

Opening Shot

Here we are, with another in the continuing saga of SNAFU!, now the second oldest zine in Canada. I guess that qualifies it as an "established" zine. Some would even say "establishment," missing the irony that I was the original Canadian hippy way back when.

Note well the address change below. We begin paying rent at the new place on October 15 and the actual move will take place some time during the two weeks after that. So start sending stuff there when you receive this as I don't intend to drive back to Low to empty the mailbox once we've moved. All deadlines for games are pushed way back to the end of November to give us time to unpack a bit before starting another issue. Patience please!

SOME WAREHOUSE ISSUE, EH?

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We have a few paragraphs by Ann this month. She's just warming up to be the next Kathy Byrne. And Nelson Millar is on his way as my GGM with the starting positions for his first game going out as an insert this issue. He has also got 79 HY restarted. As Jimmy Durante used to say, Everyone wants to get into the act! Thanks you two.

Sometimes people write asking to be GGMs. I appreciate it, but have to turn most down as they live too far away to be able to hand-deliver material in case of an emergency. With SNAFU! being produced on such a tight

schedule every issue, I have to operate that way. Nelson is in Ottawa every Thursday night so he can drop off a game report if it's been held up for some reason. (Normally he will mail it though, which is why his deadline is a week before mine.)

I have heard horror stories about the Ottawa post office. It's supposed to be the slowest in the country, so maybe you should consider that when mailing orders. Never having lived there myself, I can't confirm it. It would be hard to beat the service I've had in rural Québec though. On to games and other stuff...

SNAFU! is a zine devoted to the postal play of Diplomacy and its variants. The board game, invented by Allan Calhmer, is produced in Canada by House of Games in Bramalea, Ontario.

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Game fees: \$4.00. Game openings listed on page 20.

Hobby News

The usual mixture of good news and bad news, old news with new, though "old news" seems self-contradictory. Oh well.

Clive Tonge did make good on his promise to send me the balance of the funds in INFIDEL!'s account. He had \$170.00 in subscription money, and turned over \$30.00 to Nick Russon for the expenses incurred by his now-defunct novice package. The balance of \$140.00 is now being held by me to be used by the CDO. I've good ideas on how to use it, but am willing to listen to any submissions you may have. Though it's almost two years since INFIDEL! last appeared, better late than never. Thanks to Clive for finishing up this business.

I have a gut feeling that François Guerrier will not be so honest in dealing with the subscription money he holds, especially for his prize game where players paid \$30.00 game fees. The CDO can't do anything about such cases, especially when no one knows where François is now living. By the way, his games seem to be all underway under new GMs.

The bad news of the month is John Leeder's announced intention to fold both RUNESTONE and BATOCHÉ. His family has been growing over the past few years and he finds he just doesn't have the time to give to the hobby he once had. John is asking for GMs to step forward to take over his games. An orderly transfer ought to be possible as John will co-operate by supplying game records and refunding sub money. So, if you're looking for a game or two to GM, write John at:

605 15th St. NW, Calgary, Alta. T2N 2B1.

Il n'est pas beaucoup de gens qui peut "GM" en français. Si tu es capable, écrit à John, s.v.p.

Though RUNESTONE and BATOCHÉ will be sorely missed, John himself will be missed even more. He is currently trying to find a replacement to run the Miller Number Custodianship and has "willed" his other hobby activities (like the Leeder Poll) to Randolph Sayth, though he insists it not be called the Leeder Poll in future. He suggests naming it after Richard Walkerdine, if anyone, as he initiated the concept of yearly polls.

The results of Mike Mills' "Eminent Awards" are out. Mike plans to make this a yearly survey. Top three finishes in each category are: Best Zine: 1. Europa Express, 2 (tied): Just Among Friends, Whitestonia. Best New Zine: 1. Damn the Torpedoes, 2. Winsome-Losesome, 3 (tied): Coat of Arms, Europa Express, Perelandra. Most Improved Zine: 1 (tied): Diplomacy By Moonlight, Irksome, 3. Snafu! Best for "Diplomacy": 1. Dogs of War, 2 (tied): Cheesecake, Voice of Doom. Best for Games Other Than Diplomacy: 1. Envoy, 2. Empire, five tied for third place. Best Zine for Hobby News: 1. Whitestonia, 2. Diplomacy Digest, 3. Europa Express. Best Letter Column: 1. Europa Express, 2. Voice of Doom, 3. Whitestonia. Best Looking Zine: Lone Star Diplomat, 2. Just Among Friends, 3. (tied): Diplomacy By Moonlight, Europa Express. Best GM: 1. John Daly, 2 (tied): Bob Arnett, Bruce Linsey, Andy Mischett, Bob Sergeant. Distinguished Service: 1. John Daly, 2 (tied): Kathy Byrne, Don Ditter, Michael Mills, Rod Walker.

You've just enough time to vote in both the 1982 Diplomacy Player Poll ("Caruso Poll") and the 1982 Marco Poll. Deadline for both is November 22. You can't vote for yourself in either poll.

Write John Caruso, 160-02 43 Ave., Flushing, NY 11358 and tell him who are: 1) the five best Dip players, 2) the five best writers, and 3) the five best variant players--in order.

Write Mark Larzalere, 7607 Fountainbleau Dr. #2352, New Carrollton, MD 20784 and tell him which are the 1) the five best zines, 2) the five best GMs, 3) the five best subzines. List them in order of preference.

The full story behind DipCon XV is now out in booklet form. Mark Berch has put together a 23-page summary of the events leading up to, during, and after this summer's Baltimore bash. All the stats are included. Your humble editor did place 20th as predicted last month. Of those who play in SNAFU! (as opposed to straight subbers or traders), Roy Smith finished highest, at 12th. Scott Hanson placed 15th (he's on the standby list though not in a game at the moment). Otherwise, we've got to go all the way down to Chip Charnley, at 48th, to find the next SNAFU! player. The lesson is: pay attention to what I say about strategy. In fact, 6 of the top 10 finishers are publishers of Dip zines.

Anyhow, you can get a copy of "DipCon XV = Tales of the Dipimasters" from Mark for \$1.00. There's lots of reading material you might want to see. Address: 492 Naylor Pl., Alexandria, VA 22304.

Other Zines

Over the summer I started receiving a number of zines I hadn't seen before. In alphabetical order they are:

ANDUIN by Eric Kane, 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024. Subs \$6/10. Has lots of games, including KINGMAKER. Reduced, digest. Looks good. Eric and I almost got into a feud before we even started trading because of a poorly timed quote taken out of context in another zine.

JUST AMONG FRIENDS by Al Pearson, Box 898, Charles Town, WV 25414. Subs 70¢ an issue; \$8.40/year. "Uncle Al" is president of the Galactic Diplomacy Federation, so you know JAF is big. Lots of games, news, drivel, controversy, etc. in a digest format.

NORTH SEALTH, WEST GEORGE by Terry Tallman, 16047 28th NE, Seattle, WA 98199. Subs 50¢ per issue, \$6.00/year. A new zine, with many game openings. #1 was hand-written which, even with Terry's neat script, is a bit hard to read. Hopefully, he'll be getting a typewriter soon. I've no idea what the name means.

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON by Robert Sergeant, 3242 Lupine Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46224. Subs \$5.50/10. Regular Dip and World War IIIb. Digest. Cartoons, movie reviews. No game openings.

WHITESTONIA by John Caruso, 160-02 43 Ave., Flushing, NY 11358
 Subs? There's a game or two lurking in amongst all the letters
 and articles. W is put out for fun, and that's what it is. I'd
 like to mention W without including a note about KATHY'S
 KORNER, but KK ran to 12 pages last month, compared to W's
 20. KK is much of the same, though more echinate. John Michal-
 ski's MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT also wandered into the package last
 issue. What more could one want?

