to play in your postal game. I suppose it's not all that time-consuming. How will it work? Is Pakel playing?"

"Just back from 'Civilization' in Raleigh, NC and I thought to ask my host for a business card for you to fill the NC hole in your collection. And here's one from my sister-in-law that you might find attractive. She's a commercial artist."

I'm glad you sent me that card, Ed. John and I met through a Kingmaker variant a few years ago, and by comparing genealogies we discovered that we are seventh cousins. Small world, eh? Or maybe just a large hobby.

More from Ed Wrobel:

"Went to a crafts show the other day and picked up some business cards for you. Included are samples from Vermont and West Virginia, although the latter is oversized. Several of them are very attractive. Most of the draftspeople wrote their booth location on the front of the card (e.g. 'C203') - hope this doesn't disqualify them from your collection."

This letter accompanied about fifty cards. Thank you very much, Ed. If you weren't a trade, I'd give you a few free issues. Anything else I can do? No, writing on the cards does not disqualify them. I prefer "clean" cards, but, I've got plenty with all sorts of stuff on them. One exception might be if the card was from someone famous. Then I'd love to have writing. The only celebrity writing that I can think of in the collection is a card from NBC correspondent Andrea Mitchell. Not much.

WOW! A letter from Matthew Fleming:

"First of all let me apologize for being one of the biggest pieces of deadwood in your 'zine. The fact is that I am over committed in the number of games I am playing and school (Master's level History, upper division history, upper level German and French and Trig) has me more than busy. I am certain that an airman knows the feeling.

"As far as the Charlie Chan question goes, it was half guess, half knowledge. Mark Frueh was in town not too long ago and he gave me a call. We were talking about your quiz and I told him - to his great chagrin - that I did indeed see the movie on TV one afternoon. Don't ask me when. And my memory being pretty good, I wrote down the first thing that came to mind. The Rhumba. I guess I will have to write Mark and gloat over my victory. In any case thanks for the 5 free issues. On my student's budget they are greatly appreciated.

"I looked at the 1983 quiz and I didn't know many answers. But that didn't stop me from entering your movie trivia so maybe I will look at it again.

"One of these days I am going to write you an article on the Swedish ship Vasa. It is one of my favorite warships of all time. Launched in the seventeenth century, it was a fine piece of shipwrightsmanship (that last word serves as an example of what learning German will do to you!). One of the more fascinating aspects about the ship is the fact that it was re-floated in the 20th century and is now on display near Stockholm. (There's a very interesting picture of it in Carlo Cipolla's GUNS, SAILS AND EMPIRES.) If I ever get the time to do the proper research on it, I will write the article, and send it to you.

"Hey! These movie trivia questions are getting harder. Ease up!

"Enclosed you should find a very rare business card. I saw that you already had one from Missouri, but this one should be an interesting addition as A.A. Busch's card is not very common. My dad is a V.P. at the brewery, when I can find one of his cards I will send it along. I like to brag about his success, so I am surprised I haven't sent you one already!

"I appreciate all the effort put out by GMers. In some ways it is a thankless task. I would long ago have died of Dip starvation if I hadn't found out about FBM. Keep up the good work.

"There is a place here in St. Louis called 'Serendipity'. Maybe you will get a picture of this place along with a card next letter."

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I'm sorry, Matthew, but I don't really understand the last paragraph. Send along the Vasa when ever you're ready. I'm in no rush. Do a good job. Thanks a lot for putting Frush in his place! Thanks for the card, too!

One of my sports comments last issue brought an opposing view from Gregg Fritz:

"I must respond to something you mentioned in the last issue of Raging Main. You made the bold statement that college basketball beats the hell out of the NBA - My dear James, you are full of it! I don't know how you can say that.

"The caliber of players in the NBA are ten times that of the NCAA. I dare you, I double dog dare you, to name one college player who has more talent than Julius Erving or Larry Bird or even Terry Cummings for that matter. They just do not compare.

"I know what you are going to say - College is exciting and Pro's are boring. What's so damn exciting about watching the last five minutes of a college game? All you see is five guys passing the ball around and not shooting so they can protect their lead - face it, stalling sucks, but that's the name of the game in college. In Pro, the ball is constantly in motion. With the intention of scoring at all times.

"Oh, I know - there's no defense in the Pros. Did you watch the playoffs last year? Philly was down every game at the half to the Lakers, but swept the Series. Why? Defense. Bobby Jones' defense and playmaking won most of the games for the 76ers.

"The other weak argument is that you can tune in on the final two minutes of a pro game and find out who wins. That may be so, but in the other 46 minutes you may miss some of the best basketball you'll ever see. Watching Dr. J on a fast break a backboard shattering slam by Darrell Dawkins is worth the price of admission.

"I could go on and on, but I'll give you the chance to state your case, if you have one. The NBA is fantastic!"

Well, Gregg, I guess that my statement was a bit bold. I will not argue that the NBA has more talent and better players. I guess I base my preference on the experiences I have had attending basketball games. I went to a great deal of Minnesota Gopher games in the last four years and the arena was almost always full. With the pep band and the cheering crowd it makes for a much better experience. The few pro games (in San Diego) that I've seen have been poorly attended and it just wasn't the same.

I know that this shouldn't have anything to do with a game that I watch on TV, but that is the experience that I associate with NCAA basketball. For some reason, I care more who wins the game when it's a college game.

Another beef I have with the NBA is their outlawing of the zone defense. I guess I don't like the "This is just too effective, so we're not going to let you do it anymore." attitude. The stall at the end of the game is a flaw to the college game, but I've seen a team get burned by stalling as many times as it has helped. Well, maybe not as many times, but quite a few times. I guess it's just what I prefer as opposed to you.

