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"Oh, I always bring it
to the games, Monte.
It's very handy when
Ed Halle starts throwing
beer bottles."

STABBINGS:

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sTab, the Beer fan's gasette and postal diplomacy journal, is published tri-weekly by John Koning (note new address above). Subscriptions are 10 for \$1. Also edited by Koning is Valhalla, a journal of postal diplomacy and wargaming co-sponsored by Chris Wagner of Strategy and Tactics. Subscriptions to 1 year each of sTab and Valhalla are \$3 (3+ issues). Trades are welcome, of course.

Two weeks ago Girard and parts of Youngstown were demolished during the Youngstown-Scarboro & Willowdale confrontation. Also severely damaged were several cases of Rolling Rock, a twin pak (12 each) of (Canadian) Red Cap and Black Label, and a carton of warm coke which Bob Lake seemed to prefer to any other beverage. John Smythe concluded that no one could win in AH's "1914," and your simple editor played innumerable games of "Battle of Britain" with the insidious Derek Nelson (who would wake up at seven in the morning with plans for a devastating new raid on poor nearly defenseless England and try to convince me to get up a be slaughtered like a man... before breakfast). All in all it was a joyous occasion, which will soon be legendary (if Jutland Jollies mentions it, anyway).

Larry Peery (4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115) is opening a game of regular diplomacy in Xenogogic especially for those who have not played the game previously by mail. Larry says he will furnish a summary of the rules for those who do not have their own sets. Fee is \$3, with play to start in September (game list out in August).

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CHANGES - - - - -	1966BN-E: E. Birsan (dro FO4) R. Houston
1966BL-F: J. Smythe (dro W03) S. Eltinge	F: J. Smythe (dro FO4) G. Warden
G: R. Bounds (dro W03) G. Warden	G: S. Berschig (dro FO4) D. Beyerlein
1966BM-E: J. Vidotto (dro W02) disorder (out FO5)	I: E. Bryant (res FO4) disorder (out FO4)
A: C. Anderson (dro W02) disorder (out W03)	R: R. Houston (res FO4) disorder

1966BO-R: A. Fisher (out FO4)
 1967A-F: C. Reinsel (out FO9)
 1967O-T: A. Swenson (out FO6)
 1967W-A: T. Griffin (dro FO6)
 J. White
 1967Z-E: E. Birsan (out FO6)
 G: M. Melby (out FO6)
 1967AB-A: T. Benn (dro WO2)
 D. Beyerlein
 1967AO-G: D. McDonald (res WO4)
 H. Peck
 R: H. Peck
 1967AT-I: S. Gordon (res WO3)
 disorder (out FO4)

1967BA-A: T. Griffin (out FO3)
 1968F-A: J. McCallum (out FO3)
 1968G-A: I. Musicant (out FO3)
 1968P-A: T. Griffin (out FO3)
 T: K.V. Wittman (out FO3)
 NEW GAMES - - - - -
 1968AC - La Guerre LBB - Buddy
 Tretick ((March))
 E - Bill Fitzpatrick
 F - Anders Swenson
 G - Frank Lunney
 I - Bob Johnson
 A - Linn Haramis
 R - Robert Komada
 T - Edi Birsan

NEWLY COMPLETED GAMES - - - - -

1966BC -- Euralia, Jim Sanders (res FO2); Adag, Hal Naus

E - Eugene Prosnitz (won FO7)
 F - Thomas Griffin (dro WO6)
 Greg Long
 G - James Goldman (out FO3)
 I - Jess Steinberg (dro SO3)
 Peter McDonald

A - Bob Whalen (dro SO3)
 Bob Komada
 R - Mark Johnson (out FO4)
 T - Thomas Byro (dro SO3)
 Edi Birsan

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
E -	5	8	9	12	14	14	18*
F -	5	6	8	9	7	8*	3
G -	4	1					
I -	4	4*	3	1	1	1	1
A -	4	5*	3	4	4*	1	
R -	4	4	3				
T -	5	5	8	8	8	10	12

Hearty congratulations to Gene Prosnitz on his first win... but hardly his last. This game is the sixth win for England, putting it in clear second place in total number of wins.

