# LATER RETAL

May 20, 1990 Meaningless Meanderings

Don't worry 'bout tomorrow, take it today, Forget about the check, we'll get Hell to pay

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Okay, okay, this is late. I know it, you know it. Everybody knows it. I'd hoped to get this out in the week between Christmas and New Years (remember them?) when work was closed, but ended up playing a couple dozen games of 1830 instead. What can I say—given the choice between playing 1830 and putting out the zeen, you all come in a close second. Not that I don't love you all dearly, I just need a vacation.

So with that in mind, I've decided to pursue a masters degree in computer science from Johns Hopkins, starting in January 1990. The decision was a spur of the moment one (walked in on the last day of registration and told 'em to sign me up), though I'd been contemplating the move for about six months. What's nice is that this gives me a perfect excuse to leave work early a couple nights a week for two years. And compared to the undergrad program at Maryland, Hopkins shouldn't be too tough.

The other big time-gobbler has been the beginning of crunch time for college basketball and our beloved Maryland Terrapins. The kids have shown that they can play with anybody in the ACC, and but for many blown leads could be leading the conference. They did pull off the first regular season sweep of North Carolina in many years though, and that almost makes the season in itself. The team is peaking at the right time, and they have a good chance of going into the ACC tournament 7-7 in the conference.

I'd say the Terps are headed for the NCAAs, depending on what sanctions they get hit with. Hopefully it won't be that bad, as this is a first time thing for UM. We owe it all to departed head coach Bob Wade. Go back to Dunbar High School Bob, and don't come back.

[Well, the tournament has come and gone, with Maryland left out of the party. Given the success shown by the other ACC teams, the selection committee's decision to leave out the Terps this year looks pretty stupid. Notre Dame? Gimme a break. And now the sanctions committee has joined in the fun and really stuck it to the Twerps. Ooh, beat us again, we love it so much. Hard to believe this fiasco is going to cost Maryland about four million bucks before it's all over. Ouch! But the interesting news is that it looks like this wasn't entirely Bob Wade's fault. Other interesting news is that Morgan State (up in Baltimore) is thinking of hiring Wade as their coach. What can the NCAA do to Morgan — keep them out of the tournament?!?]

This'd also be the baseball spring training issue, but the owners have gotten even greedier than ever before and locked the players out. What unbelievable idiocy. The owners are rolling in the big money and crying poverty, as usual. Yeah, we can count on the owners to bargain in good faith (can you say, "collusion"? I knew you could).

Even worse, the Orioles are primed and ready to win the AL East this year. Skeptics who say there's no chance must not be paying attention. The Os came as close as they did last year on the strength of incredible fielding and good young pitching. Nobody had a great year at the plate (Tettleton was on his way, but was hurt toward the end), or was overpowering on the mound. And it sure doesn't hurt to be in the AL East, the weakest division in baseball.

Meanwhile, the world situation has been just crazy since last issue. The Berlin Wall is perfo-

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rated, Nelson Mandela is free (and still alive for now), Marion Barry is not going to get off for free, Our Hero Manuel Noriega is temporarily not free, they're about to hold a real election in Nicaragua, Germany is almost unified, the Soviet Union is almost in civil war, and the 49ers crushed the Broncos in the Stupor Bowl. Well, so not everything is a surprise.

Wow. It's been a busy three...uh...six

How about that, the Sandinistas surprisingly lost what appears to be a reasonably fair election in Nicaragua. What's more, they're going to "willingly" give up power, too. It gets harder and harder to be a Communist every day, doesn't it?

So they got Mayor Marion Barry smoking crack on videotape. So what? You think his political career is over? No way — he'll come back again, you wait and see. It's a little surprising to see that he's only going to rehab for drinking, and not for drugs too, though. I'd have thought he'd have wanted to hit his low point early, to give him plenty of time to come back and show what a changed man he is before the election. As it is, his profile is still a little too high around town (he phones a couple times a day), and it looks like he's just using rehab as a nice vacation. But Jesse Jackson's apparently not interested in the mayor's spot — he's too busy hugging Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

How about everybody's favorite dictator, though? Bush finally had to send the Marines

Subs to this zeen are available for the low, low price of \$1 per issue.

There are no game fees per se, but players must maintain a subscription.

Let's not offer any more of those "life of the position" subs, shall we?

Current subbers need have no fear though, as all subs will be honored to the fullest extent of the law.

Trust me?

RSVP

### Game Openings

Regular Dip: Standbies Only Gunboat Dip: Standbies Only Anarchy: Standbies Only 1830: not in this here zeen

into Panama to take Noriega, the embarrassment got to be so bad. But don't you worry, Manny will never go to trial. Do you really think Bush wants Noriega to tell all he knows about Iran/Contra, or his various dealings with the CIA? Not a chance. The case'll be dismissed, and Noriega will be double-billing with Ollie North on the lecture circuit by October.

Yes, I know Switzerland wasn't shaded out on the maps. I think that's been fixed now. At least, I've tried. Then again, I got this new printer that doesn't use postscript, so it may all be moot. Uh huh, a GCC Personal Laser Printer 2s. Pretty spiffy looking, and it works nicely too. Just couldn't deal with the drive down to work to get things printed out anymore.

Hadn't realized until lately that we live in the "1270 Technology Corridor." That's right, put up a couple of signs by the side of the road and suddenly we're a "Technology Corridor." I hope this doesn't mean they want to put up more office buildings, but have my doubts.

Any of you folks admit to reading Mark Trail in the Sunday comics? Now then, how many of you didn't even blink when the "African Bushmen" ran down the cheetah — that is, the two white guys posing as bushmen, anyway. I hope that whoever does Mark Trail knows more about animals than he does people.

Yet another quick quiz: how many of you believe that checking the presidential campaign fund donation doesn't increase your tax? If it doesn't increase the tax, does it increase the deficit? Who pays?

Other news around here — I've started yet another new zeen, *fast trax*, for the play of **1830** by mail, and have put out five issues by now. What, you thought I was going to run

those 1830 games here? Nah, too slow and I don't get along with the publisher. If you're interested in the game, there may be a few slots left in the last game to open for a while, and we're running on three week deadlines.

I'll probably be going to dipcon June 22-24 in Chapel Hill, NC, one way or another. Any of you other crazy kids interested in dropping on down? As usual, we'll also host our own annual clonecon here on the first weekend in June. Just letting you know so you can start planning your summer...hope to see you here.

Brad and Julie plan to boycott dipcon together, though, so don't expect to see them there. Such feuders!

Meanwhile, The Wife is still waiting to hear definitively from Georgetown law school. She's been accepted to University of Maryland up in Baltimore and Catholic in DC (with a scholarship!), and turned down by GW and Georgetown. But her patron at Georgetown is just getting warmed up, and tells us that all is not yet lost — she may get in yet. The law thing is getting closer all the time. So it looks like the both of us are going to be back in school soon.

Tim Moore has kindly offered to be suckered into doing the next and future censuses. If you'd like a copy of the latest, warm off the presses, just send me a buck.

Rich McKey (PO Box 831, W Chatham, MA 02669) is a *Megalomaniac* that needs dip players! The poor guy has been publishing for months, and can't fill a game. If any of you eager beavers want to get into a game that'll go faster than the ones do here (is such a thing possible?), drop Rich a line.

Also got this "Pirated Version of Reynolds's Diplomacy Yearbook" the other month. Kinda cute. I recognize the address on the envelope (what's a census for, after all?), but don't know the guy. The yearbook idea is a good one, that we may steal ourselves one of these days....

Michael Gonsalves has taken the plunge, and started a new zeen featuring regular and gunboat dip. The name is *Crimson Sky*, the address is 203 Brookside Terr, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Mike's been one of the best and most reliable players ever to play here, and I

don't see any reason why *Crimson Sky* should be any different. Check it out, eh?

Meanwhile, Mike Scott has retaken the plunge, and *Mike's Mag* lives again. The Kingmaker, Civ, Russian Civil War, Conquistador (Munz take note!) and plenty of other strange games. The latest address is 857 N Greenpark Ave, Covina, CA 91724, and it's free. Hard to beat that. Oops, gotta remember to send in my Civ orders one of these days.

As if that wasn't enough, Mark Larzelere is publishing again, this time it's Massacre by Treachery. This one's a little zeen devoted to the dip variant Intimate Dip, and Mark's various ignorances. I'm not a real big fan of Intimate Dip, but the zeen's fun to read and Mark make run a game of postal Monopoly too. Let's see, the address is 7607 Fontainebleau, #2352, New Carrollton, MD 20784.

In other zeen news, Eric Brosius is looking for players for his Empire Builder zeen, *ark*. It's only \$4 for 10 issues. Eric's address is in the address list, of course.

Eric will also be running the annual zeen and gm poll soon enough. I've made my point often enough — I think the thing is an overblown joke. Maybe Eric will do a better job with it than previous pollsters have — who knows? Thanks again to those of you who have kindly given this zeen zeroes in this poll in the past, your efforts have been appreciated. But don't let it be said that I'm soliciting zeroes again this year. No indeed — vote your conscience if you decide to vote at all. If you don't get a ballot somehow, I'm sure Eric will be willing to send you one for an SASE.

In other poll news, the newly
Californicated Pete Gaughan is running the
Marco Poll, with votes due to Pete at his new
address (see the address list) by April 16.
Which means that you missed it because I
didn't tell you in time. Them's the breaks, I
spose. But now you can drop him a line for the
results. I'd like to thank Pete for voluntarily
leaving our zeens out of the poll—maybe it'll
become a trend (hint, hint)!