The first issue of Steve Hutton's new zine arrived. He's
 calling it NO FIXED ADDRESS. Once he stops his wandering and
 settles down we can call it F.A. Anyhow, #1 is twelve pages
 long, complete with quiz (a snap, Steve), a review of a
 Mamas and Papas concert, jokes, notes, and a list of addresses.
 Subs are \$5.00 for 10. Try 103 Dunbar Rd. S., Waterloo, Ontario
 N2L 2E4. That address should be good 'til December.

Rules

IV: DIPLOMACY (Part Three)

"Public announcements may be made and documents may be written
 and made public or not, as the players see fit. The rules do
 not bind a player to anything he says; deciding whom to trust
 as situations arise is part of the game."

I like the idea of writing up formal treaties, but it rarely
 happens. In FTF play there simply isn't time to draw up formal
 documents and postal players don't seem too interested. Of
 course, a fancy scroll with elaborate script doesn't make an
 agreement any more binding than a mumbled "Okay," but, it can
 be fun.

Of course, in postal play, the press releases provide a great
 forum for public announcements. The press release can be a way
 of confirming private deals, of confounding the enemy, or
 simply an outlet for one's creative impulses. It doesn't re-
 place private negotiations though. After all, everyone else
 will see what you've written.

One type of document I don't like is the pre-game deal. It
 happened once in a FTF game I was in. I was playing Austria
 and kept trying to get either France or Italy to attack each
 other. Though there were times when it would have benefitted
 one or the other, there was no budging either from a strict
 neutral regard for each other. No army ever went to Piedmont.
 At game's end one of them produced a document which the two
 had signed a few days before the game, saying that if one
 attacked the other he agreed to donate \$50.00 to a charity.

I realize that many would say that's quite kosher. But it
 strikes me as being in violation of the idea of the game:
 which is deals between countries, not players. I'm not sure it's
 illegal and don't know how I'd rule if I were called upon to
 make a ruling in such a case. The point is the players made the
 deal before they knew which countries they would draw, and that
 makes me uneasy. If, once the game has begun, Russia, say,
 were to offer Italy \$50. to attack Austria, that would be a
 different story because in this case all players would have an
 equal opportunity to match the bid. I'm sure there would be no
 consensus on how to deal with pre-game deals.

1980 IC - Mensa 12

SPRING, 1909: THE WESTERN ALLIANCE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF MISSING EMPRESS AND PHANTOM UNITS TO GET BREAKTHROUGHS.

AUS (Sharon Poppe): NMR! A Bud*, A War*, A Ukr*, A Rum*, A Boh*, A Vie*, F Rom*.

ENG (Charles Byrne): F Lyo* & GER A Mar - Pie; F Spa (sc)* S F MAO* - WMed; F Por* S F NAO* - MAO; A Lvn* S A StP - Mos*; A Nwy - StP*.

GER (Rick Young): A Mar* - Pie; A Bur* - Mar; A Mun - Tyr*; A Ruh* S A Kie - Mun*; A Sil* - Boh; A Pru* S A Ber* - Sil; F Bal* S ENG A Lvn.

ITA (Darryl Phillips): A Pie* S A Ven*; A Ven S A Pie; A Tri* H.

TUR (Dan Wilson): F Tyr (NSU) S F WMed* - Lyo; F Naf* S F Tun* - WMed; A Mos /A/ & A Sev*: A Sev S A Gal - Rum (NSU).

Fall, 1909 due Friday, 26 November, 1982.

NOTES: The Austria, English, German draw failed to pass. Some people are neglecting to vote on draws and may be surprised when one of these proposals passes because of it.

Will Scott Hanson, 939 - 18th Ave., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 please submit standby orders for Austria? Player addresses were printed last season, so I assume Scott has them?

To clarify, Turkey's F Tyr and A Gal both retreated OTB in Autumn, 1908 as was printed last issue. Sharon was called on the deadline, as per NMR Insurance, but there was no answer.

1982 I - Mensa 16

FALL, 1903: STABS GALORE! IS NO ONE SAFE FROM THE KNIFE?

ENG (Mike Mazzer): F Eng - Nth*; A Den* & F Nwy - Swe /d/ (R: Nwg, Ska, OTB); F Hel* S A Den; A Yor* H.

FRA (Robert Young): F Bre* S F Por - MAO*; A Mar - Spa*; A Bur - Mar /d/ (R: Pic, Bel, Gas, OTB); A Par* S F Bre.

GER (Windy Windblad): F Bel - Eng*; F Hol* - Ska (IMP); A Kie* - Den; A Ruh* S A Mun - Bur*.

ITA (Keith Sesler): F Tyr - WMed*; F MAO - Por /d/ (R: Gas, Iri, NAO, Naf, OTB); F Tus - Lyo*; A Tri - Ser*; A Ven - Tus*; A Pie* - Mar.

RUS (Dave Lincoln): F Bar* S A StP - Nwy*; F Swe* - Den; A Lvn* H; A Gal* H; A Ukr - Rum*; F Sev - Bla*.

TUR (Paula Marie Dodge): F Ion - Tun*; F EMed* S F Aeg - Ion*; F Con - Aeg*; A Gre* S A Alb*; A Alb S A Gre.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1903

ENG (5-4, disband 1): home, ~~Norway~~, Denmark.

FRA (5-5 or 6 depending on retreat; even or build 1): home, Portugal, Spain, Belgium?

GER (5-5 or 4, depending on retreat; even or disband 1): home, Belgium?, Holland.

ITA (6-6, even): home, ~~Triest~~, Triest, Vienna, SERBIA.

RUS (7-8, build 1): home, Bud, Rum, Swe, NORWAY.

TUR (6-6, even): home, Bul, ~~Serbia~~, Greece, TUNIS.

Autumn Retreats and Winter, 1902 ONLY due Friday, 26 November.

NOTE: I dislike separating seasons, especially with such long deadlines, but with so many retreats due, it will be easier on everyone. Yes, Turkey built Fleet Smyrna last winter. Typo.

PRESS

London - Moscow: Not nice, Dave!

London - Constantinople: Oooh, Dear Lady, the things I could tell you about Russia!

Rome - Constantinople: Because I feared Turkish treachery from your fleet in the Ionian, I decided to offset any damage you could do me from there by liberating Serbia from its totalitarian ruler (you!).

Turkey: Thanks for nothing, Italy!

London - Moscow: As my good friend, Bob Olsen, has often said, "A reputation for insane revenge is often a good thing to cultivate."

London - Berlin: To err is human, to forgive is Mensan!

Bourse (82 I)

FALL, 1902: SELLING SPARKS RECESSION IN WESTERN EUROPE; THE EAST SHOWS NEW STRENGTH. CRAP DUMPING CURRENCIES?

	US\$	£	Fr	DM	L	R	Tp
MI (Cusack)	605.85	0	2850	550	0	1700	1565
JILT (Gaughan)	341.20	1000	500	1300	1460	1900	1400
VIC (Jensen)	48.62	1100	0	2000	2000	2000	800
OIL (Loves)	4.90	2050	925	505	700	2500	2605
MINE (Phillips)	102.00	700	1000	1000	1500	1000	2500
CRAP (Smith)	4910.00	500	0	1500	500	0	500
SBA (Wilson)	112.00	2500	0	0	1500	1400	500
Purchases:		100	0	24	0	1774	1790
Sales:		1995	1500	1500	1000	500	500
Net Purchases:		-1895	-1500	-1476	-1000	+1274	+1290
Old CMP:		1.35	1.03	1.22	1.28	1.36	1.26
Net Change:		-.18	-.15	-.14	-.10	+.12	+.12
Game Effect:		-.03	.00	.00	.00	+.03	.00
New CMP:		1.14	.88	1.08	1.18	1.51	1.38

Winter, 1902 due Tuesday, 23 November, 1982.

NOTE: The situation in the parent game, with France able to retreat to one of Germany's supply centres, will have no effect on this game, as adjustments are made according to the situation in the fall before retreats.

I had a suggestion that I list the "net worth" of each country along with the report. If I had this tied into a computer it might be feasible, but, the more arithmetic I have to do, the greater the chance of error. Players with calculators (or patience) can work out their standings by multiplying the currency by the CMP and adding US\$ in their accounts.