1967H - Miskatonic University 1967MC - Anders Swenson

E - Alan Fisher (out FO6)
 F - Charles Brannan
 G - Brian Bailey
 I - Clude Johnson (out SO5)

A - James Dygert
 R - Charles Turner (won FO9)
 T - Gail Schow

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
E -	4	3	2	2	1				
F -	5	5	6	4	4	3	3	2	2
G -	4	5	5	6	5	6*	6	6*	3
I -	4	4	3	1					
A -	5	5	6	8	7	8*	8	9	9
R -	6*	6	8	9	12	12	14	15	18
T -	4	4	4	4	5	5	3	2	2

Congratulations also to Charles Turner on his first win. 1967H is Russia's 8th win, putting it even further in the lead in the total wins race.

A Gamesmaster's summary of 1967H appears in Armageddon 35.

Omitted from page two was the news that Charles Reinsel (120 8th Avenue, Clarion, Penna. 16214) is opening a new game in Big Brother. BB is among the most dependable of diplomacy magazines (having kept to its bi-weekly schedule for 62 issues), but it is not recommended to players who reliability is doubtful... when you miss three moves in BB, you're OUT. Fee is \$6 for new players (new to BB, that is), and \$3 for those currently in a BB game.

sTab #III

"Fall 1906"

1 June 1968

NOTE: Following the "Spring 1906" moves, the Russia Fleet North Sea retreated to the Norwegian Sea.

ROLAND TZUDIKER -- no moves received.

ENGLAND: F's Eng, Nth-stand

TURKEY: F's Por, Tyrr, Ion; A's Ven, Apu, Alb, Smy-stand

JOHN McCALLUM

FRANCE: F Lyon-Spa(sc); F Mid (S) F Lyon-Spa; A Pie-Mar; F Helg-Hol; A Bel (S) F Helg-Hol

GERMANY: F Kie (S) FRENCH F Helg-Hol; A Den (S) F Kie; A Mun (S)
F Kie; A Lon-hold; F Edi-hold

LARRY FEERY

RUSSIA: F Nwg (S) F StP(nc)-Nwy; F StP(nc)-Nwy; A Nwy-Swe;
F Swe-Ska; F Bal (S) A Ber; A Ber (S) A Sil-Mun; A Sil-Mun;
A Vie-Tyr; A Tri (S) A Vie-Tyr; A Ser (S) A Tri;
A Sev-Rum; F Con-Smy

Underlined moves do not succeed. The German Army Munich may retreat to either Ruhr, Burgundy, or Bohemia. This retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1906" orders, which may be made conditional upon it.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1906" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Bre, ~~M&Y~~ ((1)) Remove ONE Total 9
TURKEY: Smy, Bul, Gre, Tun, Rom, ~~T&Y~~, Ven, Nap, Por ((8)) no place to build (will be one short next year).
FRANCE: Par, Mar, ~~P&Y~~, Bel, Spa, Hol ((5)) No change Total 10
GERMANY: Kie, ~~M&N~~, ~~B&Y~~, Lvp, Edi, Lon, Den ((5)) No change
RUSSIA: Mos, War, Sev, StP, Swe, Rum, Bud, Ank, Con, Nwy, Vie, Ser, Ber, Mun, Tri ((15)) Build THREE

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GENEVA (DWE) Dr. Peter H. Olmos' lecture on how Australia was saved from the Greene Plague will be delayed until time so that we may bring you the rest of the magazine.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: June 7-12: Larry Peery
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June 16-July 13: Lawrence Peery, AF199009909
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 sTab #V

"Spring 1903"

1 June 1968

HAL NAUS -- no moves received

ENGLAND: F's Ska, Nth, Eng-stand
 FRANCE: F's Spa(sc), Lyon; A's Mar, Bur, Par-stand
 TURKEY: F's EMed, Con; A Ank-stand

DEREK NELSON -- no moves received

GERMANY: F Kie; A's Ber, Hol, Bel-stand
 ITALY: F's Nap, Tyrr, WMed; A's Mun, Pie-stand
 AUSTRIA: F's Ion, Aeg; A's Bul, Bud, Gal, Sil-stand

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: F Rum (S) TURKISH F Con-Bul; A Sev (S) F Rum; A Ukr-Gal;
A War (S) A Ukr-Gal; A Pru-Sil; F Den (S) ENGLISH F Nth-
Hel; F StP(sc)-Both; F Nwy-Swe