My poll pick says that Henry V and Do The Right Thing were the best two movies last year, with Henry being one of the best in many years. Not that the Oscar people agree, but then since when can you depend on polls

being the least bit reliable?

Sadly, we recently found out that Jon Heck, a former player here, died last October. I always hope that players who drop out here have just found a better way to spend their time. This is quite a shock, and I really don't know what to say.

Now Derwood Bowen has gotten himself into a serious car accident, though it looks like he'll do just fine. Hope your recovery is

speedy and complete, Derwood.

Now that I'm thoroughly depressed, let's get on with the rest of the zeen. It's more warehousey than usual, but that's fine with me these days.

### Ask Doctor Dicko

Q: You wrote a few issues ago that "my credit was good for quite some time." I see my mailing label says "R25+2." What does all this boil down to? I hope you'll tell me when you need a renewal. I wouldn't want to NMR because of it.

A: Believe me, if your subscription was expiring you'd know about it. For one thing I'd stop sending you issues and after several months without seeing one you'd get the message...uh, well, maybe that's not such a good way. No, this means your sub is good as long as you stay alive in R25 (my number for Lex) because you wisely invested in a life-ofthe-position sub, plus two extra issues that you've earned some way or another. Maybe you wrote us an article, or won something from the press judges, or even sent me a couple extra bucks for some bizarre reason. So you're still in the clear for a while. I try to note expiring subs on the mailing label, and try to Temember to include a section on subs expiring in this issue.

Q: Does this guy Hymel (aka Lyle Shoat) have an unlisted address or did your

computer just lose it?

A: Guess I just edited it out of last issue, along with a couple other addresses that should've been there. He'll be back in this time, you can bet on it (but not big money!).

### Ask Nurse Phil

Q: Have you ever visited the USSR, Phil? I'm looking for advice on traveling there?

A: No, I've only left the country once, whein a UFO took me on a tour of the Martian canals. However, one respected source has informed me that travelling in the Soviet is much like hitting one's self repeatedly on the head with a hammer — it's no fun while it lasts but it feels so good when you stop....

One thing that I would take into consideration is that much of the USSR is still in many ways underdeveloped, with all that means in terms of amenities like sanitation facilities. Be careful not to drink the water in these areas; otherwise you may come down with the

Trotsky's.

Q: Phil, I know you're a Conservative, but have strong beliefs in Freedom of the Press. You haven't said a word about the flagburning issue; what do you really think?

A: While I respect the feelings and integrity of those opposed to flag burning, I think the issue is seriously overblown. You can't burn the ideals the flag stands for, after all. You can

only lack courage to trust in them.

One commentator did raise a good question, however. Since the flag can be burned as a symbol of the USA, why shouldn't we conservatives be able to express our distaste for the politics of the extreme left by urinating on Ted Kennedy?

[And remember — you'll always have the constitutional right to shoot the flag.]

Q: At a recent Halloween party, someone spiked the punch with an unknown substance. Now one of the guests is convinced he's a table lamp and hasn't moved in three days. He won't even tell us what size bulb he uses.

Help!!

A: This reminds me of a case I encountered during a visit to a sanitorium a while back. In my several years there, I saw a man clinging tightly to a light fixture, thinking he was a light bulb. Meanwhile, several other patients were using imaginary rollers, brushes, and spray guns to paint the inside of the room (I, of course, was bing consulted in my capacity as a paint expert). We were making good

progress on technique when bedtime came, and several attendants came and unscrewed the man clinging to the ceiling. I wanted to press on with the paint work, but the patients refused. "How can we see to work without the light?" one of them pointed out, and I could hardly argue with that, could I?

Even though it's no longer fashionable in

scientific circles, I suspect the hand of Lucifer in both of these cases. (Personal to Dick — you do know your Latin, don't you?) My recommendation is that both of these unfortunates be brought under the care of the same doctor and made to confront each other. Of course, the result could be illegal in most states....

If you've read something like the following announcement before, please bear with me....

clonecon will be <u>lune 1, 2, & 3</u>, right here at 17601 Lisa Dr, Rockville, MD 20855, phone (301) 948-3146. If it's anything like last year, there'll be plenty of open gaming, featuring Titan, 1830, Diplomacy, Civilization, Family Business, Shanghai Trader, Kremlin, Empire Builder, and many more. If you plan to drop by Friday night, please let us know, as I tend to play basketball until 10PM. Current plans are to go continuously through Saturday until as late Sunday as the masses demand. Some sleeping space is available (for those wimps that do that sort of stuff when they could be gaming), but bring a sleeping bag to be on the safe side. Plenty of good junk food places nearby (Seven Eleven is right around the corner, naturally).

Directions: From Interstate 270: exit at Shady Grove Road, and head east through many, many traffic lights until Shady Grove Road comes to an end. That'll be Muncaster Mill Rd, and you should take a right turn there. Go one block to the next traffic light (intersection of Redland, Muncaster, Muncaster Mill) — go straight through the light and turn left at the next road (which will be Lisa Dr). Our house is the gray one on the corner, with our name on the mailbox (what a coincidence). Park anywhere you can. (There's a "better" way to get here from 270 headed north (namely exiting at Redland Rd, staying on Redland until you pass the Seven Eleven, then taking the next right, and a left at the stop sign), but I won't tell you that one as it's a bit more confusing.) I don't expect there to be nearly as much trouble with 270 being under construction as there was last year, which oughta be nice.

If anybody's coming from out Virginia way, Derwood Bowen is interested in hitching a ride (since his car has been miraculously transformed into scrap metal). Please try to let us know in advance if you plan to come down. And I promise that this year we will use brand new charcoal if the weather permits us to cook outside.

In other, lesser con news, Atlanticon will be held in Baltimore at the usual place the weekend of July 13-15. If you'd like further info, write to Atlanticon 90, PO Box 15405, Baltimore, MD 21220 or call them at (301) 574-5066. The early plan is that I'll be there, and may even try out their 1830 tournament if the time is right. Don't expect to get a room there, though, as the inner harbor area is only about 45 minutes from home. And the road is so straight, you can drive it while asleep (I proved that last year).

Also, we have this Dipcon/World Dipcon deal happening in Chapel Hill, NC. The date on this one is June 22-24, and you can write to David Hood at 104-F Terrace Drive, Cary, NC 27511 if you're interested. It's cheap, and as a certain Mensa pubber will tell you, "a convenient drive from anywhere." I plan to go to this one too, schedule permitting, hitching a ride with the Gonsalves Express. Yes, in a mini-van. Don't tell me I'm not an open-minded guy, because I won't be listening. The focus will be more on Dip than at Atlanticon or clonecon, but don't let that scare you away—because it sounds like everybody who's anybody will be there. Except probably for Julie, who plans to boycott it on general principles.

Of course, summer school will be in full bore by the time Atlanticon and Dipcon roll around, so I'll just be taking my books to study the whole time. Sure I will...I am one Dedicated Student.

# Waiting For The Night

# HYBORIA Spring 13

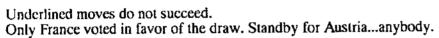
A (Ouzts?): NMR (retreat A Sil-Box) A Tyr, A Ven, A Bul, A Pie, A War. A Boh, F Tys, A Grc all hold

E (Andersson): (build F Lpl, A Lon,

A Edi) F Lpl-Nao, A Lon-Wal, F Bal swears loyalty unto death, A Edi-Yor, A Sil readies secret weapon, F Bre-Eng, F Por S F Spa, A Mun S A Sil, A Fin-Swe, A Pru S A Sil, A Mar foams at the mouth, F Spa(sc) S F Mao-Wme, A Bur S A Mar, A Lvn prepares to smite the foe, A Ruh S A Mun, A Stp S A Lvn, F Mao-Wme

F (Rusnak): (remove F Gol, F Wme) F Nao-Mao

T (Geusz): A Smy-Arm, F Eme-lon, F Nap S F Eme-Ion, A Ukr S A Mos, A Con S Austrian A Bul, F Tun-Wme, A Mos S Austrian A War





ISLAND: Is our original agreement still standing where I take first place and you get second? Remember I still have those photographs and I'm sure your wife, as well as the SPCA, would love to see them. PS: it was a litter of six, and three of them look just like you.

ENGLAND to VIENNA: Well, guess I win this game. I knew you turkeys were too dumb to unite and oppose me.

SHOREWOOD GAZETTE to JAY AND PHIL: How could you guys blow it so badly?? It takes real skill to throw away such an easy draw; almost as if Andersson were playing all three countries! All you had to do in 1912 to guarantee a stalemate was to move Ank-Arm-Sev, so you could play Sev S Mos, Gal and Ukr S War, and Tyr S Boh, keeping the English flatulence from spreading into its eighteenth center.

Now, you clowns must hope to outguess the Crapulous Captain; good luck. Still time to bring reinforcements, if you are fortunate enough to guess right. Be sure to play Ven-Tus, Nap (or Rom if Turkey took it) S Tys, Eme-Ion and then S Tun. If you can do it, you still have the stalemate. I doubt you can pull it off; for all of his personality faults. David is one heck of a player.

ENGLAND to TURKEY: Thanks for crippling France for me. Without your help, we would still be stalemated. Too bad you're going to lose.

LONDON to FRANCE: You goofed in assuming vituperative press was needed, but then, you have quite a track record of goofs to look back on.

ENGLAND to FRANCE: I'm sure glad you got France. I was afraid someone who was competent would get the position.