1981 W - North 1

FALL, 1906: ANNIHILATIONS STILL THE ORDER OF THE DAY--ARE YOU GUYS GOING FOR A RECORD?

- AUS (Bob Olsen): F Ion - Tyr*; A Ser* S A Bud - Rum*.
 ENG (Errol Platt): F Bel - Pic*; A Bur* S A Pic - Par*; F Eng* - Bre; F Nth* - Eng; F NAO* S F Iri - MAO*.
 FRA (Bruce Poppe): A Bre* S A Par/A/; A Par S A Bre; F Gas* S ITA F MAO (NSO).
 ITA (Bill Young): A Pie - Mar*; A Tyr* S A Vie*; A Vie S A Tyr; F MAO - Spa (nc)*; F NAF* - MAO; F Tyr - WMed*.
 RUS (Garvin Boyle): A Kie* H; A Boh* S A Mun* - Tyr; A Sil* S A War - Gal*; A Ukr* - Rum; A Mos* S F Sev/A/.
 TUR (Steve Hutton): F Bla* S & A Arm* S A Rum - Sev*; A Gal - Ukr /d/ (R: Bud, OTB); A Bul* S AUS A Bud - Rum.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1906

- AUS (3-3 or 4, depending on TUR retreat, even or build 1): Budapest (?), Serbia, Greece, RUMANIA.
 ENG (8-8, build 1 because of /A/): home, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, ~~Brest~~, PARIS.
 FRA (3-2, even because of /A/): ~~Paris, Marseilles~~, Por, BREST.
 ITA (7-8, build 2 because of /A/): home, Tun, Vie, Triest, Spain, MARSEILLES.
 RUS (8-7, even because of /A/): Mos, War, StP, Swe, Ber, Kie, Munich, ~~Sevastopol~~.
 TUR (5-5 or 6, depending on retreat, build 1): home, Bulgaria, ~~Rumania~~, SEVASTOPOL, (Budapest ?).

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1906 AND Spring, 1907 due Fri, Nov. 26.

NOTES: Whichever retreat Turkey opts for, he still gets one build either way. (Usually I don't point out the build possibility if one retreats OTB, figuring the players all realize what's happened, but it didn't make sense to write "even, or build one" this time.)

We have several proposals here. First, a concession to Russia is proposed. Then a six-way (Aus, Eng, Fra, Ita, Rus, Tur) draw. Also a five-way (Rus, Eng, Fra, Tur, Ita) AND a four-way (Eng, Rus, Ita, Tur). You figure out how to vote. As this is the first proposal in this game, No Vote Received = "No Way, José."

Gee, no errors to correct!

PRESS

Turkey - World: The Austrian-Turkish counteroffensive finally makes some progress!

Budapest - Moscow: I call that fancy talk for a fascistic exploiter of the people! I read the incriminating documents you sent me. When you decide to return to your former borders so that you can "deal with that mindless, yammering bozoid in London," then we can talk.

France: Golly, this is a mess. I want to move to Lake Wobegon. The Sidetrack Tap is certainly friendlier than Paris.

Austria - Board: By the way, gentlemen, as we approach a stalemate line, please remember that Austria will accept a draw that does not include her, since she is in the able (?) hands of a standby player. So, work it out amongst yourselves.

1981 KA - North 2

AUTUMN, 1903: ENG: A Nwy R Fin*.

WINTER, 1903: NEW TURK SCUTTLES FLEET; ENGLAND SCUTTLES TWO!

AUS (Nelson Millar): B A Bud & Has: F Adr, A Rum, A Tri, A Vie.

ENG (Jan Jensen): D F Wal, F Yor. Has: F StP (nc), A Fin.

FRA (Jack Jung): B F Mar, A Bre & Has: F Eng, A Lon, F Iri,
A Pie, A Ven, F Lyo.

GER (Blair Cusack): B A Mun, A Ber & Has: F Ska, F Nwy, A Lvp,
A Gal, A Tyr.

ITA (Dan Wilson): even. Has: F WMed, F Tyr, A Rom.

RUS (Pete Gaughan): even. Has: F Swe, A Mos, A Ukr, F Sev.

TUR (Paul Rauterberg): D F EMed. Has: F Apu, F Ion, A Arm,
F Bla, A Bul.

Spring, 1904 due Friday, 26 November, 1982.

NOTE: I have Spring, 1904 orders on hand from England and Germany. By the way, disbanding and building takes place simultaneously; thus you can't make builds conditional on removals. (In such cases, I read only the first condition, as I would if someone had orders conditional on attacks, etc. during the season in question.)

PRESS

Vienna - Berlin: Thanks, but no thanks!

Berlin - Vienna: Ungrateful sod, aren't you?

1982 J - North 3

SPRING, 1903: RUSSIA LOSES ARMY AND TSAR; EVERYONE ELSE LOSES TRACTION EXCEPT TURKEY WHO PULLS OFF A LATERAL CONVOY. GERMANY HEADS EAST; FOILS ENGLISH!

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Alb - Ser*; A Vie* - Bud.

ENG (Doug Millstone): F Lon* - Eng; F Nth* H; F Ska* - Swe;
A Swe* - Fin; F Bar* - StP (nc).

FRA (Darryl Phillips): A Pic* H; A Bur* - Mar; F Naf* - Tun;
F WMed* - Tyr; A Mar* - Pie.

GER (Martin Taylor): A Ber - Sil*; A Tyr* - Tri; F Bel* - Eng;
A Ruh* - Bel; A Mun - Boh*; A Den* H.

ITA (Roy Smith): A Tri* - Ven; A Ven* - Pie; F Tun* - WMed;
F Nap* - Tyr; F Rom - Tus*.

RUS (Tom Swider): A Bud - Gal*; A Ser - Bud/A/; A Mos* - StP;
A StP* - Fin; F Fin - Bot*; F Sev* H.

TUR (Dennis Duncan): F Aeg - Gre*; F Bla* C A Arm - Rum*;
A Bul* S AUS A Alb - Ser.

Fall, 1903 due Friday, 26 November, 1982.

NOTES: Tom Swider has resigned with this season's orders as he is cutting back on hobby commitments. He has "willed" the position to Bob Olsen, so blame Tom, not me. Bob's address is: 6818 Winterberry Ct., Wichita, KS 67226. Addresses were listed last issue, so I assume Bob has them (?). Too bad about the Royals, but hopefully they can meet the Expos in the World Series next year.

Oh yeah, corrections from last season: England had, of course, a F Bar, not F Mar. And I doubt very much that Turkey could have gotten away with A Aeg. 'Twas a F Aeg, natch.

PRESS

St. Swidersburg ((Russia)): In the frenzy of a Clash concert, Tsar Pastromi was trampled to death by left-wing punks. At the reading of his will, he bequeathed the following:

"Friends, I wish upon my death that my empire be taken over by Count Vlad, who shall lead Russia victorious over the lands of the heathens in the west.

"To Caliph Duncan, I bequeath the rights to Greece and Serbia. He realizes the Caliph will recognize this gesture of good will and will consider relieving the sanctions against Rumania, our Balkan Brethern. The Ottomans and Russians should join forces with France to defeat the warmongers sitting on the thrones of Deutchland and Great Britain, or else face total defeat.

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1979 HA - Orphan 1

FALL, 1911: ITALY AND FRANCE VISITING RUSSIAN CITIES SEARCHING FOR CORONATION OF NEW CZARINA.

AUS (Nelson Millar): A Tyr* - Mun; A Tri - Vie*; A Ser* - Tri; A Bud* - Tri.

ENG (Dave Carter): F Den* S RUS F Hol - Kie (NSO); A Edi* - Lvp.

FRA (Tom Swider): A Mos - War*; F Lvp* § F NAO - Cly*; F Ion - Aeg*; A Yor* H; F Spa (sc) - Lyo*; A Mun* § F Bal - Kie*; A Ber* S & A Bur* S A Mun; A Ruh* S F Bel - Hol*; F Eng - Nth*.