What? A letter from Bruce Linsey:

"Me? Write a letter? Well ... OK. To start off with, I'm enclosing a check for \$6.50 to cover 10 more issues of Raging Main. I think that yours is one of the most interesting dipzines on the market today.

"Sure, I'll publicize your quest for Doogie quotes! Speaking of sports, I felt it was a foregone conclusion that the Raiders were going to be at up on the Redskins. I collected \$10 from a guy here at General Electric who felt that the Hogs were going to blow away the opposition. Usually, my team loses, so this year's Super Bowl was very fun for me.

"Since you're a fellow John Denver fan, have you heard his new album, "It's About Time"? I bought it a couple of months ago and didn't like it at first, but most of the songs started to grow on me after 3 or 4 playings. Several of them are pretty deep, too - not just the usual Denver-type love songs. Best one on the album is "Tough of You". Try it if you haven't.

"I know there used to be a zine from Australia, but at the moment I'm not aware of any. So you maybe are the farthest south in the world.

"Freshman Poll? I'll pass, thanks. The hobby is too poll heavy these days for my tastes.

"I saw 'Silkwood' and thought it was excellent, but cannot write a review for a couple of reasons. First, I'm sure I'd be unable to write a decent movie review; and second, my attention was largely on the person with me at the time rather than the movie. But I do recommend it to anyone.

"Keep up the work - I'm really enjoying each issue of RM more and more!"

BRUX did not enclose a check with the letter. I bet a little bird told him that I was lowering the sub rate, although I can't imagine how.

Bruce and I seem to be on opposite sides of a few sports rivalries. He roots for the hated Dodgers, and now I discover that he also likes the Oakland Raiders! (Yes, I know they're in LA now, but they'll always be Oakland to me) The Raiders are my SD Chargers' biggest rivals. Going back to the old AFL. No love lost there. Not to mention the fact that the clubs' owners (Gene Klein and Al Davis) hate each other personally.

No, I haven't heard the new Denver album, but may take your advice and get it. I'll let you know.

Information from Larry Peery:

"There used to be zines pubbed in South Africa and in Australia, but I think they are all defunct."

Who knows? Maybe RM is the southernmost in the world.

Now, a letter from one of two enlisted-type RM subbers who has his eye on a commission (the other is Gregg Fritz), Jim Briggs:

"So, you saw 'Rear Window' at the Guild also, huh? I saw it on 30DEC83 when I was back home. I don't know about it taking 25 years to show it though, because I had seen it before on some late show.

"Thanks for the advert for En Garde! Maybe we'll be able to get a few more people to sign up for it. As of right now, though, I'm planning to wait just a few weeks for a game start. I've just completed my paperwork for OCS ((Officer Candidates School)) and was interviewed by the Bn CO yesterday. Next is the Bde CO, then the board, the final DA approval. If I'm lucky, I'll be able to go in June, but there are two classes starting in September as well. Fingers crossed, and I'm really boning up for the board this time.

"Lack of effort, huh? How insulting. How'd you like to be called a dumb swabbe in my zine? Just kidding. I really don't have the time I once had, what with all the TDY and such. Also, I think a quiz is not meant to test your ability to research, but meant to test your recall ability. So there!

"Well, I could have said boats, but I knew you'd be really insulted at that! Navy people are so predictable! Just like Marines, call them Jarheads and see where that'll get you.

"I don't think there were any good movies in 1983, with the possible exception of 'The Big Chill', which I have not seen yet. 'High Road to China' was laughable, but still worth the \$1.50 I spent on it (matinee you know).

"Shirley Bassey is singing 'Goldfinger' on the radio right now, you'll have to wait until it's over to continue reading. All right, just Herb Albert now.

"My playlist: Little River Band 'Greatest Hits'; America 'History'; Dennis Yost and the Classics IV 'Greatest Hits'; Al Stewart 'Year of the Cat'; Grieg 'Peer Gynt Suite'."

Good luck on the board! I hope you get those 'butter bars' soon enough. Actually, if you had said that the Army owns more 'boats' than the Navy, I would not have argued. 'Ships' on the other hand ...

The lack of effort comment was not meant to be insulting. I only meant that you would have done better with more than an occasional entry. Your comments on research have been taken to heart and hope you do enjoy my next quiz.

The next letter comes from Dick Martin:

"RM #11 was pretty good. It's nice to see someone else into movies (though we aren't into the trivia so much). Julie & I were lucky enough to take a Hitchcock films class at U of MD - saw 'Vertigo' 4 times & 'Rear Window' 3 times. Both brilliant, but my favorite is still 'Notorious'. Also saw 'Rear Window' in the theater, and it sure beats 'The Man Who Loved Women'."

"Hello? I'm an RM reader, and my Rollers play your Tomcats in week 8. I've let my boys know that you think nothing of them, and they are ready to run up the score! It'll be in front of those bloodthirsty Rockville fans, too. Grudge match!"

Oh, no! What have I done? I didn't list your team because I didn't know if you were going to be an RM reader at the time. I won't let it happen again. Dick's Rockville Rock and Rollers stand with a 1-1-0 record after the first session. He's in the 'other' division. (Other than Knight, Luedi, Lucas and myself) His team seems to be made up of real rock stars. In a first round 7-2 drubbing Pete Gaughan's Dallas Marauders, David Lee Roth scored a hat trick and he got goals from Jagger, Bowie, and Daltry as well.

About 'Rear Window', I had read and heard that these movies were released once in the '50s and the Hitchcock had kept them out of circulation since then. I had assumed that this would include TV, but if Jim saw it on the tube, I must have been mistaken.