LONDON to FRANCE: If you weren't a country bumpkin,

you wouldn't weasel around an apology by prefacing it with "I guess."

CONSTANTINOPLE NEWS SERVICE: In a desperate bid for final victory in the conflict raging in Europe, the Sultan has declared his country to be England. "I am currently in London," explained the Sultan to foreign journalists, "and just down the street is Big Ben. Ankara is becoming Liverpool, while Smyrna is now Edinburgh. This is Great Britain, and I am king. Nothing could be more simple.

Reportedly the King/Sultan is encouraged by the vast increases in consumption of gin, Scotch, and warm beer in England, and is tolerant of the vast increases in traffic congestion resulting from the institution of the policy of driving on the wrong side of the road. "After all," the King/Sultan has reportedly stated, "I often confuse left and right myself." Less successful has been the introduction of haggis to Edinburgh and the requirement that rain gear be worn at all times in London.

LONDON to GM: I can wait, Dick ol' buddy. 1920 isn't all that far away and this is a life-of-the-position sub after all.

ROCKVILLE: But you know that 1995 is a lot closer. And also that the GM can declare a draw between all surviving players when no centers change hands for two consecutive years.

LONDON to GM: I just don't see how I can possibly top my last bribe of offering to take Mistress Julie off your hands. What do you want, blood out of a turnin?

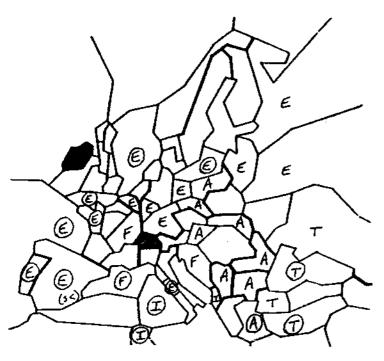
ROCKVILLE: You know, I've never cared for turnips. LONDON to FRANCE: You'll have to explain to me the meaning of "your donkey eating the feet of my rooster."

LONDON to GM: After reading Greg Maynard's article I

plain sight.

ENGLAND to WORLD: I win, I win, I'm the best!

### Sweetest Perfection



### CURARE Fall 11

A (O'Brien): A Rum S A Bul, F Acg-Con, A Bul S F Aeg-Con, A Sil S A Pru-War, A Gal S A Rum, A Ser S A Vic-Tri, A Vic-Tri, A Pru-War

E (Stanger): A Nwy-Sip, A Bel H, F Nth H, A Ruh H, F Iri-Mao, A Mun S A Kie-Ber, F Spa(sc) S F Mao-Por, F Rom H, F Bre H, F Eng S F Iri-Mao, A Mos S A Lvn-War, A Lvn-War, F Bal S A Kie-Ber, A Kie-Ber, F Mao-Por

F (Gossage): NMR F Gol, F Por, A Tri, A Bur all hold

I (Rifle): A Alb S French A Tri, F Naf-Tun, F Wme-Tvs

T (Gonsalves): F Bla S A Sev-Rum, A Sev-Rum, F Smy S A Con, A Con H

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English F Nih was mistakenly listed as being in Hel last turn. The French F Por is blown up.

We need a standby volunteer for France, and Michael Gonsalves is the new Turkey. The concession to England (AI in favor) is reproposed by Italy. Please vote one way or the other, eh?

#### gained/lost

A: bud, vie, <u>tri</u>, rum, war, ser, bul, gre (7)

E: home, nwy, stp, hol, swe, kie, den, ber, bel, bre, spa, mos, mun, **por** (16)

build 1

build 1

l: rom, nap, tun (4)

T: home, sev (4) even

The New Maps

Yep, these are new maps. Well, not new, exactly, but new to me. These maps were scanned from Audi Jaxon's *Dark Mirror* (same address as Tim Moore, if you'd like to check it out—and ask for a copy of *Moire* from Tim while you're at it), and she drew them by hand. Since any attempt I'd make at drawing a map would end up looking like an illegible blob, I thought it best to take the cheap and easy way out and scan her maps. Oh yeah, the old maps worked just great, but I finally broke down and bought me a laser printer of my very own, and it doesn't have Postscript (and is therefore cheap). I had been using the printer down at the office, but since I so rarely visit my desk these days (being on site most of the time) printing had become a major chore. So what the heck. Nice printer, this General Computers PLP IIs. If you want a Mac laser printer, it's worth looking into. ATM is too, for new fonts. Neat stuff!

### Enjoy The Silence

# HAPPY DAZE Fall 11

F (Munz): no units on board

G (McHugh): NMR (retreat A Gas-Box) F Nwy, F Bar, A Mun, F Nws, A Pru, A Kic, F Den all hold

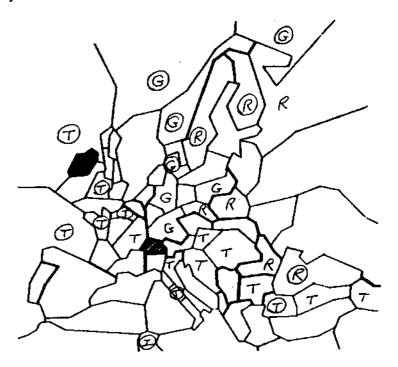
I (Richter): (retreat F Rom-Tys) F Tys-Tun

R (Olsen): A Stp S F Swc, A War-Pru, A Sil-Mun, F Swc H, F Bla S A Rum, A Rum H, A Tri-Tyr, F Fin S F Swc

T (Yakey): (retreat A Mun-Boh)

A Ank-Arm, A Ven S A Tyr-Tri, A Mar-Bur, F Mao-Nao, F Eng-Wal, F Bre-Pic, A Boh-Vie, F Spa(sc)-Mao, A Tyr-Tri, F Gas-Bre, F Rom-Gol, A Ser-Bud, A Bul-Rum, A Con-Ank, F Aeg-Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian A Tri retreats to Scr, Alb or the box. No standby for Jack, because he'll be back.



#### gained/lost

F: stp (1)

G: kie, den, bel, edi, par, lpl, nwy, hol, mun (9)

1: <u>rom</u>, tun (1)

R: mos, war, sev, rum, bud, swe, ber, vie, stp (8)

T: home, bul, gre, tun, ser, tri, ven, nap, por, mun, lon, spa, bre, mar, rom (16)

\*if Russia retreats A Tri-Ser, he gets a build and Turkey is even.

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play 2 short

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build 1\*

ITA to GER: Jack, I'd like to see you try to get me in Tunis! RUSSIA to GERMANY: Vindictiveness ill-becomes you. Come to think of it, so does everything else.

OLSEN to MCHUGH: Shut up, Jack!

ROCKVILLE: Thank you for that public service announcement. But you didn't exactly take advantage now, did you?

RUSSIA to BOARD: Everybody please note my new address and phone number, listed elsewhere in this otherwise fairly mediocre issue. I know you are all anxious to communicate in this game...for the first time in a very long time, I'm available.

OLSEN to MARTIN: No, 1 didn't say "cheap." In fact, probably none of them can afford mc.

ROCKVILLE: Not from what I've heard. I hear you can be had for a song (as long as it's sung with a New Yawk accent).

RUSSIA to FRANCE: Serve you right to suffer; it serves you right to be alone. (As we Bluesmen say...)

ROCKVILLE: He ain't alone, he daid!

OLSEN to MARTIN: Another Cubs triumph! By blowing it in the playoffs, or letting Maddux patch, or letting Dawson bat, or letting Zimmer manage or something, the Cubbies intelligently avoided the very dangerous situation of having to journey out to the terminally unstable regions of the Bay Area. The coulda been killed!!! had they not presciently let those other lambs be taken off to slaughter. Now next year when the American League team is from some safer town—Kansas City springs to mind—the Cubs will be poised and ready to blitz right into the Fall Classic. Mark my words!

ROCKVILLE: I'm marking, but the Cubbies ain't exactly blitzing.

RUSSIA: Bo knows baseball...Bo knows football...Bo knows basketball...but does Bo know Diplomacy? Now there's a poser fer shure. Those other games—"just a hobby"...

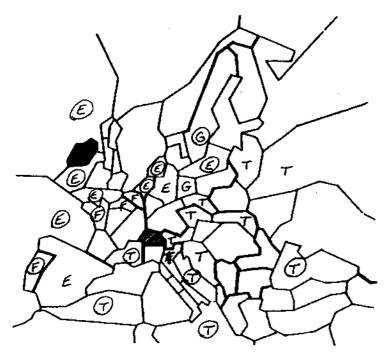
OLSEN to MARTIN: No you are definitely not totally right about everything. After all, we disagreed once.

ROCKVILLE: As always, you are totally and completely correct about everything. My humblest apologies for ever even hinting that you may have been mistaken at one time in the distant past.

Then again, you seem to have this weakness for the Cubs....

Now that the formalities are out of the way, can we get down to
the feuding part?

### Personal Jesus



LEX spring 02

A (Andersson): (remove A Tyr) A Ven conducts mechanized movement phase to Con

E (Beckett): (build A Lpl) F Hel S A Kie, A Lpl-Spa, F Den-Bal, F Hol S A Kie, F Nao C A Lpl-Spa, F Mao C A Lpl-Spa, F Eng S F Mao, F Iri S F Mao, A Kie H

F (Hymel): (remove F Gas) A Bel S A Pic, A Spa S F Por, F Por S A Spa, F Bre H, A Pic S A Bel

G (Gorham): (remove A Mun) A Ber-Kie, F Bal-Swe

T (Boymel): (courteously abstains from building) A Vie-Tyr, A Sil S A Gal-Boh, F Bla sighs contentedly, A Alb-Ven, A Bud-Gal, A Tri S A Alb-Ven, A Lvn H, F Adr C A Alb-Ven, F Ion H, F Tus-Rom, F Wme S English A Lpl-Spa, A Gal-Boh, F Mar S English A Lpl-Spa, A Sev-Mos

David, but as in all Avalon Hill games, "Movement points may not be accumulated from turn to turn." The Austrian A Ven retreats to Pie, Tus, Apu or the box. The French A Spa retreats to Gas or the box. Only France and Turkey voted in favor of the concession to Turkey.