ITA (Dan Wilson): A Arm - Sev*; A Ven* - Tyr; A Apu* S A Tus* - Ven.

RUS (Mary Ann Mills?): NMR! A Swe*, F Hol /d/ (R: Hel, OTB); F Nwy*; A StP*; A Rum*; F Con*; A Smy*; A Boh*; A Sil*.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1911

AUS (5-5, build one, as was short): Tri, Bud, ~~Rumania~~, Gre, Serbia, VIENNA.

ENG (2-2, even): Edi, Den.

FRA (13-15, build 2): home, Spa, Por, Lvp, Lon, Bel, Tun, Hol, Kie, Ber, Mos, MUNICH, WARSAW.

ITA (4-4, even): home, ~~Smyrna~~, SEVASTOPOL.

RUS (10-8, disband 1 because of /A/): ~~Sevastopol~~, Warsaw, StP, Nwy, ~~Vienna~~, Swe, Ank, ~~Munich~~, Bul, Con, SMYRNA, RUMANIA.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1911 AND Spring 1912 due 26 November.

NOTES: Will Claude Gautron, 620 rue St-Jean Baptiste, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2H 2Y1 please submit standby orders for Russia? Players addresses were printed last month.

The concession to France failed to pass, even though not everyone voted. It is repropesed. If you don't vote, that counts as a yes. Dave Carter wants it known that he voted for the concession.

For non-players following this game, there was no error last month. I just forgot to type a line and players got the missing info. The part left out was: F Bre - Eng*; A Ber* § & A Ruh* S & A Bur* S A Kie - Mun*.

PRESS

Thrillsville ((France)): "Submit to me!" (Rod Walker)

Austria - France: History lesson: Napoleon started by walking all over Europe, but he got greedy, accepted no compromises, and became obsessed with power.

Spelling lesson: W-A-T-E-R-L-O-O; E-L-B-A.

Moscow (French Connection): Looks like we'd better retreat before Bordino begins. This time, France will prevail. Via Fräukreich!

France to Russia: Welcome to Orphan 1. Too bad we can't work together. At least we now know who wears the crown in your household....

1979 AE - Orphan 2

SUMMER, 1908: FRA: A Mar R Bur*; F MAO R Eng*.

FALL, 1908: FRANCE LOSES CENTRES; GERMANY LOSES EVERYTHING; EVERYONE ELSE GAINS.

AUS (Dan MacLellan): A Mun* - Bur; A Mar* § TUR F MAO - Spa (nc); A Rom* H; A Nap* H; F Adr - Ion*; A Bud* H; A Sil* S & A Tyr* S A Boh* - Mun; A Vie* - Boh.

ENG (Bob Acheson): A Fin - Nwy*; F Nth - Lon*; F Wal* S A Yor - Lvp*; F Den* S FRA A Kie (NSO).

FRA (John Davies): A Bur* § & A Spa § A Gas* - Mar (A Spa /d/, R: Por, OTB); F Eng* S A Hol - Bel*; A Kie - Hol*; F Bre* S F Eng; F NAO - Nwg*.

GER (CD): F Bel /A/.

TUR (Dave Carter): F Lyo* S & F WMed* S F MAO - Spa (nc)*; F Naf - MAO*; F Ion - Tun*; A Lvn* - War; A Mos* - War; A StP* S ENG A Fin - Nwy; A Ber* S ENG F Den - Kie (NSO).

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1908

AUS (10-11, build 1): home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Ven, Rom, Nap, Mun, MARSEILLES.

ENG (5-6, build 1): Lon, Edi, Nwy, Swe, Den, LIVERPOOL.

FRA (9-6, disband 2 because of /A/): Par, Bre, ~~Marseilles~~, Por, Bel, ~~Spain~~, Kie, ~~Liverpool~~, ~~Berlin~~, HOLLAND.

GER (1-0, out): ~~Holland~~.

TUR (9-11, build 2): home, Bul, Sev, War, Mos, StP, Tun, SPAIN, BERLIN.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1908 AND Spring, 1909 due 26 November.

NOTES: Both the Aus, Fra, Tur draw and the Aus, Eng, Tur draw were defeated. We now have a proposed two-way involving Turkey and Austria. No Vote Received = "Yes."

Bob Acheson has a COA: c/o Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, NWT XOE 1MO.

PRESS

Turkey - Austria: Switched to alternative Plan B on receipt of your letter.

Turkey - England: Two supports from me this time!! Don't forget it, eh?

1980 AM - Orphan 4

SUMMER, 1907: ITA: A Tri R Ven*

FALL, 1907: ENGLAND LANDS MORE TROOPS ON CONTINENT WHILE RUSSIA MOVES WEST AND TURKEY TRIES FOR ITALY.

ENG (Jan Jensen): F Nth* C A Edi - Nwy*; F Bal* S A StP* - Lvn;
F Iri - MAO*; F Spa (sc) H /d/ (R: Iyo, WMed, Par, OTB);
A Bre* H; F Ber* H; F Bel* S & F Eng* C A Lon - Pic*;
A Kie* H.

FRA (Pete Gaughan): A Tyr - Ven*; A Mar* S A Gas - Spa*;
A Par* - Bre.

GER (Claude Gautron): A Mun* H.

ITA (Bob Albrecht): F Tyr - Nap*; F Tun* S F Adr* - Ion;
A Ven H /d/ (R: Pie, Tus, OTB).

RUS (Dave Carter): A Mos* S A Lvn* - StP; A Gal - Boh*; A War
- Sil*; A Tri* S FRA A Tyr - Ven; A Vie - Tyr*.

TUR (Rob Lowes): F Ion - Apu*; F Alb* - Adr; A Ser* S RUS
A Tri; A Bul - Gre*; F Aeg* S F EMed* - Ion.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1907

ENG (12-13, build 1): home, Nwy, Swe, StP, Den, Kie, Hol, Bel,
Bre, Por, BERLIN.

FRA (4-4, even): Par, Mar, Spa, *München*, VENICE.

GER (1-1, even): *Berlin*, MUNICH.

ITA (5-3, disband † because of /A/): Rom, Nap, *Venezia*, Tunis,
Triest.

RUS (6-7, build 1): War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Bud, Vie, TRIEST.

TUR (6-6, even): home, Bul, Ser, Greece.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1907 AND Spring, 1908 due 26 November.

NOTES: Thanks to Keith Sesler for unneeded standby orders. We have a proposed five-way draw, involving Eng, Fra, Ita, Rus, and Tur. As this is the first proposal in this game, no vote received means "No."

PRESS

Basque Region ((France)): The people of Spain welcome the liberating armies of France on their brief vacation.

Russia - Italy: Welcome back, Bob. Your standby was beginning to scare me.

Rome: Contrary to popular belief, I do play Spring seasons, but I am trying to save postage.

Constantinople - Kaiser: The Turkish government would like to confer its highest honor upon you for the way you have withstood the overwhelming attacks by the English hordes in the last few years. But please don't come here to accept it—I'll send it to you.

Constantinople - Paris: I think England made sure that Claude had the noose on before he went up on the scaffold.

Rome - Anyone Who Cares: I apologize for my lack of care in getting orders in on time. I will try to overcome this immediately, especially as I seem to be losing.

1980 HM - Orphan 5

FALL, 1906: ENGLAND LANDS IN NORTHERN RUSSIA, GETS FRIGID WELCOME. AUSTRIA SAILS TOWARDS CONSTANTINOPLE.

AUS (Mark Keller): F WMed* - Naf; F Lyo* S F Tyr* - WMed; F Ion - Aeg*; F Adr - Ion*; F Alb - Ion (NSU); A Gre* S A Bul*; A Bul S A Rum*; A Rum S RUS F Sev; A Pie* - Mar; A Tyr* S & A Boh* S RUS A Mun (NSO).

ENG (John Horn): A Nwy* S & F Bar* S A Fin - StP*; F MAO* - Naf; F Eng* - MAO; F Por* S F Spa (sc)*; F Spa (sc) S GER A Mar; F Nth* - Eng.