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Galacia is destroyed.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1903" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968

TRANTOR

#75/SVG #75

"Fall 1909, Game III"
 (Winter follows)

1 June 1968

SECOND GREAT POWER FALS

LAST FRENCH FORCE TRAPPED IN MARSEILLES

ENGLAND: A Den-Swe; F Swe-Bal; F Both (S) RUSSIAN A StP; F Mid (S)
 (Pournelle) F Bre; F Bre (S) F Mid; A Hol (S) GERMAN A Kie;
 F Nth-Nwy; A Bur-Mun

FRANCE: A Mar-Spa
 (Reinsel)

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GERMANY: A Ruh (S) ENGLISH A Bur-Mun; A Kie (S) ENGLISH A Bur-
(Latin) Mun

ITALY: A Gas-Mar; F Spa(sc) (S) A Gas-Mar; F Ion-Adr; F Apu (S)
(Clark) F Ion-Adr; F Tyrr-Ion; A Pie (S) A Ven; A Ven-hold

AUSTRIA: F EMed-Aeg; F Gre-Aeg; F Alb (S) F Adr; F Adr (S) A Tri-
(Smythe) Ven; A Tyr (S) A Tri-Ven; A Tri-Ven; A Vie (S) A Tyr;
A Gal-War; A Sil (S) A Mun; A Bon (S) A Mun; A Mun (S)
GERMAN A Kie; A Ber (S) GERMAN A Kie; A Pru (S) A Ber;
A Mos (S) A Lvn; A Lvn (S) RUSSIAN A StP

RUSSIA: A StP-hold
(Nelson)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Army Marseilles (after six years) is destroyed.

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Swe, Bre ((8)) No change
FRANCE: ~~Mar~~ ((OUT))
GERMANY: Kie, Don ((2)) No change
ITALY: Nap, Ven, Tun, Spa, Rom, Por, Par, Mar ((8)) Build ONE
AUSTRIA: Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, Con, Ank, Ber, Smy,
Mun, War, Sev, Mos ((15)) No change
RUSSIA: StP ((1)) No change

"Winter 1909, Game III"

ITALY: Builds Fleet Naples

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1910" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968
NOTE YOUNGSTOWN ADDRESS ON PAGE TWO

WHITEHALL (International News Service, W R Hearst) James Link
Clamers Reports

The British Admiralty has reported to King Edward that there is no way that the war can be ended. Negotiations with Italy to allow British fleets to participate in the Mediterranean war seem to have led nowhere, probably due to the past history of Italian-British relations. The First Sea Lord has been ordered to make at least one fleet available to the Italian Navy whenever the Italians request it, and it is apparent that he accepted the instructions with distaste. According to usually reliable sources, word is expected from Rome at almost any time.

LONDON; HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONARY OFFICE -- Synopsis from White Paper. For Immediate Release.

Three Admiralty Draughtsmen have been dismissed from the Service and ordered to stand trial for violation of the Official Secrets Act, following their arrest by Scotland Yard in a Cheapside public house. Scotland Yard Detective Captain Claud Eustace Toal assisted by Detective Barrows arrested the men in flagrante delicto as they were allowing agents of the American press to read Admiralty Secret docu-

ments. Although there is no definite proof of the identity of the reporter for whom the information was intended, Scotland Yard expects new arrests to be made in the very near future.

WITH THE BEF IN HOLLAND (Reuters) The boys are having an easy time of it on the Continent. Expected attacks on German forces in Kiel did not materialize, and except for minor action by cavalry patrols, the Territorials and Guards have had little to do. Trenches and redoubts are being furnished with an amazing variety of materials, and some regiments have even planted Tulips in neat rows in their compounds. A well known BG who prefers not to be identified stated that "War or not, it is certainly magnificent."