PARIS to WHOMEVER VOTED AGAINST THE CONCESSION: You're fooling yourself.

#### Press Judges

(Brent Farha) I have two standouts: Lex, Fall 07. Austria to World: "What was the name of the biblical place where the Jews killed

themselves rather than surrender to the Romans?"
Murphy's Revenge, 06. Paris to England:
"Goodbye, good luck, and go out!"

Well, I don't know about you guys, but these were funny to me.

Minor seconds: Brilliant Disguise, Rome (Bradford Update) -- it was funny for personal reasons. World to Fritz: "El Wimpo."

(Bruce Roberts) Best Press -- In Brilliant Disguise -- Berlin News Agency. Don't know how many people get it, but I didn't see any better.

[I have to agree with you Bruce, Berlin News Agency was as good as anything in last issue. So the lucky winner this time is...Bruce Roberts? Well, voting for yourself is legit, after all.]

### Playlist

<u>Violator</u>, Depeche Mode ★★★ Four or five really good tunes, and a bunch of filler that all sounds more or less the same. Got a good beat!

Disintegration, The Cure ★★★ It's hard to describe this one—kinda droney, sorta whiny, moody and atmospheric. Excellent background music.

Yo! Bum Rush The Show, Public Enemy ★★★ A good effort, though not up to the standard they set these days—this one is more conventional.

Street Life, Roxy Music/Bryan Ferry \*\* A Greatest hits of a great band. Over 70 minutes of strange songs that work.

Dirty Mind, Prince \*\* A couple good songs, like "Partyup" and "When You Were Mine," but mostly unspectacular. Julie sez: "Forgettable!"

Greatest Hits, James Taylor \*\* On the quiet side, but every song here is, well, a great hit. And that JT can sure sing—very unpredictable.

### Partyup

# HENWAY Spring 37

A (Munzenmaier): (build F Tri, A Bud)
F Tri-Adr, A Bud-Tri, A Mun-Ruh,
A Con-Bul, F Acg-lon, F Tun-Wmc,
A Mar H, A Boh-Mun, A Pie S A Mar,
F Tys S F Tun-Wmc, F lon-Aeg,

A Gal-Boh

E (Rusnak): F Cly-Nao, A Yor-Wal

F (Schenck): (remove A Gas) F Gol-Mar,

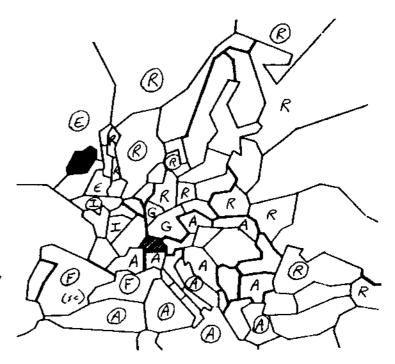
F Spa(sc) S F Gol-Mar

G (Maynard): (remove A Hol. F Bel)

A Bur-Mun, A Ruh S A Bur-Mun (Gonsalves): A Brc-Par. F Mao-Eng

R (Geusz): (build A Sev, A Mos) A Kie H, A Sev-Ukr, A War H, F Den S A Sil-Ber, F Bla H, A Arm H, F Nws C A Stp-Edi, F Nth S A Stp-Edi, F Bar C A Stp-Edi, A Stp-Edi, A Mos-Stp, A Sil-Ber, A Lon-Yor

T (Squibb): (can't build) no units on board



Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian A Mun retreats to Sil, Tyr or the box. France proposes a draw. Please vote!

FRANCE to ITALY: I suppose it's okay for you to take my Brest, seeing as I wasn't using it, just don't take my poor, poor, pitiful Por!

MUNZ to ROCKVILLE: Of course lifet Turkey live, my family eats ham for Thanksgiving.

ROCKVILLE: Better than eating crow.

BUDAPEST FREE PRESS: In a magnanimous gesture of profound humanitarianism, the Emperor has announced a general clemency to all Greek expatriots. This offer will last through the Holiday Season.

FRANCE to AUSTRIA: Get back, get back or...or...l'll shoot! That's right, I've got a gun and it's aimed straight at you. So put your hands up and back away slowly. You too, Russia—the both of youse just climb on yer horses and ride on out of here.

QUESTION: In alphabeto quot litterae sunit?

ANSWER: Viginit quattuor; nam e.t. domum rediit.

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: We'd write, but what difference would it make? The Russo-Austrian alliance is pre-destined and never failing, hasn't Garret told you?

FRANCE to ROCKVILLE: 1 propose an immediate DIAS draw—I wonder how the BNC would take Turkey's finish in this game!

ROCKVILLE: Well, since this is Don Williams we're talking about, I bet he doesn't even notice!

THE DICTIONARY: Lazy, adj. "One who is 'lazy' merely chooses to rest before becoming tired."

MUNZ to HENWAY PRESS: There was a recent discussion on a radio call-in show (Rush Limbaugh, I think) about the effects of

the Tiananmen Square massacre on the future of China. Once caller suggested that, while the massacre was a terrible tragedy, it could very well be the catalyst that brings about greater freedoms for the Chinese people. Think back, wasn't the Boston Massacre such a catalyst for these United States?

Regarding the recently disclosed Bush diplomatic initiative in China; it is certainly the Presidents prerogative to run the foreign policy of our country. We can't just say loudly "bad China, we're not going to talk to you" and try to ignore the issue. Hopefully the President was trying to put pressure on the Chinese government by reminding them what we can and can not do for them. If you have a gripe, keep it in mind in 1992 (unless you don't vote in which case you don't count).

Regarding Panama; it's about time!

ROCKVILLE: Well, it seems to me that the massacre didn't provide much of a catalyst, eh? Sure, the President can do what he likes, but what China needs is not the good will of the US of A, they need to come into the 20th century. They're too big for foreign aid to matter much, they need to pump up their economy the old-fashioned way: by making things. Scaring off foreign investors by killing a bunch of your people in a very public way doesn't exactly advance the cause of modernization. But who's to say that's what the Chinese really want? The leaders don't seem particularly thrilled at the notion.

MUNZ to ROCKVILLE: The "peaceful" revolution in Europe is occurring because the Soviets are allowing it to occur. Plain and simple Russia is broke. They have finally realized that we will outspend them and they gave up. (Actually, "gave up" isn't

right, they redirected their economy toward improving the Soviet Union which is good for everybody.)

The really interesting thing will be how Congress decides to spend the "peace dollars" if they actually exist. They are talking about trimming 180 billion dollars from defense in the next five years. We should be watching Congress very closely to see who wants to use the money for deficit reduction and who wants to spend the money for other things. This huge potential saving could produce some of the most radical budgetary debates yet.

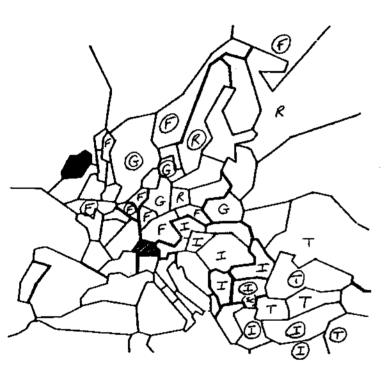
ROCKVILLE: "Trimming the defense budget over five years" will probably amount to no saving at all. The usual game is to

request a 10% increase, and when only a 5% increase is granted crow about the 5% "savings" from the originally requested amount. My bet is that Bush is too gutless to cut the defense budget in any significant way. The savings would all be swallowed up by the S&L fiasco anyway.

FRANCE to ROCKVILLE: Hey, lighten up on your "Garret" comments already! Is it my fault you suddenly decided to speed up and come out at your breathtaking biannual pace? You just caught me by surprise, that's all.

ROCKVILLE: Good thing I've gone back to sleep again then? FRANCE to TWOS: Let's keep it that way!

# Policy Of Truth



### Next Of I In Fall (877

F (Gonsalves): F Mao-Eng, F Nws-Nwy, A Ruh S A Bel-Hol, F Bar S F Nws-Nwy, F Eng-Bel, A Edi H, F Nth-Hel, A Bel-Hol, A Mun-Sil, A Bur-Mun

**G (Wilson):** A Pru-War, F Den S F Hel-Nth, F Hel-Nth, A Hol-Kie

I (Reynolds): A Tri-Vic, F Aeg S F Smy, A Bud S A Gal-Rum, A Ser S F Bul, A Gal-Rum, F Smy H, F Bul(sc) H, A Vie-Boh, F Eme S F Smy

R (Schlosser): NMR (retreat A Gal-Box) A Ber, A Nwy, F Swe, A Stp all hold

T (Hakey): A Con S F Syr-Smy, A Rum-Sev, F Bla S A Rum-Sev, A Ank S A Con, F Syr-Smy

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French F Nth retreats to Ska, Nws, Yor, Lon, or the box. The Russian A Nwy is blown up.

Phil Reynolds is back at the Florida address once again.