GER (Claude Gautron): F Bal* - Lvn; A Ruh* S A Kie*; A Bur* S A Mar*; A Mar S ENG F Spa (sc).

RUS (Steve Colombo): A Lvn* & A Mos* S A StP /A/; A Ber* - Mun; A Mun* - Kie; F Sev* H.

TUR (Pierre Touchette): A Arm* - Sev; F Bla - Ank*; F Aeg - Con*.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1906

AUS (11-11, even): home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bul.

ENG (8-9, build 1): home, Nwy, Bel, Bre, Spa, Por, ST. PETERS.

GER (6-6, even): Kie, Hol, Den, Mar, Par, Swe.

RUS (6-5, even because of /A/): Mos, War, Sev, ~~StP/Petersburg~~; Ber, Mun.

TUR (3-3, even): home.

Winter, 1906 and Spring, 1907 due Friday, 26 November, 1982.

NOTE: Both draw proposals were defeated, despite the fact that the majority of players did not vote! If you don't want to get stuck with a game end you don't approve of, pay attention to calls for votes.

PRESS

Vienna - London: No, time is on my side...wait and see.

Ankara - Vienna: OK for the plan. Help me bankrupt Russia.

Austria - England, Germany, Turkey: You've got to be kidding!

Ankara - London: Please don't be afraid of Austria. His fleets are not so much.

Ankara - Kiel: My dear friend, don't be controvert. Wait, just wait.

1976 CX - Orphan 6

SUMMER, 1921: FRA: A Tyr R Pie*.

FALL, 1921: ITALY GONE AS REMAINING LEADERS REACTIVATE.

ENG (Steve Berrigan): F Kie* H; F Nth* H; F Bar* S A StP*;
F Bal* S & A StP S & F Bot* C A Fin - Lvn*; A Ber* -
Pru; A Den* H.

FRA (Eric Kirchner): F Tun* S F Tyr* - Ion; F WMed* S F Tus*-
Tyr; A Pie* S ITA A Ven; A Mun* S ENG A Ber (NSO); A Bur*
S & A Ruh* S A Mun*.

ITA (Dave Carter): A Ven H /A/.

RUS (Steve Hutton): A Tyr* S & A Tri* S A Rom - Ven*; F Nap*
S F Ion - Apu*; F Alb* S F Aeg* - Ion; A Mos* S & A Pru*
§ A Lvn/d/ (R: War, OTB); A Ukr* H; A Lvn § A Pru;
A Bud - Gal*; A Sil* S A Pru; A Vie* S A Tyr.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART, WINTER, 1921

ENG (9-9, even): home, Den, Swe, Nwy, StP, Kie, Ber.

FRA (9-9, build 1, as short): home, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Tun,
Mun.

ITA (2-0, out): *Vénice, Trieste.*

RUS (14-16, build 2, will be 1 short): Mos, War, Sev, Bud, Vie,
Rum, Gre, Ser, Bul, Con, Ank, Smy, Rom, Nap, TRIEST,
VENICE.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1921 AND Spring, 1922 due 26 November.

NOTES: First, welcome to Steve Berrigan and Eric. Hope your
stay in SNAFU! will be a long one.

There was a typo in the restart pages. France had A Bur, not
A Ber. England has the A Ber. Happens to the best of us.

We have a proposed draw involving Eng, Fra, Rus. As this draw
was apparently proposed in the last issue of PASSCHENDAELE,
I will count No Vote Received as "Yes." If it passes we'll
wind up with Winter, 1921 to round things off.

Steve Hutton sent along the records for this game from Spring
'04 to date. Bob Acheson thinks the first three game years
were carried in CUM GRABO SALIS by G. Parkanyi, as near as I
can make out. Anyone happen to have the records for those
first three years?

1982 J CONTINUED

"To Pope Smith-John-Paul-Ringo-Roy, The preserved head of the
Austrian emperor. (Don't even think that I "gave head" in a
press item!)

"To Emperor Dayrrl, One (1) box of super-sized bandages to
help heal the knife wound you should have felt this year.

"To the remaining monarchs and the British Prime Minister,
Death! The evils of western civilization must be destroyed!"

Austria - Germany: The Emperor was profoundly hurt by the
Kaiser's nefarious insinuations. Alcohol hash neva ad sho
mush ash de shlytish ef-ef-efflect on de shoundnish of my
blain, you banderous slastard.

1981 Qwc02 - Variant 1

(Conquest of the New World II)

"You little know my people, if you think my armies will move without my permission. If I do not wish it, no bird will fly, and no leaf remain on the trees, throughout my land."

(Atahualpa, Inca king, to Pizarro in 1533)

1622: ENG: A Québec R Labrador; POR: F Bahamas R Atl.

1624

AZTECS (Chip Charnley): A Missouri - Saskatchewan*; A Texas* - Mexico; A Central America* - Mexico; A Venezuela* § & A Panama* S A Cartagena*; A Cartagena S A Panama; A Huron* S ENG F Bay of Fundy - Delaware.

ENGLAND (Fred Davis): F Bermuda* § F Bay of Fundy* - Delaware; F Northern Seas* S A Labrador - Québec*; A Ohio* - Louisiana; F Virginia* S F Bermuda.

FRANCE (Rick Young): A Delaware* § F Québec (ec) /d/ (R: OTB, St Lawrence); F Nova Scotia* - Bermuda; A Maine* S A Delaware.

PORTUGAL (Steve Hutton): F Hispaniola* S F Atl - Antilles*; F Jamaica* S F Cuba*; A Amazon* - Venezuela; A Paraguay - Bolivia*; F Chile - South Pacific*.

SPAIN (Dan Wilson): A Gulf* Disembarks Louisiana (F Gulf* H); F Bahama* S F Atl* - Bermuda.

SUPPLY CENTRES (*build centres)

AZT (7-7, even): Mexico*, Peru*, California, Cartagena, Texas, Panama, Saskatchewan.

ENG (6-5, disband 1): 1 home*, Virginia*, Ohio, Louis, Québec.

FRA (4-3, disband 1): 1 home*, Nova Scotia, Delaware.

POR (7-8, build 1): 1 home*, La Plata*, Brazil, Matto Grosso, Chile, CUBA, JAMAICA.

SPA (4-1, disband 3): 1 home*, Cuba, JAMAICA.

1628 (Adjustments) and 1630 (Spring) due Fri., 26 November.

NOTES: Two minor typos last issue. Portugal had an Army going to Bolivia, not a Fleet as shown. I neglected to underscore England's failed move F Fundy - Nova Scotia.

PRESS

France to Mayflower: Wouldn't you really rather have a Renault?

Travel

POINT REYES, CA

The campground just outside of Point Reyes was, in some ways, a rather weird setting. Set between a dirt road and a canal, much of it was swampy with reeds growing seven, eight feet tall. Low hills surrounded the area and, when the wind blew from the sea, a cold salty mist would envelop everything.

I walked along a path through the reeds feeling overwhelmed and lost. At the next little clearing a man and woman were

sitting on the ground by an old Chevy drinking from a gallon bottle of wine. I squatted before them, trying to strike up a conversation. The man passed out as the woman stared at me, hardly responding. She too was about to pass out, so I went on. In the next clearing were two motorcycles, graced with plastic ribbons and raccoon tails. Two burly bearded fellows in filthy leather were sleeping on the ground. I passed on.

Arriving at a pickup truck with a shack built into the box. I stuck my head in through the small rear door and said Hi! to a young bearded fellow who was serving dinner to several small dirty children. He was preoccupied with the kids, so I went on.

A large group was clustered around a fire by a camper van. They invited me to join them and passed joints and wine. They were a group of students from L.A. and seemed delighted to discover I came from the country with the groovy farout prime minister. They were convinced Canada was the land of dope and free love. I let them keep their mythology. There was a pretty dark-haired girl with them who'd been bicycling through the area and had joined them for the night. Every time she'd pass the wine bottle she'd say, "Have a good one." The conversation would continue, "Good what?" "You know," nodding at the bottle. "Oh yeah, thanks."

