

RAGING MAIN

"The only 'zine in North America without a subzine"

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: Game Openings - The all-military game is filled (I think). The announcement for the gamestart will be in the next issue. All players should send me their country preference list and a brief synopsis of their military careers. I have openings in one more game, but I hope it won't start for a few months. I'll also run a variant if there is enough response. One person has responded to this offer. There are no game fees for any of these openings.

: Standbys - Frueh, Makuc, Sandelin, Petersen, Powers, any others? In responding to all of the NMRs for the orphans this time I just about exhausted the list, so if you can please volunteer to join these brave souls.

Yes, folks. This place does exist. This card comes courtesy of my brother Peter. I wonder if Mr. T owns part of the business. Ped (that's Pete's nickname) does play Dip occasionally, but I've yet to get him to try it postally. I came home for the first time since Christmas, and the kid has grown at least three inches!! What is this world coming to?

Padres Corner

A few 'zines have started to report on the fortunes of their favorite baseball teams, so since I've got space to fill, here it is.

PADRES won 48 Lost 47 .505 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ GB 4th place

Letters

I've still got empty space so here's a letter I received from Jim 'I'm from New England and proud of it' Makuc: "Since Caruso got a shot at me, I want equal time. Just tell me why when his name is mentioned, silence descends in the room, only to be shattered by the sound of a flushing toilet. Bozo indeed! I bet he can't even pronounce my name correctly. The legendary Caruso is a cheapo too, my idol is shattered!"

Well, Jim. You want equal time, I gave you page one. I hope you're satisfied.



Ship's Log

Good news on the career front! About three weeks ago I saw the flight surgeon again and he okayed my ankle. I then went to the student control office at the school and brought the correct form so I could be put on the list to start the training. I expected the date to begin sometime in October or November since they had told me that I was not to be put on any list until I was PQ. Well, they looked in their file and told me that I'll start on 31 August. I was on the list the whole time!! A classic case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing.

As many of you know, I did make it to DipCon. I had a great time and met many of you. RM subbers that I met for the first time were Dale Bakken, Kathy Byrne, John Caruso, Bruce Linsey, Mark Leudi, and James Wall. This does not include a few of the Midwest bunch that I'd met before, and others that will now be receiving RM. It was a pleasure meeting all of you. A more complete report of my time at Detroit will be in the next issue. For all you who are wondering about my performance in the tournaments, I did terrible in the Gunboat event and pretty fair in the Regular tournament.

MOVIE TRIVIA QUIZ

This is the issue where I had planned to print the answers to questions 1-8, but no one as bothered to try them. I was beginning to think you didn't care for this feature (I had my doubts to begin with), but I have received a few answers for #s 9-19 (some even correct) and a few people I saw at DipCon said they were working on them, so... the answers for #s 1-19 will be due for the next issue, and these will be due two issues hence. Don't worry if you think they'll be too tough, I've got plenty of them and I'm sure they're hard for everyone. Remember, the prize after it's all through is a year's sub to RM!

Here are the advertising tag lines of three films. Name the movie each describes.

20. His whole life was a million-to-one shot.
21. A temptingly tasteful comedy of adults who can count.
22. Forged by a god. Foretold by a wizard. Found by a king.
23. Who played schoolteacher Rosemary in "Picnic"?
24. What was the name of the never-seen, but very important, snake in "We're No Angels"?
25. Katherine Hepburn played a Christain missionary in "The African Queen." To which denomination did she belong?
26. From what film does the following dialogue come? "I sowed the wild oats of my youth in a haystack one night, but that doesn't mean that I'm gonna ruin my name and damage this family by bringin' in a stray."
27. How does Laurence Olivier make an appearance in "Tootsie"?
28. What is the title of the soap opera in which "Tootsie" starred?
29. In "Nine to Five", boss Dabney Coleman is shown tied up, watching a soap opera on TV. What is the soap opera?
30. What is the name of Bambi's love interest in the popular Disney film?
31. In "Diner", a hearty eater drives out of the diner's parking lot as youths applaud his prodigious consumption. What kind of car is he driving?
32. He played the piano and sang "Hong Kong Blues" in "To Have and Have Not". Who was he?