#### gained/lost

F: home, por, spa, bel, lpl, lon, edi, mun, hol, nwy (12)

G: ber, kie, den, swe, hol, war (3)

1: home, gre, tri, tun, bud, vie, ser, rum, smy, bul (12)

R: mos, war, stp, nwy, sev, ber, swe (4)

T: con, ank, smy, rum, bul, sev (3)

build 2 remove 1

build 3

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build 1

remove 2

GERMANY: F/I, I/F, F/O, F/U/M, I smell my own blood.

ANKARA to MOSCOW: As the Turkish Naval Command of the South gradually dissolves, and the hordes of pasta-drinkers and wineeaters flood our borders, our people must perforce withdraw from their exposed positions and advance towards our ancient homeland in the steppes....

GERM to RUSSIA: Like you're going to get anything out of this. See ya in de box.

ANKARA to ROCKVILLE: "Going Mobile..." Is that anything like going nomad?

ROCKVILLE: I don't know, could you hum a few bars?

ANKARA to ROME: Latin colonies on the Asian shore! Before you know it there may be something you can truly call a Roman Empire...but what about all those western provinces lost long ago to such barbarians as the Vandals, Goths, and especially Franks?

ROME to EUROPE: Sorry, I just don't have the time to write much press now. Next time, definitely.

# Public Enemy Number One

# Murphy's Recoge

### Fall (0)8

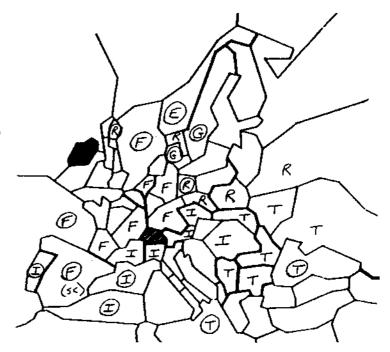
E (Boymel): (retreat F Nth-Nwy)
F Nwy S German F Den-Swe

F (Moore): F Nth S German F Kie-Den,
A Bur S F Spa-Mar, A Hol S A Ruh-Kie,
A Gas S F Spa-Mar, F Spa(sc)-Mar,
F Eng-Mao, A Mun S A Ruh-Kie,
A Ruh-Kie

G (Hakey): F Kie-Den, F Den-Swe I (Weseman): A Bud S Turkish A Gal, A Pie-Mar, F Wme S A Mar-Spa, F Por S A Mar-Spa, A Tyr S A Vie-Boh, F Gol S A Pie-Mar, A Mar-Spa, A Vie-Boh

R (Henry): A Ukr. F Ska, A War, F Edi, F Ber, A Sil, A Mos all hold

T (O'Brien): A Bul-Ser, A Rum S A Gal, F Bla S A Arm-Sev, A Gal S A Sev-Ukr, A Arm-Sev, A Sev-Ukr, A Con-Bul, F Gre-Ion



Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian A Ukr retreats to the box. Mark Weseman has a new address.

#### gained/lost

E: <u>hol</u> , <b>nwy</b> (1)	even
F: par, bre, spa, por, lpl, mun, bel, lon, hol, kie (9)	build 1
G: <u>kie</u> , den, <b>swe</b> (2)	even
i: home, tun, tri, bud, vie, mar, por (9)	build 1
R: mos, war, stp, swe, nwy, edi, ber (5)	remove 1
T: home, bul, sev, rum, ser, gre (8)	even

**DENMARK to PARIS:** Nous avon besoin d'étudié Français, n'est-ce pas? Bon, je comprends le situation trop bien...(sorry, my French is a bit rusty).

ROCKVILLE: You and me both.

PARIS to E/G: Your offers are accepted — coordinate with each other as my vanguard.

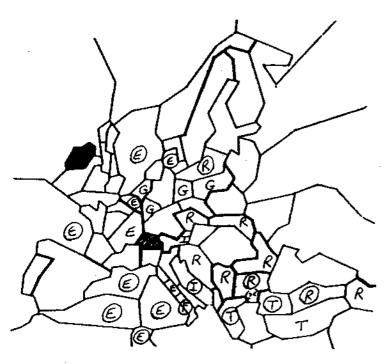
PARIS to ROME: No offense taken Mark, you've bought yourself a bear in a bag. Get ready to hit a brick wall.

PARIS to ANKARA: All this is left is for you to perform the coup de grace — let him have it.

ROME to MOSCOW: The problem is that you haven't said anything worth listening to this whole game.

Think about the future.... I don't know what it'll be like, at least for this zeen. I've reached the point where *Retal* isn't high on my priorities anymore, what with school and the new 1830 zeen kicking in. I like to publish this zeen, and would *like* to keep it up. We've already folded *House of Lords* (one last issue will come out soon) and given the census to Tim Moore, started and finished GMing a gunboat game on Compu\$erve, and signed up for what will be my last dip game for a while. Hopefully the commitments are small enough to maintain them all. If you all would like to move your games somewhere that can be arranged, though there will certainly not be any more delays like this last one—I'll fold first.

# Sounds So Simple



Seven Wonders Fall 03

E (Cronin): F Eng-Bel, A Bur S F Eng-Bel,

F Gol-Tys, F Tys-lon. F Den H, F Mao H,
F Naf-Tun, F Wmc S F Naf-Tun,
A Tus-Rom, F Nth S F Eng-Bel

F (Pitt): F Rom-Nap, A Bel H

G (Zulkowski): A Hol-Bel, A Ruh-Mun,

A Sil-Ber, A Pru-War

I (Wilson): (retreat A Tri-Tyr) A Tyr-Mun, F Apu-Adr, F Tun-Ion

R (Dunn): A Rum S F Con-Bul, <u>A Gal-War</u>, <u>A Scr-Gre</u>, <u>F Bal-Pru</u>. F Con-Bul(sc), A Vic-Boh, <u>F Ank-Con</u>, <u>A Tri-Tyr</u>, <u>A Arm-Ank</u>

T (Reynolds): F Aeg-Con, F Gre S A Bul, A Smy S F Aeg-Con, A Bul S F Aeg-Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French A Bel retreats to Pic or the box. The Italian F Tun dies. The Turkish A Bul dies also.

Phil Reynolds is back in Florida.

#### gained/lost

E: home, nwy, den, bre, spa, por, par, mar, bel, rom, tun (13)
F: tun, rom, bel, nap (1)
G: home, hol (4)
I: ven, nap, tri (1)
R: home, swe, vie, bud, ser, ank, bul, tri, rum (12)
T: con, smy, bul, gre, rum (3)
build 3
remove 1

MOSCOW to CONSTANTINOPLE: Brer Phil, I truly wished we could have worked together.

MOSCOW to BERLIN: With your lazy attempt of Warsaw (which you probably now own) you have signed your death warrant. By the by, you should've done it a couple of turns ago.

MOSCOW to LONDON: Instead of meeting in Tunis, how 'bout Venice?

ITALY: Russia eats Turkey. England crushes Germany. Two-way draw. Just that simple.

### The "Jim Burgess Steal This Section" Section

OK, now that we're entering a new decade, it's time to give my picks for the last one. Albums only:
#1: London Calling, The Clash. Punk rock learns how to play music. Unbelievable heart and conviction.
#2: Life's Rich Pageant, REM. So what if most of the words make no sense at all? This is REM at their finest—they'd figured out how to rock but hadn't sunk into the big social conscience thing yet.
#3: Back in Black, AC/DC. The loudest, raunchiest record of the decade. Not just your typical heavy metal trash you get nowadays, these guys had rhythm and a lot more kick than flash. Great to play real loud!
#4: Unforgettable Fire, U2. Either you love this record or hate it—I love it. Joshua Tree may be better on a "song for song" basis, but this one sticks together better as a record. Brian Eno transforms U2 into something totally brilliant, much as he did with Talking Heads before this.
#5: Power, Corruption & Lies, New Order (CD version). The CD has one song the record doesn't, and it's the best song on the disk. This one has really grown on me over the years, much like a fungus.

Honorable Mention: Joshua Tree, U2; Making Movies, Dire Straits; Empty Glass & White City, Pete Townshend; Remain in Light, Talking Heads; Nervous Night, Hooters; Pretenders; Cosmic Thing, B52s.

# PORTUGAL GOES DOWN FIGHTING

# Brilliant Disquise

### Fall (0)4]

A (Zulkowski): A Tri H, A Ser S A Tri

E (Farha): A Yor-Lon, F Lpl-Wal, A Bel H.

F Stp(nc) S F Bar-Nwy, F Nth-Ska,

F Bar-Nwy

G (Roberts): A Sil-Mun, A Ruh-Bel,

A Den H, F Swe S English F Nth-Ska.

A Par-Gas, A Boh S Italian A Tyr-Vic, A War-Gal, A Bre-Gas

I (Reiff): (retreat A Tri-Alb) A Ven-Tri,

F Ion S F Gre, A Spa-Mar, A Tyr-Vic, F Eng S German A Ruh-Bel, F Mao-Por.

F Gre S A Alb, A Alb S A Ven-Tri

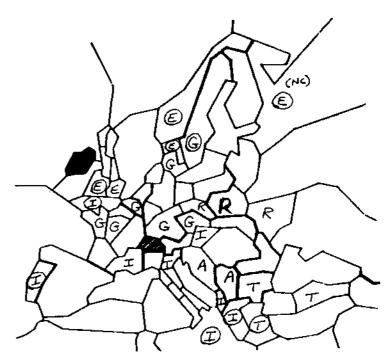
R (Wallstrom): A Gal-Sil, A Mos-War,

A Ukr S A Mos-War, F Ska-Nih,

A Vie-Gal

T (Newmaster): A Con-Ank, A Bul-Gre.