They gave me directions to a hostel in Oakland and I decided to try it next day. For one thing, I needed a shower. As I was leaving the dark-haired girl said, "Have a good one." "What?" "You know...night." "Yeah, thanks."

Next morning I wandered back to ask if anyone was interested in breakfast in town. Two or three joined me, but not the dark-haired girl who said, "Have a good one." "Huh?" "You know... breakfast." She said the same thing after I'd broken camp preparing to head into Oakland and then again as I drove away. I guess her vocabulary was limited by some sort of disease. As I wound towards the main highway I felt a sense of relief to be finally moving again, awestruck by the redwoods that stretched so high around me that I couldn't see their tops. It was a bright sunny morning and my depression lifted.

'No Name' by Ann

I'm struck speechless (or is that writeless?). Thank you all so much for your kind words on my debut article. Unfortunately, this means you will now be subjected to more of my odd meanderings because Ron has graciously asked me to be a semi-regular contributor to SNAFU!. I'm already hard at work on Volume I of my European memoirs. (How long did Churchill take over his "History of the English Speaking Peoples"?) However, my Europe '77 series won't begin until Ron's travel story is complete. You may all breathe easy until then.

I wish I could produce a better follow-up to my article last month, but returning to work and preparing to move have exhausted my creative energy these past few weeks. So much so, that I can't even decide on an intelligent title for this column. Suggestions (other than the obscene sort) are welcome. Next month, I'll tell you what it's like to go through life with a name like Fothergill-Brown.

Letters

Quite a number of people wrote to tell me the "???" next to Fred Davis on page 31 last issue is Lew Pulsipher. Thanks. I'm amazed I remembered as many faces as I did. Mark Keller said, "Enjoyed the pictures of DipCon. It's unfortunate the one of the infamous Kathy Byrne didn't turn out better. I'm sure there are lots of us who would like to see what she looks like."



I'll try again with this picture. That's Ben Schilling looming over her. (Don't know where John Caruso was at the time.)

Fred Davis sent in a correction for last month's quiz: "I presume you've received many letters correcting you on the Babe Ruth home run item. Ruth hit 714, not 417. I think Joe Friday's badge was also "714," so the similarity is still correct."

You're right about everything, Fred, except about the number of letters I received. It was a straight typo, transposing the two digits, but only you and Tom Hanlon mentioned it. And I thought baseball was sacred in America!

Regarding PASSCHENDAELE, Dave Carter writes, "...this should be a hectic month but I feel that it is a bonus for the Canadian hobby to finally resolve François' games. He has still ripped off a lot of people but the CDO cannot be responsible for that (unless you bond publishers?)."

Mark Keller: "In my opinion, when a GM begins handling his games improperly (5 month hiatus, fake fold, etc.) the players should be able to get their games rehoused if they want to. Without having to go thru further waiting and mass resignations which will surely damage the games. I hope that this is the way it will be someday. I'll have an article on the subject in an upcoming VOICE OF DOOM."

Well, Dave, I have played with the idea of establishing some sort of fund to protect part of what players submit as game fees to be financed by a "tax" that GMs pay on games they start. But the idea appears to be too unwieldy. If anyone wants to develop the idea, go ahead. And, Mark, players do have the right to move their games to another GM if they're not happy with the way things are going. This happened to me as a player in one of JIHAD's games. I tried to convince other players that we should move the game we were in to Ed Bapple. Not one of them responded to my suggestion. So we waited for about five months until the game was moved to Ed by the Mensa SIG committee. The end result was the same, but players could have been playing during that five months if they had been willing to take the initiative rather than waiting for Big Brother, in the form of hobby custodians, to bail them out. That's probably the way it will always be. Most people are in this hobby to play a few games and have fun and don't want any part of hobby politics and feuding.

Interestingly, a letter arrived on that subject, from Scott Marley, whom I had met at DipCon: "I plan to maybe enter another game later this year, but I'll never again be as active as I once was. Too much hassle, and too many people like Sacks, Michalski, Linsey, and Masters and on and on, people who are intolerant of other people who don't want to do things their way. Sacks is by himself enough reason for me not to get involved in such things. That kind of aggravation I just don't need. Never again."

On the bright side, I had written Ben Schilling to thank him for uncovering the 1978 O stats and he answered: "I was only returning a favor to the hobby. When 76 IC (my one and only win) ended, the GM had more or less disappeared, taking the results of the game with him. I was able to get the results that I didn't have from Mark Berch so that the game could appear in EVERYTHING."

It cuts in all directions, eh? Mark Berch does someone a favour a few years ago and that's repaid a way down the line. Someone else drops out of the hobby because of the feuding. Without people like Lischett, Smyth, Daly, Berch, Walker, Ditter Linsey, Davis, the hobby simply would disintegrate into little factions with games disappearing everytime a pubber caught a cold. As much as some disagree with what they may, or may not, do, they're only people doing the best they can in difficult circumstances. As for Sacks, my advice is to ignore him. I also have a simple rule for any arguments I get into in the hobby that settles everything to my satisfaction and that is: I am always right. If someone wants to believe otherwise, that's his problem.

Carrying on with responses to items last month, Steve (Woody) Arnawoodian writes: "So Mark Keller says Sacramento has excellent weather. Steve Langley, who is also from Sacramento, always writes me complaining about the weather. Steve claims the temp runs up into the low hundreds with high humidity. When it rains it is warm water.

"Of course that is much better, as far as I'm concerned, to weather anywhere which is below 32°, like Philadelphia in January and February."

Gee, 32° in Jan-Feb sounds positively balmy. I don't think we ever get above freezing from mid-November until mid-March. I call "warm" anything above 0°F.

From Scott Hanson: "Gasp! You shot a gopher?! The Minnesota mascot? Served it right--I once sprained my ankle good in a gopher hole. Shoot it again for me!"

Ann was wondering how people would react to that, as I'm supposed to be a pacifist, anti-gun, etc. Gophers, or ground-hogs as they're called here, fall into the same category as rats. It's them or us. Distastful business, but gophers cripple horses, ruin farm machinery, and generally play havoc with gardens. I prefer fresh vegetables and healthy horses to the cute little buggers.

Steve Colombo sends an update on what he's up to: "We will be moving to the Toronto area before Christmas, as I have been transferred to Permanent Staff with the Ministry of Natural Resources. We are all happy about the move, as Toronto was

originally home for both Carol and myself. I think I am the only Dip player north of Huntsville, and have never played FTF! Perhaps now I'll get an opportunity."

Give Dave Carter a call when you get to T.O. I'm sure he'll be happy to remedy your condition. He likes anyone who likes Toronto. There are quite a few Dippies north of you, so you guys in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C. and NWT don't have to write to protest. I'm sure Steve is thinking of Ontario only.

Windy Windblad asks: "Please run a small request for me to have some of your readers send me some of their favorite recipes."

Okay, out there, Windy's at PO Box B 43816, Florence, AZ 85232. I don't imagine he'd need dozens of recipes for spaghetti sauce and chili (I'm sure every one of you has the recipe), so use your imagination.

Okay, on to the current Canadian political scene. Looks like there's some truth behind a rumour I heard this summer. Errol Flatt writes: "I found your comments on the political scene quite interesting, and when I can find a quiet moment I intend to write a short piece on why I'm trying to be elected to Parliament."

Hey, great, that would mean I'd have two friends in the House. The other, Dan Heap, was a close friend during my hippy days in Toronto, and I was delighted when he was elected last fall as a member of the NDP. Expect lots of snide remarks and arguments about the PCs, Errol, but I still wish you the best of luck and look forward to your article.

Seems Errol has at least one (reluctant?) supporter in Steve Hutton, who writes: "It seems to me that the question is not how much change we want but what sort of change we want. Replacing the Liberals by the NDP might well produce more change than replacing them by the Conservatives (although I doubt it—the Liberals have gone about as far in the Socialist direction as Canadians will put up with) but that they would give us a much worse government than the Conservatives."