----- "Spring 1903, Game IV" -----

M U C H S H U F F L I N G A B O U T I N B A L K A N S

FRENCH LOSE HEAVILY UNDER THREE NATION ASSAULT

ENGL AND: F Eng-Bre; A Lon-hold; F Nwg-Nth; F Bar (S) A StP;
(Koolenz) A StP-hold

FRANCE: A Bre-Gas; F Spa(nc) (S) A Bre-Gas; A Mar-Bur; A Par (S)
(Wagner) A Mar-Bur

GERMANY: A Sil-Boh; A Mun (S) A Sil-Boh; A Ber-Pru; F Bal (S)
(Smythe) A Ber-Pru; A Bel (S) A Bur; A Bur (S) ITALIAN A Pie-Mar

ITALY: A Pie-Mar; F Lyon (S) A Pie-Mar; A Rom-Ven; F Mid-For
(Prosnitz)

AUSTRIA: A Gal-Ukr; A Rum (S) A Gal-Ukr; A Vic-Gal; A Tyr-Tri;
(Tzudiker) A Ser-Bul; F Gro (S) A Ser-Bul

RUSSIA: F Swe-Den; A Mos-hold; A Pru-hold
(Ward)

TURKEY: F Bla-Rum; A Sev (S) F Bla-Rum; A Bul (S) F Bla-Rum
(Kuch) F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Army Marseilles is annihilated. The Turkish Army Bulgaria is retreated to Constantinople. The Austrian Army Rumania may retreat to either Budapest or Serbia. The Russian Army Prussia may retreat to either Livonia, Warsaw, or Silesia. The Austrian and Russian retreats must be at my YOUNGSTOWN ADDRESS by Thursday, 13 June 1968. At this time, the Turkish player may exercise his option to remove rather than retreating. Players may, of course, send in "Fall 1903" orders conditional upon the retreats in question.

DEADLINE FOR "SUMMER 1903" RETREATS IS THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 1968

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1903" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968

Send all moves to Youngstown address (see page 2)

LONDON Since John has taken Holland,
 And you're such a bad poet, Roland,
 For these reasons two
 And also 'cause I grew,
 I'm attacking you, Roland, through Poland.

LONDON Hey Russia, you die in Prussia,
 And in Swc., you better flee.

LONDON With our guns, France,
 We goin' to make you prance,
 'Cause with our Fleet
 We're shootin' at your feet.

LONDON (John says that somebody might alledge that I'm Roland;
 but I'm really a figment of my imagination. And I'm not
 really tasting those beers you've been sending John, Ed.)

GENEVA (DWE) Groan. Anti-war cantatas, anyone?

MOSCOW The Russian Information service reports that the Russian
 force in Prussia was in response to provocative German moves
 in Sillesia and will be withdrawn on satisfactory guarantees of Ger-
 man neutrality -- like withdrawel of the Silesian force.

GENEVA (DWE) Well, there is no longer a German force in Sillesia
 and, true to his word, there will very shortly no
 longer be a Russian force in Prussia.

MOSCOW Basic combat training is worse than a Russian winter.

CONSTANTINOPLE Wanted: One (1) ally. Must not be stationed on
 our borders. Apply in person to the Impotentate.

○ MASSIF^{no} 60 ○

Game 1966I

"Spring 1913, Game II"

1 June 1968

W A R T O E N D I N 1 9 1 3 ?

GERMAN CONFUSION UPSETS ALLIANCE TURNTABLE!

ENGLAND: F Lon-Nth
 (Cartier)

FRANCE: F Eng-Mid
 (Tzudiker)

GERMANY: No moves received. F's Lvp, Nwg, Nth, Holg, Den; A's Edi,
 (Naus) Hol, Bel, Ruh, Bur, Par, Gas, Mun, Ber, Kic-stand

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TURKEY: A Bul-Rum; A Mos (S) A Ukr; A Ukr (S) A Gal; A Gal (S)
 (Davidson) A Boh; A Tyr (S) A Boh; A Pnr-Spa; A Tus-Ven; A Pic (S)
 A Tyr; F Iri-Eng; F Mid (S) F Iri-Eng; F Bro (S) F Iri-
 Eng; F Wied (S) A Por-Spa; F Tyrr-Lyon; F Ion-Tyrr;
 F Aeg-Ion

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Fleet English Channel is routed, and may retreat to either Wales, Picardy, or off the board. This retreat should be submitted with the "Fall 1913" orders, which may be made conditional upon it.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1913" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968

"Spring 1908, Game III"

