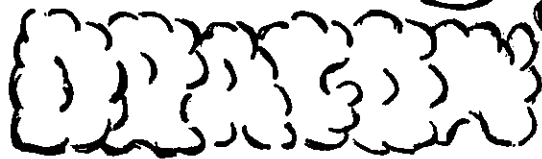




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Diplomacy is when you are playing England and France and Germany have both informed you that a move to the North Sea is regarded as a belligerent act.

Well, this is our first anniversary. Some publishers celebrate the event with a huge issue just cramed full of articles. However, I prefer not to give hernias to the members of the Postal Disservice. They would probably just throw the issue in the trash, and I know you'd rather do that yourselves. Besides, I only had one article submitted. I did not use it this issue since it is a comment on the reasons behind a player's opening moves, and I feel that if I print it, it may damage his Diplomatic situation for his next set of moves. I will print it next issue, space permitting.

I have decided to open one more game. I believe I have the space. The game fee is \$1.00 plus maintenance of a 10 issues for \$2.00 sub. I have had inquiries about game openings, due I think to the Avalon Hill sale of the game. However, this will be my last game so sign up now. I have one person signed up THERE ARE STILL SIX POSITIONS OPEN. (Some body told me the last time I had game openings, I didn't call attention to it.)

Right now, Saint George is in a state of flux. I have been writing almost the entire issue, which is not cutomary from what I see of other zines. Most print articles submitted, instead of writing them or print letters with commentary. I really haven't had the time lately to keep writing as much as I have. I would appreciate it if those familiar with this zine would give me some hint as to which features they find add to their enjoyment and which should be dropped. I hope the players, at least, will submit a rating with the next set of moves their evaluation on a scale of one to ten the following features: 1) Opening Comments, 2) illustrations, 3) Saint George Speaks, 4) Moonman, 5) Press. Help me out and vote.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME....

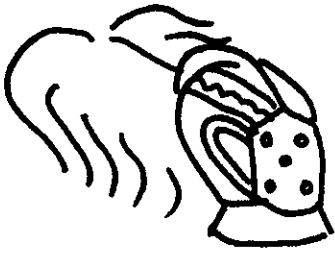
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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

SF and the Tube - Star Trek



First an apology to everyone. I had promised to stay out of hobby politics and my recent articles on the Boardman numbers have, in whole or in part, offended some. Such was not my intention and there will be no

more articles about such matters.

No to the subject at hand. Being a SF aficionado, I always look forward to a SF series on the tube. This season we have a choice of reruns of Star Trek, Space, 1999, Tales of the Unexpected, and Fantastic Journey. Also, on Saturday morning we have Land of the Lost and Ark II. I plan to discuss each of these in a series of articles.

Star Trek has become a cult phenomenon. I do not see why. Star Trek was the best SF show the tube has come up with, but it was a long way from perfect. Doctor McCoy grated on my nerves considerably. In the closed environment of the Enterprise he was a likely candidate for murder. And as far as development of his character, there was very little. Revealing him as a sarcastic individual is not really character development.

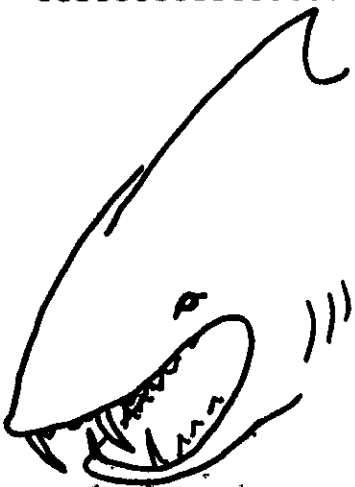
More attention was paid to the character of Mr. Spock, and after all, he was the star of the series. But as I remember, his skin was greenish because his blood used copper as the oxygen bearing atom instead of iron. Now I don't believe in parallel evolution in the first place. There is too much divergence in animal species on Earth for me to believe that a species on another planet, subject to an entirely different evolutionary history, is going to closely resemble us. However, I realize that very alien makeup is cost prohibitive for television, so I was willing to go along with it. But I cannot accept that two humanoid races with alien body chemistries are going to be mutually fertile.

SF as a form allows for little character development. The emphasis is on the story itself. I have heard this advanced as the reason why, although you can remember easily the plot of a well done SF story, it is difficult to remember the characters. I venture everyone has read Asimov's Foundation trilogy, but besides Hari Seldon and the Mule, how many of the characters can you name?

Star Trek, however, unlike the customary SF story dealt with the same characters. It had the time to develop the characters, and never did. Ensign Chekov, for me, never became more than just another smart-ass kid. Lt. Uhura was an extremely decorative part of the scenery, but no more than that. Contrast the Star Trek characters with those of a non-SF series, The Mary Tyler Moore Show. Those people are real. They're funny, but you know them. Even Ted Baxter, the most exaggerated character, is believable. Their characters over the years have taken on dimension. Star Trek even used cardboard characters. When three of the principals beamed down to the surface to a planet with a person you had never seen before, you knew only three of them were going to beam up.

In real life things do happen to people you know. The producers could have signed people to short term contracts simply to give you a chance to know them, before the alien gets them. It would have meant something.

In short, Star Trek was the best of TV SF, but it is a long way from deserving the extravagant praise it has received. Watch it for the stories, but it isn't literature.