Dave Carter climbed a soap box to say: "I think that anyone who votes Liberal should be given a thorough physical to determine the extent of their brain damage. I also feel that anyone who votes Conservative and expects competent governing should be shipped to the States where they can get the government they want. I do not intend to vote for either party because: 1) the Conservatives, under Kermit Clark, will self-destruct every time; 2) the Liberals have to be deliberately leading this country down the garden path. It's too good a job to be accidental. So where's the answer? Not NDP!!! It's the Rhinoceros or Liberterrean parties!!! Hell, PET stole most of their ideas anyway."

One of the few times Dave and I agree on anything. Seeing as the next federal election is about three years away, a lot can change. Canadians apparently feel left out right now and want their own Ronnie Reagan or Margaret Thatcher failing, as usual, to learn from the mistakes of others. It's fairly typical though that in times in great social stress people opt for reactionaries who promise to return to the "good old days"—even though such a thing has never existed—rather than vote

for parties or people who could possibly do something to resolve the problems. Hence Anderson didn't have any greater chance of winning in the U.S.A. than the NDP does here. They say one gets the government one deserves. At least I have the satisfaction of knowing I didn't vote for the present government, nor will I vote for Kermit Clark. If I might borrow a current slogan in the U.S., "Don't blame me, I voted NDP."

Bob Albrecht adds this perspective: "You were wondering if Dennis Duncan was your only alienated Westerner? Believe me, these days it would be hard to find an unalienated one! Who would have thought two years ago that "liberal" would be a dirty word on Canadian campuses?..."

"On a happier note, did you know the WCP ((Western Concept Party--a separatist group based in Alberta)) are having trouble finding ~~liberals~~ people to run for them in Calgary? Even better, I think, is that with the possibility of Lougheed running for the federal Tories leadership there might be a real reason to vote PC this next election. If Lougheed can do half as much for Canadian resources as he has done for Alberta's, then a return to a decent economic climate is not unforeseeable. If only Ontario would realize that..."

"Otherwise, with Clark, Trudeau, or the NDP as choices what is the use of even going to the polls? What do you think?"

I think it's obvious what I think from my comments in reaction to other letters. Lougheed? Not a chance! Or do you think we have forgotten, "Let the Eastern bastards freeze in the dark?" As for "liberal" being a dirty word on campuses, it was when I was a student during the sixties as well, but for much different reasons. Glad to hear that Canada's version of the American rednecks aren't getting much support. What's the use of going to the polls? Well, if you don't, you have no right to complain about the kind of government you get. I always make it a point to vote against the winning party; that way all my howling is justified as I did my bit to try to prevent the @%�'s from getting in. Maybe, if we move to Ontario, where I won't be handicapped by being an "anglais" I'll take a more active part in the political process.

And in the kiddy department (ie., what good are kids unless you can brag about them), Steve Colombo says, "Annie has six teeth now, but hasn't begun to walk yet. Her first birthday was September 4th, and she was excited with her gift--a "choo-choo." She sits on the back and rides around the house, giving big grins and giggles."

What a great excuse to talk about Christopher, who is now five months old and still growing, heading for over six foot, I'm sure. His favourite toy these days is a punching clown which is almost as big as he is. That doesn't stop him from trying to eat it though. In fact he'll try to eat anything except cereal which, as far as he's concerned, is only good for smearing around. Next to the clown his favourite food seems to be my fingers which he gnaws on while growling like a puppy. He's a bit of civilizing to go through yet!

I've been saving Scott Hanson's letter until the end, as I find it so interesting and well-written, I think it should have the status of a separate article. He was responding to my "farewell to teaching and Québec" a few issues back.

"Your article...really struck a chord with me. Reminded me a lot of my hometown, Madison, MN, pop. 7,700, stuck out in the middle of nowhere in west-central Minnesota. Small towns are great to grow up in, but it's very easy to become trapped there, not looking at all past the fields at the edge of town. The area is totally dependant on agriculture, which means the whole town varies in cycles between just barely coming out ahead to barely surviving, like the farmers.

"A lot of good memories, and many bitter ones, too. The parties are great. Your description of your wedding reception seemed like many a wedding dance I've been to, except the uptight relatives. Like is simple—a good blizzard can shut the town tight for a day, allowing you to catch up on your reading, crocheting, or just thinking. But there's loneliness—empty days and nights, alcoholism, drugs, battered women and children, poverty—and many people see no way out.

"I've seen my classmates become pregnant and marry, the relationship doomed from the outset, become alcoholics, go to prison. I saw two friends killed within two months, a devastating blow to a senior class of just 80 students. I'll always be bitter at the town for that I suppose. Two kids died and no one seemed to care, as long as no beer cans and tire tracks got in their yard.

"I try to visit Madison as little as possible. I see my family when they come to Minneapolis (200 miles) or at their lake cabin. Funny, out of my best friends in school, I ended up staying closest to home. One got married four months before graduation, his wife having a miscarriage on the wedding night. They're in Seattle; he's in the army. My other friend was always in trouble despite a Mensa IQ. He stuck around town for a while, but now is in Arizona, going to computer school. And I'm here, close to my family, but keeping the town at arm's length."

That bitter-sweet sadness of small town life reflects pretty much how I felt about Maniwaki for the seven years I was there. There's a song by Neil Young called "Helpless" about a small town in northern Ontario, reflecting the same feelings. I guess small towns are the same everywhere, as are people.

Scott adds a postscript: "Canada is spelled C,eh?,N,eh?,D,eh?" Yeah. In fact I'm beginning to believe Christopher is a child genius, as he can already spell half of it, eh?

Battle Stations

Expiring Subs: With this issue (ie., you don't get any more unless you renew): Bob Albrecht, Andy Lischett.

Expiring next issue (#26): Blair Cusack, Dan MacLellan, George Mills, Windy Windblad.

At #27 (plan ahead, renew early!): Peter Ashley, Steve Berrigan, Claude Gautron, John Horn, Eric Kirchner, Rob Lowes, Scott Marley, Bob Olsen, Steve Spedakos, Martin Taylor.

Waiting for Game Starts: Nelson Millar's game filled and the starting positions will be mailed with this issue.

BLOWUP filled as well. I realize some of you said "maybe," but if you can confirm before November 19, maybe we can get this started with the first deadline in January. You can also send

along a preference list. If anyone else wants in, write anyhow, in case some "maybe's" turn to "no's."

Signed up are: Keith Sesler, Steve Hutton, Mark Keller, Dave Carter, Dave Lincoln, Nelson Millar, Bruce Poppe.

NORTH-4 (which may be quite a while off) has Keith Sesler and Dennis Duncan signed up.

Standbys: Bob Acheson (N,O), Bob Albrecht (O,V); Dave Carter (N,O), Chip Charnley (M,N,O), Walter Compton (M,N,O), Blair Cusack (N,O), John Davies (N,O), Gary Ferguson (N,O), Claude Gautron (N,O), Scott Hanson (M), Jan Jensen (N,O), Jack Jung (N,O), Mark Keller (N,O,V), Rob Lowes (N,O), Mike Mazzer (M), Mary Ann Mills (N,O), Bob Olsen (M,N), Paul Rauterberg (N,O), Keith Sesler (M,N,O), Pierre Touchette (N,O), Dan Wilson (M,N,O,V), Windy Windblad (M,N,O), Rick Young (N,O,V).

Policy: if everything is equal, I assign positions to people not already in games, or about to be wiped out in other games. That way I hope no one gets overworked and as many people as possible can participate. Geographical locations are taken into consideration. If I notice that someone is in a lot of games elsewhere, or is NMRing in other zines, I reserve them for emergency situations (ie., if I run out of qualified people for a given game). If you tell me you want to be at the "top" of the list, that's okay by me.

Quiz

Re. the Babe Ruth-Joe Friday question two issues ago, the correct answer was 714, not 417. See the letter section.