TURKEY RETURNS TO THE FRAY

AUSTRIA STILL SILENT, ITALY FADES

ENGLAND: A Tun-Nap; F Tyrr (C) A Tun-Nap; F Ion (S) A Tun-Nap;
 (Zelazny) F Adr-Tri; F Iri-hold; F Mid-hold; F Aeg-Bul(sc);
F EMed-Aeg; A Ber-Sil; F Bal (S) FRENCH A Pru; F StP(sc)
 (S) FRENCH A Lvn

FRANCE: A Ven-Rom; A Pic-Tus; A Bur-Mun; A Tyr-Ven; A Sil-War;
 (Turner) A Pru (S) A Sil-War; A Lvn (S) A Sil-War; A Smy-Ank
F Syr-Smy

ITALY: No move received. A Rom, A Nap-stand
 (MacKenzie)

AUSTRIA: No move received. F Bul(sc); A's Alb, Ser, Tri, Bud,
 (Francis) Vic, Gal, War, Mos-stand

TURKEY: A Con-Smy
 (Shagrin)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Warsaw and the Italian Army Naples are annihilated.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1908" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968
 NOTE YOUNGSTOWN ADDRESS ON PAGE TWO

CON STANTINOPLE Turkey has returned to life! One of the palace guards rescued the Sultan from his harem, where dancing girls provided by the French government had held him a willing prisoner.

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G A M E D A W D L E S A L O N G

FRANCE'S TURN TO MISS MOVES

FRANCE: No moves received. F's Eng, Pic, Ven, Adr, Ion, Tun,
(Miller) Bul(sc); A's Gre, Alb, Ser, Tri, Bur, Pic, Bel, Edi-stand

GERMANY: F Den-Nth; A Rum (S) FRENCH A Gre-Bul; A Sev-Arm;
(Huff) A Lvn-Mos; A Bud (S) A Vie; A Vie (S) A Bud; A Nvy-hold;
A Ruh-Bel; A Man-Buh; A Boh-Mun; A Gal-Boh; A Tyr (S)
A Bon-Mun; A Mos-Ukr

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev; A Con-Bul; F Aeg-EMed
(Reinscl)

Underlined moves do not succeed.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1912" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968

BUILDS:

FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bre, Rom, Tun, Por, Spa, Nap, Ven, Lon, Edi, Lvp,
Tri, Ser, Gre, Bul ((16)) Build ONE
GERMANY: Ber, Kic, Mun, Nvy, Swe, Den, Hol, War, StP, Mos, Bel, Vie,
Bud, Rum, BY, Sev ((15)) Build TWO
TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy ((3)) No change

"Spring 1908, Game H"

T U R K S T A K E G R E E C E

GERMAN HIGH SEAS FLEET ENTERS MED

ENGLAND: A Lvp-Wal; A Edi-Yor; F Nap-Tyrr
(Cartier)

FRANCE: No moves received. F Lyon; A's Mar, Lon-hold
(Hakulin)

GERMANY: F Nwg-Nth; F Nth-Eng; F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Naf; A Bre-Gas;
(Thomson) A Par-Bur; A Kic-Ruh; A Mun-hold; A Ber (S) A Mun;
A Sil (S) A Gal; A Gal-hold; A Ukr (S) A Mos-Sev; A Mos-
Sev

AUSTRIA: A Tyr (S) A Boh; A Boh-hold; A Vie (S) A Boh; A Bud-Gal;
(Reinscl) A Rum-Ukr; A Bul (S) A Gre; A Gre (S) A Bul; A Apu-Nap;
F Rom (S) A Apu-Nap; F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA: No move received. F Sev-stand
(Owings)

TURKEY: F Ion-Gre; F Aeg (S) F Ion-Gre; F Con-Bul(sc)
(Latimer)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Greece may re-
treat to either Serbia or Albania, or off the board. This retreat

should be submitted with the "Fall 1908" orders. Others players may, of course, make their moves conditional upon the direction of this retreat.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1908" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 1968
 NOTE YOUNGSTOWN ADDRESS ON PAGE TWO

MISSIF:

ROLAND TZUDIKER (895 Carr St., Denver, Colo. 80215) Comments on Smythe's letter

in #47 are in order. Using a real example, in Arma 5 ((1966BK)) I play England and Paul Leitch is playing Russia. From the beginning we allied and success came our way. He won in Germany and I put English fleets in Italy. I misjudged, however, who would win first and delayed my stab of Paul for one year too many. Now I find that he will win as he has strategic position on me. The point is that alliances are good when and only when they achieve or help achieve the goal: to win.