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VICTORY

Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): A Vie-TRI, F Tri-ALB, A Bud-SER.
 ENGLAND (Jim Makuc): A Lpl-EDI, F Lon-NTH, F Edi-NWG.
 FRANCE (Dale Bakken): F Bre-ENG, A Par-PIC, A Mar-SPA.
 GERMANY (Ed Menders): F Kie-HOL, A Ber-KIE, A Mun-RUH.
 ITALY (John Caruso): A Ven-TYO, A Rom-VEN, F Nap-ION.
 RUSSIA (Robert Acheson): F Stp(sc)-BOT, A Mos-STP, A War-UKR, F SEV-Bla.
 TURKEY (Michael Quirk): A Con-BUL, F ANK-Bla, A Smy-ARM.

Fall 1901 orders are due (to Florida) on Saturday, 27 August 1983.

Note: Jim Makuc's address is in Monterey, MA, not ME. Sorry Jim.

PRESS:

ENGLAND to FRANCE, RUSSIA, & TURKEY: I think I know you from somewhere? Switzerland?

LONDON to ROME: I'll pretend I didn't read that, I can be a nice guy, really!!

FRANCE-TURKEY: Thanks for attending MadCon. Hope you had a good time.

MARS-VEN: How did I do at Origins? Or were you as drunk as I was?

ITA-AUS: You die!

RUS-AUS: You die!!

TUR-AUS: You die!!!

GER-AUS: You die!!!!

AUS-ITA, RUS, TUR, GER: Suck on an egg!

TURKEY to RUSSIA: I never heard from you so I felt I had no choice but to attack you.

VIE to ALL: The Imperial household announced today that the threats of war which has been hanging over much of Europe these past few months were merely a lot of rumors and should not be taken too seriously. Any misunderstanding can surely be resolved without bloodshed.

VIENNA: It was announced that Arch Duke Roberto, Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian Armed Forces would leave in the near future for an extended vacation at his Alpine hunting lodge in Tyrolia.

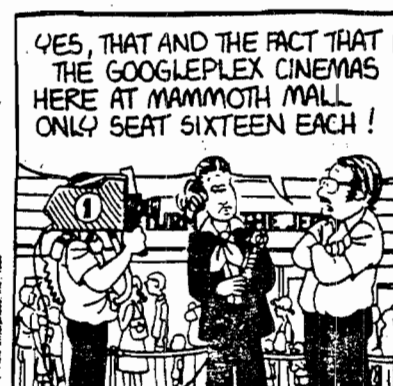
SWITZ-RUS: I've heard of Canadians, but from the NW Territories? Is your brain frostbit? Echo Bay Mines — What do you dig for? Dioxines?

TRIESTE: Tensions have eased to the point that most of the main battle fleet have been scheduled for dry dock in the near future.

LIVERPOOL to WORLD: I'd like to propose a toast to New England and the sticks.

PARIS-GM: Anytime you want to come to the MadCity, I'll guarantee you'll have a good time or else my friend James Wall-banger will refund every nickel you spend!

GM-PARIS: Thanks, Next time I make it back to the Midwest. That comment seems to be the signal for Wall to submit some guest press next time.



RAGING MAIN'S ORPHANAGE

Rather than start these games again with quite a few NMRs I am delaying them and calling standbys for the positions that have failed to even contact me to tell me that they want to keep the positions.