Now, as for last month's, we had a good response. Jan Jensen, Scott Marley, Rob Lowes, and Mark Keller all got both parts. In part A: You can beat a drum, a dog, a retreat, or an egg, but you can't beat love (groan).

The answer to B is: You can tune a piano, a mind, a car, or a receiver, but you can't tune a fish! Some thought "mind" should have been the odd one out, but according to Webster's Third International Dictionary it can be tuned. (According to Timothy Leary as well, if you want further authority (?).)

Dennis Duncan got part A only. Roy Smith's response to A was so clever, I think he ought to get a full point even though he didn't get B. He said all but retreat are animals. He listed a drum fish, a dogfish, a lovebird, and egger (a type of moth). He even gave the Latin names for them.

George Mills still leads with 4 Brownie Points, but Mark Keller is only half a point behind. Jan Jensen pulled up to 3 to tie with Ben Schilling.

I assume that by now you've realized there's some sort of connection between the parts of quiz answers, however tenuous.

Try these.

A) What did (do) the following people have in common: Mark Twain, Lucille Ball, George Bernard Shaw, Christopher Columbus?

B) What did the following people have in common: Queen Elizabeth I (of England), Carol Doda, Charles I (of England) and King Louis XVI (of France)?



Christopher at Two Months

Parting Shot

A STOP THE PRESSES item: The Leader Poll results are out, published first in DIPLOMACY DIGEST, rather than DIPLOMACY WORLD, as Rod Walker has been ill and overworked lately. Mark Berch separated subzine from mainzine results as they are separate categories.

The top zines in N.A. are: 1. Europa Express, 2. Paranoic's Monthly, 3. Just Among Friends, 4. Apalling Greed, 5. Brutus Bulletin, 6. Lone Star Diplomat, 7. Sleepless Knights, 8, Terran, 9. Voice of Doom, 10/11. Coat of Arms, Whitestonia, 12. Diplomacy World, 13. The Schemer, 14. Irsome, 15. St. George and the Dragon, 16. Murd'ring Ministers, 17. Snafu!, 18. Dogs of War, 19. Cheesecake, 20. Runestone, 21. Diplomacy By Moonlight. There are probably another 40-50 zines listed, but that's all Mark printed.

The top ten GMs in N.A. are: 1. Doug Beyerlein, 2. John Daly, 3. Steve Heinowski, 4. Andy Lischett, 5. Bob Ousch, 6. Bob Sergeant, 7. Lee Kendter, Sr., 8/9. Ron Brown/Ron Brown, 10. Gary Coughlan.

Congratulations to all the pubbers and GMs on the list. And thanks to everyone who voted for me and SNAFU!. SNAFU!'s position doubled last year's when it was #34. I didn't make the GM list last year and to be in the top ten, tied with my name-sake (#2 last year) is really flattering. That's really heady company I'm in as the others are excellent GMs. Well, as far as I know, I'm the only GM in the game's history to allow F Bre - Mun (1979 HA, last issue). That wasn't an "error"; that was an example of "creative GMing" and I guess someone recognizes my talents in that field. Again, thanks to all. And I'll work harder at getting rid of typos in game reports.

Boy, I sure get lots of space this month. Gives me a chance to get caught up on some items. So much for my threat to produce a warehouse issue this time. (Ann says she'll believe it when she sees it. Seems I've made that promise quite a few times before. Next time, next time....) If you'll notice, this issue wrote itself in any case, mainly letters. The only item which takes a lot of research is the History section, so that's going to take a back seat for a while until I get re-settled. A lot of books are already packed, and they'll be the last items unpacked.

Speaking of moving, 1200 Summerville is a townhouse near the Experimental Farm (a huge area in central Ottawa reserved for agricultural research). When I was lamenting leaving the country to Ralph Morton the other day, he remarked that I'd still be able to go look at the cows. Just not the same. Christopher is fascinated by trees and lies on our bed talking to the ones just outside the window. Won't be able to do that in the city (we won't have floor to ceiling windows for one thing). At least there's a playground just across the parking lot. We do expect to save tons of money by moving, however. We'll be able to get rid of one car and instead of paying \$400.-\$500. a month for gas, will be able to get by with two bus passes, using the car for grocery shopping. Add another \$200. or so for the difference in taxes between Ontario and Québec and I'll be able to grin and bear it. With all the money (severance pay and pension contributions) the Québec government bribed me with to leave, we paid off some credit card bills. So, the total saving will be close to \$1,000. a month—in case you were wondering why two highly paid people were constantly broke.

While we're on the subject, at this date I do not know our new telephone number. Those who depend on the telephone to get orders in are strongly urged to break with tradition and MAIL orders this month. With all the R. Brown's in the city you might find it a bit difficult to get the new number. This is a postal game anyhow, so it might be good practice for some of you to try it out. (Stamps are still a lot cheaper than telephone rates.) It would be a pleasant relief if I didn't have to call anyone for NMR Insurance.

Bitching aside, I received issue #2 of NO FIXED ADDRESS and it's better than the first one. Looks like a real winner. Another JUST AMONG FRIENDS arrived. A new honour has been heaped (dumped?) upon your noble publisher. I have been appointed a custodian position in the Galactic Diplomacy Federation, definitely the biggest hobby institution around. I've been put in charge of beaurocracy, which means I am not supposed to do anything except produce memos in jargon that no one (including me) can understand. Should be great practice for working in Ottawa.

Just received an issue of POL SI FIE with the end game stats for 1976 CR. "So?" you ask. The game ended in 1927 with an English win. In 1911 England had three centres while Turkey had 17! By 1917 Italy had 16 centres while Turkey and England had 9 each. At the end of the game, Italy was reduced to one centre (Turkey had 15 to England's 18). Just thought you'd be interested. The winner was Steve Berrigan who took over as a standby when England was at its lowest ebb. There's a moral there.

There are no real rules or patterns in Diplomacy, despite what the hobby statisticians would have us believe. We have some interesting games in SNAFU! In 1980 HM, for example, we have a strong Austrian sea power—and the experts would have us believe that no such critter exists! (By contrast, 1979 AE has an equally strong Austria with only one fleet.) In 1981 W, there have been annihilations in almost every season for the past (real) year. Contrast that with 1980 IC where there are also two alliance structures facing each other and yet there has been almost no movement for a (real) year. In 1976 CX, we've a Russia with control of the eastern half of the Mediterranean, yet most of the other Russias have few or no fleets. The game depends more on stubbornness, cunning, and just plain luck than on pre-determined patterns. There is no magic opening that will predestine your end. I think it was Mike Mills who said that Diplomacy is simply a matter of selecting a target and praying that you survive.

Last June, Doug Millstone sent along a newspaper cutting on the origins of the word SNAFU. (I'm sure you all realize that the term was coined by British forces during WWII.) The article included many spinoff words, like TARFU (Total And Reliable Foul-Up) and FUBAR (Fouled Up Beyond All Recognition). Worse than a SNAFU is a SNEFU (Situation Normal—Everything Fouled Up). Thanks, Doug, I enjoyed the article.

The name SNAFU! came to me two years ago as I was casting about for a name for the 1980 IC game report (which is how all this began). Ann made horrible faces when I'd come out with names like "The True North," "Whiteout," or "Ron's Rag." Being September I was back at work as usual. And, as usual, the first few days of school were disastrous. For example, the textbook order forms I had filled out in June were still sitting on the Vice Principal's desk, despite the fact that I needed the books to begin the year. Student schedules were not ready, so kids were wandering around not knowing where they were supposed to be. Computer technicians in Québec were on strike so our pay cheques couldn't be calculated. Students graduating in June still hadn't received their marks. And so on, just as usual. That's how I thought of the name.

I won't be facing that sort of thing any more, but, so far I've had to deal with down systems, programs with no end statements, a mass storage system none of the instructors understand (at least I figured out how to get a core dump from it), manuals written in high school dropout English, and a set of exam regulations which don't make sense. I guess the world never changes, no matter what field you're in. It's just going to continue being SNAFU! (or TARFU or SNEFU). If you try to make sense of it all, you'll just wind up confused.

Ron