As to Smythe's point about being ganged up on, I know if I had my choice of whom to eliminate first in a Dippy game, I would choose the strongest player as he usually represents the biggest threat, both strategically and psychologically, in the game. Granting that the object is to win, I am surprised that Smythe isn't ganged up on more often. But since having fun is a greater motivation than pure victory and since his presence always makes the game more interesting he survives and then triumphs.

MARGARET GEMIGNANI (67 Windermere Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14610)

((Commenting on the list in #47)) I don't get it. Now I know what I play like. I am pretty bad. But how do people I can beat on the board get such ratings, so many points ahead of me?

And when Jim Letimer gets compared to Jerry Fournelle, that is too much! I can beat Jim! Jim is a nice fellow, a good player, but that good? And Larry Peery, nice fellow and a better player, with fabulous press releases, isn't that good.

Now how does Charles Reinsel rate such a high score? And Al Huff and Larry Peery aren't that much difference between them. Larry is a better player. And Jim Dygert... how did he get such a score?

People like Charles Brannan aren't better players than John Beardman? How do people like Phil Castora and Gail Schow get so far ahead of me. And Mike Childers? If I can beat them, they can't play that much better than me. ((In most systems, it isn't that you have beaten a given player once or twice that determines whether you rate higher than he does... it is whether you can consistently beat him that matters. Or rather, than you can consistently play better than he does. All systems that I know of reward consistency and penalize erratic play.))

Some players no longer deserve a high scorelike Bruce Pelz. He hasn't defended his title in years. ((There is much valid argument for omitting inactive players from rating lists. Rod Walker does so in his new system.))

All somebody has to do to get a really good score is to play

one game every year and win. ((All??)) If a player is careful he can pick the right opponents and never be beaten while a player who plays many games with a variety of opponents loses out. All zines aren't equal. Some zines are harder than others. Some variants too. ((Variants are not rated.))

Some games are won by the US Mail delivering your chief opponents' moves too late or his dropping. Some zines never report in. William Sullivan gets to be on a level with me. I don't think he ever even has played. What gives? ((The basic premise of the Prosnitz-Koning scheme reported in #47 and #48 was a rating based on the number of supply centers held at a game's conclusion. At the moment you have never finished a game with any centers... you therefore get a zero, along with 40 other people. If you finish your next game with even one center, you will immediately jump up a step from these forty.))

ED HALLE (107 SE 8th St. Gainesville, Fla. 32601) I've been reading press releases since before I got caught up in this race to spend money and keep my job secure, and I finally have found a great one, and in stab at that! Tranter #73, page 8, MOSCOW. It is masterful, humorous, and does not take six beer breaks to finish. I presume Ward wrote it? ((Yes)) It is really a beauty.

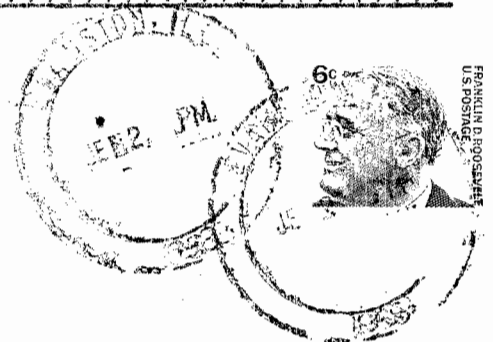
I'm still waiting for some misguided son of the suds to get up and defend American Premium beer. You would understand how big a laugh I consider that if you have had some Falstaff that was brewed in Galveston, Texas. Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeech!

I hope to carry out a version of your offer to John McCallum ((to ship him some Rolling Rock)) and get a bottle of Guinness on the way. If your Carlings is the same we get down here, you need some. ((I received a bottle of Guinness which you generously sent me... airmail special delivery no less... but am waiting for a suitable occasion to drink it. Thanks very much. Now, if the rest of you cheapskates would only....)) ((Well, that wraps it up for this issue. I have a stack more of letters, press releases, etc., but I must keep this issue to 12 pages for financial reasons. Maybe next time. jgk))

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