F Smy-Aeg



Underlined moves do not succeed. The English A Bel retreats to Hol, Pic or the box. The German A War retreats to Lvn, Pru or the box. The Russian F Ska is blown up, and the A Vie retreats to Bud or the

Portugal finally succumbs. Not often that you see a neutral outlast one of the major powers!

#### gained/lost

A: bud, ser, tri (3)	build 1*
E: home, nwy, bel, hol, stp (6)	even
G: home, den, par, bre, swe, war, bel (8)	even
I: home, mar, tun, spa, gre, tri, vie, por (9)	build 1
R: mos, sev, stp, rum, bul, vie, war (4)	even*
T: home, bui (4)	build 1

neutral: por(0)

\*if Russia retreats A Vie-Bud, he gets a build and Austria does not.

BER to LON: I hope you killed that Russian fleet this turn! What a pest it has been.

BER to CON: I'll bid Sev, Rum and Bud for the use of your imercenaries. However, I need more info about them. Are they "Hammers-Slammers" or "Limpy-Wimpy?"

QUESTION FROM THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Have the Bruce brothers been in telepathic communication since

BRUCE to BRUCE: Hey! What's going on? Keep writing! An ally usually stops writing before they stab. Why haven't you written? Russia and Austria never write, but I accepted the fact they want to play gunboat. You don't want gunboat, do you?

BRUCE to BRUCE: You know, a good friend once told me "trust everyone, but cut the cards anyway."

ROBERTS to REIFF: Well, my football picks aren't turning out quite as I expected. However, I've enjoyed this season more than any other in this past five years. There's been no team to completely dominated everyone like Chicago, NY Giants, SF, of the past. It seems Ithat anyone can lose to anyone else on any given weekend. For example, KC, Detroit, Green Bay, Pittsburg, Miami, etc. It's much more exciting to watch this way. Good luck to the "Dawgs" in the playoffs.

ROCKVILLE: I see that Washington ended up at 10-6, much better than Mack the Reiffe's prediction. Never underestimate the value of a weak schedule!

LONDON to ROCKVILLE: Remember when the ads in the back of Rolling Stone used to be for bongs, herbs, or Dr Atomic tshirts? Anymore it's "GET ANY 12 X-RATED VIDEOS FOR

JUST 99 CENTS." Kind of reminds me of the transformation in the mid 80s of my old dorm (if you want to call it my alma mater) at KU—in 1980 our dorm president was the kind of guy that used to check out the stereo room and listen to Dwayne Allman while firing up...in just a couple of years they were electing Martin Borman types ("Four legs good, two legs better"). <a href="https://www.negs.good.no.nd/">https://www.negs.good.no.nd/</a> two legs better"). <a href="https://www.negs.good.no.nd/">htt

ROCKVILLE: <u>Purple Rain</u> has got a couple great songs, but is too uneven to rank that highly. I den't even listen to it anymore. <u>Joshua Tree</u> is still a regular, however. The big thing in the RS ads these days seems to be college girl calendars. One thing's for sure, the ads have become yuppified to the gills.

LONDON to ROCKVILLE OR REIFF: Okay, given that they can doctor the ball in baseball. A hat would either of you claim as the purest of sports (free from cheating)? I'm not sure if I can enjoy watching football anymore......'s getting closer and closer to Pro Wrestling (talk about cheating subations). Basketball is such a situation of "was the ref looking when the forward had his feet out of bounds or not?" Golf? Okay, but when you turn on the television you'd better bring along a good book, too. Bowling? No, they've proven that waxing the floors heaving can influence scores.

ROCKVILLE: Depends what you mean by cheating. Doctoring the baseball is illegal, but reliance on the referees to call a good game certainly is not. Waxing the floors in bowling might affect the game, but only if the wax yob favors one bowler over another. For the major sports, I'd say the baseball umpires are the best, with the NBA refs a close sected (though they tend to favor certain players). The NFL ranks a distant third. Football penalties are so severe, and are called in such a semi-random manner, that the refs always look bad. And the instant regay rule is a farce.

LONDON to GAMERS: Review: Warrior Knights, by Games Workshop, If you took Kingmaker and 1) simplified the map, 2) put more emphasis on the voting (a lot : emphasis on voting), 3) made the event cards ten times bloodier and ramdomized, you have, in essence, Warrior Knights. The good points are: exciting (for once) graphics and clean (legalese) rules. The bad ones are: there are many rules indeed (although uncomplicated), and thanks to the severity of the event cards the game can at times last indefinitely. A good indication of what you're up against would be what happened to me when I played it-after an 8 hour game my pieces (Knights) were only 1 space away from the square they started from (having done some travelling around the board before hand); I ended up being three attacks and three dies rolls of '6' (215 to 1) away from winning. A good statement about about this might be: "Stand still in this game and you'll lose, but don't even hope of forming a cohesive strategy, because an event card will dash your hopes." Personally, I find this kind of game frustrating and unpleasant to play.

ROCKVILLE: Isn't Warrior Knights the game where you raze castles, and try to hold half of the castles left to win? I've played it once, and thought it was much bette: than Kingmaker. Kingmaker is just endless.

ROME to LONDON & ROCKVILLE: Dick, you are giving Kremlin a bad rap. Brent, believe it or not it's an excellent game, you just need to look past the humor. You can also have a good game with four people. Try that with Dip. Civilization, on the other hand, takes days to play and is very boring half the time. And never play it by mail. zzz.....

ROCKVILLE: If I want to play a good game with four people,

we play 1830. 1830 is the game of choice for five and six players, too. Titan is equally excellent for two to six. Civ only takes days if you let trading periods drag on and always force every player to play in turn—and we do neither.

ROME to LONDON: I'd have to say the biggest reasons I don't buy many games any more are the same two you mentioned—high prices and fifty pages of rules. Never buy a game with more than ten pages of rules, including optional and advanced. Kremlin has six, by the way, Dick.

ROCKVILLE: Unfortunately, Kremlin is a game of little skill. The 1830 rulebook is sixteen pages long, but only eight pages of rules...and none of this "advanced game" nonsense. The main reason I don't buy a lot of games is that most games aren't that great. For a while there our game of choice was Terrible Swift Sword. TSS is not exactly simplicity incarnate, but it's a good enough game to warrant learning. Also, it's hard enough to find one game that we agree on, much less a large variety of them. We tend to stick with the known winners.

ENGLAND to ITALY AND GERMANY: No, I don't think we made Fritz quit. I think Fritz made Fritz quit.

I don't like the way he revealed my plans to Russia (no offense, Gary) on turn one, goofed-up and tried to pin it on the Gamemaster on turn two, and in general came off as very wordy for someone that didn't know too much about the game.

He'll be back. How do I know? I made the same greenhorn mistakes when I first tried to play-by-mail ten years ago (and waited ten years to try again). I don't want to be unsympathetic, but this is a major reason I'm finding gunboat games a bit more satisfying—Fritz was not the first ally in more than one pbm game to determine my success (or rather, failure) by his inept moves.

ROCKVILLE: To tell the truth, I think I did screw up on turn two. That was so long ago that I don't remember any of the details.

ROME to LONDON: Have a lot of money ready if you want a wooden Dip set. The last one I saw at an auction went for \$150. Sentiment Dick? Hardly.

ROCKVILLE: Don't tell anyone that you can still get the wooden sets in Canada, and you'll be able to quit your regular job after one or two more auctions. What I want is a Risk set with wooden pieces. Mine walked off, and now I blew five bucks and picked up a used Risk set ("Counters Punched" it said on the box) with the plastic Roman numeral pieces. Uck.

BER to MOS: I'll get you for that! You scum-sucking pig. Oh, that was your country, wasn't it? Well, democracy must be spread (like a disease). You must reform your communistic ways, or die by the hands of your people. Resign now, like your cohorts, before we have you eliminated.

ROME to MOSCOW: Obviously my conversation with Germany was more fruitful. Any further perfidy will be dealt with equally harshly.

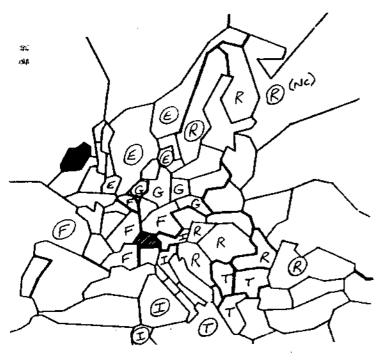
TURKEY to RUSSIA: Man, you ain't too bright, are ya? FISH OF THE MONTH: Red Snapper. Scientific name unimportant. Best when fresh. Order broiled, with baked potato, rice pilaf, salad with ranch dressing and garlic bread makes a meal fit for a king, or even the Popc.

TURKISH TRIBUNE: Today, former Sultan "Fritz" was seen panhandling in the streets of Constantinople. When asked what he was doing Fritz sniveled, "I'm trying to get together enough cash to get to America. If I can get to Rockville Dick will protect me. Or Kansas. Roberts doesn't live there anymore." This reporter gave him two rubles, patted him on the head, and suggested he get a life.

KAISER ROBERTS to SULTAN NEWMASTER: Way to go on your builds. Glad to see the pressure removed from that corner. Say, how about some help back into Warsaw? One good deed deserves another. Thanks for the card. Hope I answered your questions.

BER to ZULKOWSKI: Are you dead or alive?