1983-AA BONHOMME RICHARD pre-Spring 1901
 AUSTRIA: Mark Bastille? - USS Billfish (SSN 676), FPO New York 09565.
 standby- Mark Frueh - 309 N Livingston St. #1, Madison, WI 53703.
 ENGLAND: Robert Whiting - 651 Airport Rd., #3, Marion NC, 28752.
 after 9/21/83 - P.O.Box 33735, Georgia Institute of Technology,
 Atlanta, GA 30332.
 FRANCE: Jeff Sandelin - 417 Edwards St. Fort Collins, CO 80524.
 GERMANY: Dan Gorman - 800 So. Euclid St., Fullerton, CA 92634.
 ITALY: Mike Kettman - 1121 Church St. #312, Evanston, IL 60201.
 RUSSIA: Peter Halfman - 75 Outlook Dr., Lexington MA 02173.
 TURKEY: Greg Doyle - 18 Longmeadow Dr., Canton, MA 02021.
 Spring 1901 orders are due on Saturday, 27 August 1983.
 Please note that Robert and Dan have new addresses.

1982-HT HARTFORD still post- Winter 1901
 AUSTRIA: Marc Peters - 29 E Wilson #202, Madison, WI 53703.
 ENGLAND: Greg Murray - 3425 Oakcreek Dr., Rocklin, CA 95677.
 FRANCE: Scott Jackson? - 19336 Fremant Ave. No. Seattle, WA 98133.
 standby - Jim Makuc - P.O.Box 111, Monterey, MA 01245.
 GERMANY: Ed Jacobs? - P.O.Box 119 Midwood Station, Brooklyn, NY 11230.
 standby - Jeff Sandelin - 417 Edwards St. Fort Collins, CO 80524.
 ITALY: Ricardo Fernandez? - 118 Squire Hill Rd., Montclair, NJ 07043.
 standby - Frauke Petersen - 233 Oak Grove #906, Minneapolis, MN 55403.
 RUSSIA: Blaine Powers - 407 2nd St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413.
 TURKEY: Russ Rusnak - 8002 So. Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459.
 Spring 1902 orders are due on Saturday, 27 August 1983.
 COA: (after 8/8/83) Greg Murray 1017 Sherwood Ln., Kings Mountain, NC
 28086.

My usual policy for calling standbys is not to put two people in the same telephone area into the same game, but since this 'zine is new and I have very few standbys to draw from, I had to do it this time.

Who's got the best names?

I need some filler so I think I'll tell you what I think are the best names for 'zines in the hobby today.

1. Benzene (Mark Lew) My favorite subzine and a mighty clever name. Too bad it wasn't used by someone named Ben.
2. Winsome Losesome (Judy Winsome)* Another good pun. However, should Judy turn out to be a pseudonym, this drops off my list.
3. Thirty Miles of Bad Road (Mark Leudi) A weird name for a weird 'zine. Fast becoming one of my favorites.
4. Anduin (Eric Kane) What can I say? I like J.R.R. Tolkien and this name comes from a river in The Lord of the Rings.

Back, by popular demand...

RAGING MAIN HOUSERULES

1. The 1971 Rulebook will be used, except where modified by these houserules.
2. Orders should include: game name or Boardman number, season and year, country, date, and signature.
3. Deadlines will be announced each season. Orders will be accepted by phone up to the night before the deadline day. Phone orders will only be accepted by me personally. Do not count on finding me at home.
4. Winter and Spring seasons will be combined.
5. Retreats will be combined with the following season(s); Autumn with Winter/Spring, Summer with Fall.
6. Seasons will be separated upon the request of at least two players unless there are only three or less players in the game in which case one request will suffice.
7. If a player fails to submit orders (NMRs), a standby will be called. If the original player NMRs a second time in a row, the position will be given to the standby.
8. Draws and concessions must be approved by all players who own at least one supply center. A player not voting is counted as voting "YES".
- 8a. If no player vetos a draw proposal, but one or more players did not submit moves, then the game will be suspended while another vote is conducted.
- 8b. Draws do not need to include all surviving players.
9. Draws or concessions that pass, take place before the next season.
10. Press may be submitted from any dateline. (i.e. Black Press)
11. Deception of the GM is forbidden.
12. Any houserule may be added, deleted, or changed by unanimous vote off all of the game's players.