### Train In Vain



# LAST DANCE Fall OF

A (Pitt): A Tri-Ven, A Ser-Tri

E (Gaughan): A Yor-Lon, F Nth S F Nwy, F Nwy S F Den-Swe, F Den-Swe

F (Bowen): A Bel S English A Yor-Hol, A Bur S A Ruh-Mun, A Mar-Pic, F Eng-Mao, A Ruh-Mun

G (Palmer): A Mun-Ber, A Kie S F Hol, F Hol H, A Sil S Russian A Boh-Mun

I (Andersson): A Ven S A Tyr-Pie, A Tyr-Pie, F Ion-Tun, F Nap-Tys

R (Nash): A Bud S A Vic-Tri, A Vie-Tri, F Swe S German A Kie-Den, A Boh-Vie, A Fin S F Stp-Nwy, F Stp(nc)-Nwy, F Bla H, A Rum S Turkish A Bul-Ser

T (Erikson): A Gre S A Bul-Scr, A Bul-Ser, F Eme-lon, A Con-Bul

Underlined moves do not succeed. The two Austrian armies are dislodged and die in limbo. Well, that's two Toms down now, only one to go....

You ought to check the address list for new addresses, because there are a couple in there.

#### gained/lost

A: tri, ser (0)

E: home, nwy, den (5)

F: home, por, spa, mun, bel (7)

G: ber, kie, bel, hol, mun (3)

I: home, tun (4)

R: home, swe, rum, bud, vie, tri (9)

T: home, bul, gre, ser (6)

neutral: den (0)

out! build 1 build 2

remove 1

even

build 1

build 2

FRANCE to MOS: Me, the next Alan Stewart? Where on carth did that come from?

ROCKVILLE: If I had to make a choice for the next Alan Siewart, it'd be me. What a horrifying thought.

FRANCE to MOS: What's on second? (Italy, Turkey?)
SPOCK to PALMER: Live short and don't prosper.

LON to MOS: Yes, yes. Shame on me. Fic upon those of us whose employment involves neither 1) a desk nor 2) idle time. Now, are you still sure you want to prop up this German dude?

FRANCE to GERMANY: You got off to such a poor start

with me that I certainly see no reason to let you live.

ITALY to WORLD: Since nobody bothered to write or to respond to my letters of great, grand, glorious plots and counterplots, all tinged with machiavellian cunning, I am hereby declaring myself an official "loose cannon" and can be expected to do anything. Be warned.

ROME to GM: Dick, what's the point of PBM Dip when nobody writes? Or is this gunboat?

ROCKVH.LE: Well, at least it's not gunboat in theory, though the practice is another thing entirely.

# Wrong Em Boyo

E (Slick): (build F Lpl, A Lon, A Edi)

F Lpl-Iri, A Lon-Den, A Edi H, A Hol H,
A Ber-Mun, F Bal S A Lon-Den,
A Stp-Mos, F Por S F Eng-Mao,
F Eng-Mao, F Nth C A Lon-Den,
A Par-Bur, F Kie S French A Bel

F (Nameless Standby): (rumova A Bul)

F (Nameless Standby): (remove A Bel)
A Spa-Gas, A Vic-Tri, F Wme-Spa(sc),
F Tys S F Tus-Rom, F Tus-Rom

G (Binkie): (retreat F Kie-Hel, remove A Mun) F Hel-Den

I (String Section Standard...): A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven

A Bud S A Tri-Ser, A Gal-Vie, A Rum-Sev, A Mos S A Rum-Sev

T (George "Who Me?" Bush?): NMR
retreat A Rum-Box, play 2 short) A Alb,
F Adr, F Nap, A Scr, F Bla, A Sev all hold

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Turkish A Ser is blown up. How did England have ten units and only nine dots last fall? The A Bre was scribbled out as not being there.... And if anybody would like to standby for Turkey: take it, it's yours!

SSS... to GM: Do you allow players to change pseudonyms in "Laf\*ter"? ROCKVILLE: Your guess is as good as mine.

SSS... to NAMELESS: Don't look now, but there's a 13-center oil spill behind you. Why not do something about it? (Or change your pseudonym to "Exxon Valdez.")

### SPCA Press (cont from page 20)

THE BRIDGE OF THE BATTLE CRUISER K"T'INGG: "Ah, we are here and we didn't even have to fire the disruptors," Koleta laughed. The yellow spined Klingon diplomats would be proud of him. He didn't care. There were problems ahead. The Peppetlanders and Rutlelanders were posing a threat. Burgess was in trouble. Koloth would do what he could. There were other problems out there. Long range sensors showed a lot of action to the north. Nothing good could come of this. But this would have to wait. Yes, Klingons have a strong sense of honor. "Phasers to full power, lock on disruptors. Bring us to bear on that Rutleland ship. Fire all weapons at 50,000 kilometers."

"Aye, sir," replied the helsman. The next step had begun. KLINGON ERRATA: Change "Hymel" to "Erickson" last episcde. Thank you.

OLSEN to MARTIN: Has anything happened while I've been asleep these last four months? We Elder Statesmen need our rest, you know.

ROCKVILLE: Oh, I know, I know....

KLINGON EMPIRE to ADMIRAL MARTIN: How about those back issues? Or do you want to taste Klingon disruptors?

ROCKVII.LE: Feed me baby! I have a hard enough time getting out new issues!

LA-LA LAND to ROCKVILLE: I was recently in Atlanta—you've heard of it, it's in the South—and visited the memorial to the Slaveholders' Rebellion at Stone Mountain. Just think—I visited a place where the great Sherman once walked! Which makes me wonder: where is Gary now that we really need to aggravate him?

ROCKVILLE: Well, if you had your copy of the 1990 PDO Census, then you would know, wouldn't you? And no, it's not Martha Cole Lane anymore either—guess he got tired of the gypsies.

OLSEN to MARTIN: Hey, give me a break. It's been years since I wrote even this much press!

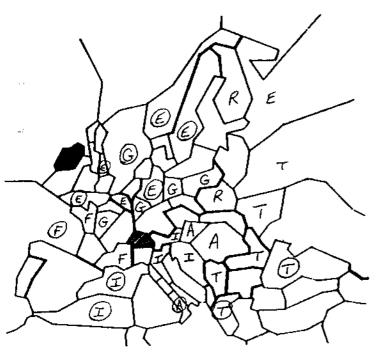
ROCKVILLE: It's been longer than that since I've printed it. ??? to XANADU: If you're xanthochroic, we could be good friends. Do you like barrels of Heineken down the hallway to pusch? I-HOPS to XANADU: You lucky bastard.

ROCKVILLE: Yeah, but you could have had Vienna....
KLINGON EMPIRE to I-HOPS: I hope you were greedy and tried for Warsaw. I like Vodka and don't want any pancakes.

ROCKVILLE: Well, you don't have to worry about the pancakes, but the vodka supply may be running short over the next year.

WP to DUTCH-LONDON BUREAU AND RUTLELAND: I'm not going to play if there are going to be alliances!

# The Card Cheat



Manuel Norlega Pro-Am

### Fall 05

A (Rug Rat): A Bud S A Ser-Tri, A Ser-Tri, F Ion-Nap, A Vic S A Ser-Tri

E (Jean Vaijean): A Sip S Russian A Mos, F Edi-Yor, F Nwy S A Stp, F Den-Swe, F Kie H, F Eng C A Lon-Bel, A Lon-Bel

F (Darth Vader): A Bre-Par, F Mao-Spa(sc), A Mar S F Mao-Spa

G (Mr Mistoffelees): (retreat A Bre-Box)
A Par H, F Bel-Nth, <u>A Pru-Mun</u>, A Sil-Ber,
A Mun-Ruh

1 (Kryptonian): A Ven S A Tri, <u>A Tyr-Vie.</u> <u>F Wme-Spa(sc)</u>, F Gol S F Wme-Spa, <u>A Tri S A Tyr-Vic</u>

R (Rasputin): (retreat A Ukr-Gal) A Fin-Stp, A Mos S A Fin-Stp, A Gal-War

T (Psycho): A Bul-Ser. A Rum S A Bul-Ser, A Ukr S A Sev-Mos. F Bla S A Rum, A Sev-Mos, F Acg-Gre

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian A Ser retreats to Alb or the box. The Russian A Mos retreats to Lvn or the box. Lots of excitement this turn, only one player is even—and that's not voluntary.

#### gained/lost

A: bud, vie, ser, gre, nap (3)

E: home, den, nwy, stp, hol, swe, bei, kie (10)

F: mar, spa, por, bre (4)

G: ber, kie, mun, bel, par, bre (3)

1: rom, <u>nap</u>, ven, tun, tri (4)

R: mos, war, swe (1)

T: home, bul, sev, rum, ser, mos, gre (9)

remove 1 build 3

no room to build

remove 2

remove 1

remove 2

build 3

(SOUNDS OF HEAVY BREATHING): "Kryptonian — Your puny rebellion can never win — ah, yes, I feel your anger! You will come to me, as did...your father!"

PSYCHO to DARTH VADER: I can feel the force. I have joined the Dark Side. Shall I kill Luke? I've recharged my light sabre and am ready for battle.

\*\* PSYCHO to KRYPTONIAN: They gave me these drugs teday. Wow, I feel great! How about a party? Uh-oh, they're wearing off. No...no, it's...it's Superman! Go away! Help!

PSYCHO to JEAN VALJEAN: Ahh! We meet again for the

first time. How are things back home? How about some caviar? Cheap! No, Mr Mistoffelees is not invited.

PSYCHO to RUG RAT: I had a couple of Rug Rats once...killed 'em! You know, exterminated, kaput, wiped-out! That's why I'm in this institution.

PSYCHO to RASPUTIN: You must allow our doctors into Moscow. Ouch! Die, die, kill you all! Make you suffer! Hahahaha! RASP to WORLD: They don't call me the "mad monk" for nothing. Can anyone guess our secret agenda?

ROCKVILLE: I couldn't begin to... it must be very secret!

ONE THING I'VE NOTICED ABOUT THE NEW PRINTER IS THAT THE LINES ARE FINER—WHICH MEANS THAT THE GAME NAMES AND SEASONS DON'T COPY VERY WELL. Guess I will have to do something about that, ch? In the meantime, let's just test out a couple of the new fonts that I've picked up since getting the new printer. For the most part they look ugly on the screen, and space funny at times, but look nice on paper.

# Weights and Pulleys

# THE SPCA Fall on

Avian Aquatic Alliance (Dorneman):

F Wal-Lpl, F Bla-Ank

Boon Docks (Nash): F Cly-Lvp: F Nap-lon

Chateau D'Isaster (Reynolds):

A Rum-Bud

Dutch-London Bureau (Cronin):

F Nth-Edi, A Yor S F Nth-Edi

God's Country (Boymel): A Rom-Nap.

F Apu S A Rom-Nap

Heinlein's Heretics (Moore):

F Con S AAA F Bla-Ank

I-Hops (Wilson): A Gal-Rum, F Ska-Den

Klingon Empire (Reiff): A Mos-War,

F Spa(nc) S Z A Mar-Gas

Munchkins (Erikson):

A Mun S Y A Ber-Kie

Pepperland (Larzelere): A Bur-Mar

Quasi-Quingdom of Quail (Huffman):

(retreat A Ser-Gre) A Gre S X A Tri-Ser,

A Ukr-Rum

Rutleland (Sherwood): A Gas S P A Bur-Mar, F Nwy-Swe

Scottland (Beckett): F Hol-Bel. F Den H. F Kie-Swe (no such unit)

Togoland (Hymel): A Ank-Con

Vulgaria (Roberts): A Scr S C A Rum-Bud

Worker's Paradise (McHugh): A Stp-Nwy, F Hel-Hol Xanadu (Hakey): A Bud S QQofQ A Ukr-Rum, A Tri-Ser

Ysteria (???): NMR A Bul H, A Ber H

Zinnia (Burgess): A Mar-Gas

?? (Bohner): NMR F Smy H, F Tun H

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Chateau A Rum can retreat to Sev or the box. The Rutle A Gas retreats to Par or Bre or the box. The Vulgarian A Ser retreats to Alb then the box. The Togoland A Ank retreats to Svr then the box.

Very interesting turn this time. Looks like it is a definite disadvantage to start with only one dot! Don't feel bad though, Jack got two builds so you know this game must be all luck. Those of you who were knocked out are welcome to come back as standbies. It looks like ?? at least is available, and pretty healthy too.

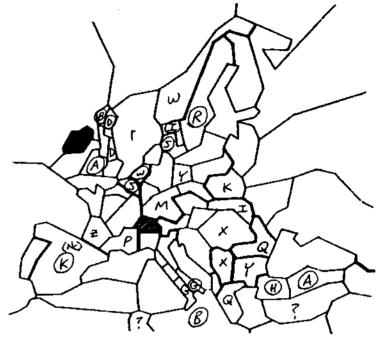
Thanks to Bob Olsen for sending in standby orders (unused) for La-La Land. As the only standby this time, he gets first dibs on the Ysteria position, abdicated by Rich Dunn. And Ysteria was Julie's favorite name, too....

Phil Reynolds is back in Phlorida.

Shawn Erikson has picked a name for his country, and a good name at that. I like it, anyway.

There's a proposal that we only allow name changes which use the same first letter. Sounds reasonable to me, so let's do it that way.

The way I read the rules of dip, support orders do not require specific coasts, only the actual move order itself. Move to the coast, support to the province, I always say.



A: lpl, sev, ank (3)	build 1
B: nap, edi (0)	out!
C: rum (0)	out!
D: <u>hol</u> , lon, <b>edi</b> (2)	even
<b>G</b> : rom, ven, <b>nap</b> (3)	build 1
H: con (1)	even
I: <u>bud</u> , <u>swe</u> (0)	out!
K: por, war, spa (3)	build 1
M: mun, spa (1)	even
P: par, mar (2)	build 1
Q: ser, mos, gre, rum (3)	build 1
R: bre, nwy, swe (2)	even
S: bel, den (2)	even
T: ank (0)	out!
V: bul (0)	out!
W: stp, kie, nwy, hol (4)	build 2
X: vie, tri, ser, bud (4)	build 2
Y: gre, ber, bul (2)	even
<b>Z</b> : mar (0)	out!
?: smy, tun (2)	even

The Chateau D'Isaster A Rum can retreat to Sev, keeping him alive and making the AAA even. The Rutle A Gas can retreat to Par, giving him a build and leaving the Peppers even.

NEW CARROLLTON: Ramada lnn, Marion Barry out! AAA: Well, Dick, am I the first one outta here? ROCKVILLE: Not hardly!

HERETICS to GOD'S COUNTRY: Please leave Nash to me.

And would you be interested youself in some Purgatory real estate?

1-HOPS to AAA: Let's ally against Jack — he hates penguins!

NEW CARROLLTON: The World Chess championship

Candidates's Semifinals have ended with Karpov narrowly winning his match against fellow Soviet Yasupov, and the Netherlands' Jan Timman beating England's Speelman. Karpova and Timman will meet in London in March for the right to challenge Kasparov later in 1990. Timman is in his late 30s, and as he's been one of the world's leading grand masters for many years, he's already played Karpov many times. Karpov has a definite plus record vs Timman, but has been playing less impressively of late. Kasparov, however, has recently surpassed Bobby Fischer's old record to become the highest rated player in history. Kasparov's title looks safe until 1993, as I don't think Timman would do much better than David Letterman.

ROCKVILLE: Time for an update—how are they all doing?

NEW CARROLLTON to ROCKVILLE: How about a plug for a new zeen by me to be called *Massacre by Treachery*, which will be small, monthly and will run only a 2-player variant called Intimate Dip? Watch for the first issue early in 1990.

ROCKVILLE: Consider yourself plugged, even though the zeen ain't exactly new by now. Looks like there's a Monopoly game in the offing, as well.

SAN DIEGO: Anybody want to talk about the radio stations, movie theaters or cat houses of So Cal?

ROCKVILLE: Love to! Don't have much in the way of expe-

rience, though.

PROVIDENCE to ROCKVILLE: Yup. It's time to send end of the year or end of the decade music lists. My January issues should be great based on what I have so far. I hope I get more.

ROCKVILLE: Well, decade picks are in here somewhere. Feel free to yank it out for your own evil uses. I'd say that 1989 was a good year for music, in general. Songs of the year: "She Drives Me Crazy" by FYC. It's Money That Matters" by Randy Newman, "Funky Cold Medina" by Tone Loc, Madonna's "Like a Prayer" and "Love Shack" "Rham"/"Bushfire"/"Channel Z" by the 1852s.

NEW CARROLLTON: When Avalon Hill comes out with a game to simulate what's now going on in eastern Europe, what will they call it?

BOOB to SLUDGE: Help, Bob, help, now that you got a job, you've got to help me...help me...help me....

L-L.1, to LOUSY AND KEITHER: Unhand that toady you lourd

BOOB to ROCKVILLE: Can you guess how Bob could have helped me? Did he?

ROCKVILLE: Would you believe, moral support? No, I don't see how Bob & LS have helped you. Not with moves like that.

ZINNIA to GHODFATHER: I humble myself before my master. Klingons Con't like me (remember the tribbles?), but I think some flower power hippies are trying to pick me. I'm sorry I disgraced your mage with my abysmal play...then again, maybe I am playing exactly like Bob Olsen.

OLSEN to BURGESS: After all these years, you've stillgot it. I haven't heard such flagrant toadying in I don't know how long. But that wasn't all—ih no, that's not the complete ineffability of the Burgess style. Really, Grovelling on your knees would have been enough for most people, but not you. You have to send me this whining, pleading, grovelling letter after the deadline. Thus, no matter what, you can at least say you've lost your dignity....

BOOB to ROCKVILLE: I suppose it's too late to change my name. I think Sherwood got the better of me. Beaten by a fake....

ROCKVILLE: Never too late to change your name...but you'll have to get a new country first.

BURGESS to GM: Hike black press as you know. I've held off so far but I'c leve it black. Then again it may be too late, is guest press or ghost press allowed? I put too much effort and planning into this to quit yet.

ROCKVILLE: Come on, this gray press is so dingy it's hard to tell what from what.

RUTLELAND to ZINNIA: Sorry but it's the rock music countries vs the science fiction/fantasy countries, and you picked the wrong country preference.

RUTLE to DICK: Why isn't Switzerland dithered on your map?

ROCKVILLE: Just a callous oversight. They're dithered now, if I'm still using them.

KEITH to DICK: Do my eyes deceive me or is Bob Olsen now residing in California according to your mailing list? And I though it was the job of the border patrol check points and agricultural inspection stations to keep those undesirable aliens and nuisance-pest insects (respectively) out of this state.

ROCKVILLE: Yup, you got it right. All this, and he's employed too!

VERTIGO SUBSCRIBER to RETAL MASTER: You were right and wrong. He did put out another issue, but it wasn't worth it. ROCKVILLE: You're a hard one to please, aren't you?

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