A few of the orphan players said they would be willing to play under my houserules. The rest of you gave no opinion. If I hear no dissent by the next deadline, we'll do it that way. If you don't want to, be sure to give me a copy of the DtT houserules.

Joke (for Steve Hutton)

There was this man who had heard that you could teach horses to count. So, he set out to do that to his horse. His horse seemed to have a real aptitude for mathematics and it picked it up quite quickly. So, the man went beyond counting and taught the horse arithmetic. Before long the horse could add, subtract, multiply, and divide as well as any pocket calculator. Amazed, the man started the horse on a course in basic algebra. Soon enough the horse was completing the square and factoring like a pro. The horse tackled trigonometry next, and did with suprising ease.

The astounded owner and teacher then planed to start the horse on calculus, but thought that it should have a little analytical geometry first. Here the horse hit the wall. As much as he tried, the man could not get the horse to understand the analytical geometry. He brought in famous university professors, but nothing helped. Finally the frustrated man gave up syaing, "I guess it's true. You can't put Des Cartes before the horse."

Letters and Cards

From Kathy Byrne (whose accent is so thick you could cut it with a knife):
 "Enclosed find my latest business card!
 It is from the oldest team in baseball.
 At the end of the season these guys are
 all signing in to the Jones old age home!
 It seems Pete Rose has already requested
 a room on the Ground Level as he is unable
 to get his wheelchair up the stairs!"

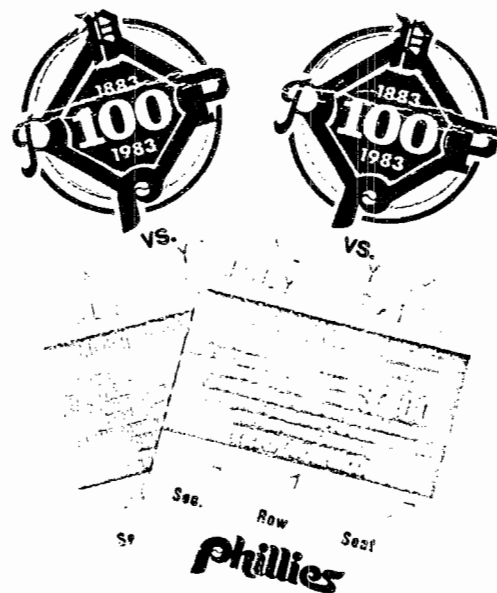
Well, there you have it! Who out there
 will come forward to defend the Phillies?
 And who will Kathy be attacking next month?
 BRUX's Dodgers? Or my Padres? Maybe not.
 Thank you for the 'business cards', and
 keep them coming.

From John Michalski: "Don't worry about
 the delayed school start: remember, it also
 delays your first rotten duty assignment!"

"I liked that 'Honorary Negro' card —
 too many publishers would be afraid to run
 it.

"Famous ships section: nice touch. How
 about some other famous ships: Raider Atlatis,
 U99 or the like?

"Odds & ends cards enclosed."



This Card Good For A FREE Cup of Coffee or a
 Glass of Iced Tea With Your Next Meal
 At All Locations

Street _____ Phone _____

-For Faster Service On "TO GO" Orders,
 Please call Ahead.

This Offer Good At The Above Location Only

Thanks for the card, John. I'll
 be sure to have it next time I'm in
 Oklahoma. Are you sure you don't
 need the free cup of coffee?

I'm glad you liked the ships
 section. USS Hartford's story should
 be in this issue, and I'll write one
 for each new game. And maybe a few
 more if I can. Anyone else who wishes
 to write history?

I'm afraid you're wrong about
 the 'rotton first assignment.' My
 first duty station will (I hope)
 be in my hometown of San Diego!

With regards to the 'negro' card, I thought a few times before I printed
 it. I wasn't sure how people would take it. I got two comments on it and
 they were both positive. If anyone was offended, I sincerely apologize.

From MIDN Bill Highfield (aboard USS Saratoga): "Hey, we're havin' fun
 down here! We just might learn something, too. SARA'S a big mother, alright
 Too bad we can't go to see (sic) in her. One chief said, "She ain't
 gonna see deep water for a long time unless she sinks!" After her shake-
 down cruise off Cuba, they discovered that the new welding technique at
 Philly is no good. Now 6 out of 8 boilers are down and all of the super-
 heater pipes must be re-welded. The men are refering to her as "PIER 60."

I'm really sorry that the ship isn't going to sea while you're there.
 Lack of underway time is the #1 complaint that middies coming off cruise
 have and I can't really blame them. I hope you were able to get transfered
 to another ship for at least a few days. Two attacks on Philadelphia one
 one page! What will come next?

From a new subber, Timothy Allen: "By the way, my brother went through the NFO program several years ago in Pensacola. He got his wings, transferred to field artillery (he's a Marine), and is now waiting to go to the Far East. I have another relative who may not have finished the program (I don't know him personally) as a Navy type. I wish you the best of success — it is quite a difficult program.

"I am sad to report that, alas, Susan ((Timothy's wife)) does not play DIPLOMACY, nor anything else. It might be different if I could find a sub-community of players who like DIPLOMACY and are not over-dosed on sex and lewdness. Your 'zine seems pretty straight."

Thanks. I try and run a clean 'zine. Just be sure that she doesn't see the Mass Murders press in Europa Express. I think that we should all write Susan and convince her of what nice people we really are. We need more female players and hobby participants. In fact, to get the ball rolling, I'll give three (3!!) free issues to any woman who starts a sub to this quality publication.

The NFO program that Tim refers to is the Navy equivalent to the Air Force Navigator. NFO stands for Naval Flight Officer and he is the guy who goes in the plane, but doesn't fly. An NFO does not have to have 20/20 uncorrected vision.

From Greg Murray: "First, RM looks like a really promising 'zine, much like the early DtT's. Keep up the good work.

"Finally, I would like to congratulate you on your pilot slot. Those are really competitive, and reflect an achievement in themselves. Good luck and we all hope you get F-14's."

Maybe you hope it, but I don't. Not that I'd turn fighters down if they were the only choice I had. I'm not crazy. What I want to get into is Helicopters! Who cares if I have to land it on a postage stamp, but I'd rather not be on a carrier. Thus I request the helos.

From Jim Briggs: "As for my career as an officer, well I go up for the Officer Selection Board on the 21st so I really should be studying right now. But hell, I was in JROTC so boards are no sweat. By the way, congratulations on getting into flight school. I understand you have to be an honors graduate and a superman to get into it. Anyway, when I pass the board next stop is Columbus Georgia for Officer's Candidate School (remember the film 'An Officer and a Gentleman'?) in September."

How can I forget it? Pensacola is the site or the real Navy Aviation Officer's Candidate School. Not somewhere in Washington state like in the movie. We have plenty of AOC's running **around** here. I work in the building next to theirs and often see the Drill Instructors setting them straight on one point or another.

More from Jim: "Another thing ... at last somebody printed a playlist that not only contains groups that I have heard of, but I've heard of them all and much more. I like all of them too!! A diplozine first! Congratulations!!!!"

Well! Someone likes my music. That's nice to know. I've often wondered where Rauterberg's or Baumeister's playlists come from. To all of you who sent nice words about my getting into flight school, thank you a lot. You don't have to be an honors student or a superman,... but it helps!

I said near the top of the page that we should write Susan Allen and draft her into the hobby, but I gave no address. Write her (or Tim) at 29 Stockbridge Ave., Lowell MA 01854.