LEVIATHAN

1976IF Leviathan Winter, 1901

Austria(Nurse): Builds A TRI, A VIE. Has F ALB, A SRB, A BUL, A TRI, A VIE

England(Charnley): Builds F LON. Has A YOR, F NWY, F NTH, F LON

France(Hazel): Builds A PAR, F BRE. Has A BUR, A SPA, A PAR, F POR, F BRE

Germany(Berch): Builds A MUN, A BER, Has A RUH, A HOL, A MUN, A BER, F DEN

Italy(Agosta): Builds F NAP. Has A VEN, A TUN, F ION, F NAP

Russia(McLendon): Builds F STP(NC). Has A RUM, A FIN, F GOB, F BLA, F STP(NC)

Turkey(Mann II): Builds F SMY. Has A GRE, A CON, F AEG, F SMY

A separation of seasons was requested. Spring, 1902 is now due by the deadline below. Your GM has orders on file for some of you. ((This does NOT include the set of orders phoned to me--RS)). They will be used unless he receives a change of orders. Press on page 6. **See below

 DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1902 IS MARCH 8, 1977 6:30 PM CST

1976BA The Basilisk Spring, 1905

WEST STILL IN DISARRAY



THE BASILISK

Austria(Hessel) A CON-apu, F ION C A CON-apu, F tri-ALB, F ADR S F ION, A tus-PIE, A TYO S A tus-PIE, A vie-TRI, A SIL S RUSSIAN A pru-BER, A MUN S RUSSIAN A pru-BER

England(Rogowski) F ENG-wal, F lom-YOR, F NWY S F gob-STP(SC), F gob-STP(SC), F SWE-fin

France(McLendon) F LVP-wal, A BRE H, A par-GAS

Germany(Mann II) F kie-DEN, F den-HEL, A ber-KIE, A BEL H

Italy(Brendlinger) F por-SPA(SC), F wes-TYN, F NAP-apu, A rom-TUS, A pie(d, r MAR, VEN, OTB) S A rom-TUS, F TUN S F wes-TYN

Russia(Anderson) F AEG C AUSTRIAN A CON-apu, A rum-GAL, A pru-BER, A war-PRU, F fin-GOB, F LVN S F fin-GOB, A stp-fin(d, r MOS, OTB)

Italy must retreat the army from Piedmont; Russia must retreat the army from St. Petersburg. These retreats are due with Fall, 1905 orders which may be made conditional upon them. No separation will be given just for retreats. Press for all games begins on page 6.

 DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1905 IS MARCH 12, 1977 3:00 PM EST

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PRESS
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Ankara(Oct.31, 1905) "They're cutting off our rear!" is the watchword in the streets in this despondent city as news filters in of the Russian marines in Armenia. When questioned about his plans, the Turkish General Isch Turnip, who pulled off a brilliant tactical maneuver in the Spring, replied, "The Turkish Army is like unto a mule, whose greatest defenses are to his rear." The Russians have a different name for his stubbornness which I can't repeat on the air. There are reports that the Russians have asked for peace, but have been scornfully turned down by the proud General; "They ried to convert us to CD radio, but we prefer to nurse our strength," commented a high-level official somewhat cryptically, but it seems that conversion to CD radio would be like ordering the Army to use up its entire opium stockpile to make a smoke-screen in which it could hide. It would be just too good for the peasants.

Berlin(October, 1905) Fritz Hoffmeier, "Der Spiele"
Once again I put pen to paper to comment on the foolhardy way the government and the Army General Staff have been running this war. Their adventures into Russia and France have endangered the people's safety. We are surrounded by enemies and Munich is threatened. The Fifth Army came straggling back into Berlin with its tail between its legs, and the Ministry's pathetic lies couldn't cover up their retreat. Austria-Hungary, our traditional friend and neighbor, has declared war. The Italians have been routed from their homeland, and her armies are reduced to plundering the Balkans. True, the English are vanquishing the French, but the war in the East goes badly. Unless the tide changes quickly, the German people will be forced to overturn the government, and possibly face an invading army.

Berlin(October, 1905) The Office of War Information has announced that, for the public welfare, the magazine "Der Spiele" has ceased publication for the time being, while the paper shortage requires it.

1976BA

Budapest(4 April, 1905, SHFP): Relations between the Hapsburgs and Romanov Empires continued to deteriorate yesterday, as another virulently anti-Russian speech was delivered in the Chamber of Deputies here. A series of "strong protests" was issued by the Russian Ambassador, but that was seen as a gesture aimed at the press, as no "official" protest had been lodged with the Foreign Ministry or office of the Prime Minister, nor at the Court this morning. Commented one administrative functionary at the Russian Embassy, "There's no point in lodging any sort of official complaint; there's no one it would do any good to complain to." Meanwhile, Austro-Hungarian foreign policy continued its apparent drift. Even as the fighting continues in Italy and in Germany, a constant stream of reports are circulating in the Hapsburg capital to the effect that secret negotiations are imminently about to:
a) bring the war with Italy to an end with a pull-back from Venice,
b) bring the war with Germany to an end with a pull-back from Munich,
c) result in an agreement with France that will bring that country back into the war against Italy, d) bring about a settlement between France
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1976BA

and England, and/or e) conclude an agreement with Russia that will settle the dispute over Turkish territory and maintain the alliance. In the meantime, the Government has ceased enforcing any sort of control over the dissemination of propaganda, and so once again, anti-Romanov material has taken its place alongside anti-German and anti-Italian manifestoes. While no government official would be quoted on the record, many have privately blamed the military establishment, and its failure to deliver the anticipated quick knock-out blow against Italy, and the consequent drawn-out struggle which is now entering its third year, for the restlessness. The military, on the other hand, blames the failure on the part of the civilian leadership to effectively fill the vacuum caused by the decline of the dowager Empress into near-senility, and a consequent pre-occupation with the question of whether Rudolph will resume his Rule, despite his twenty-seven month "retreat" to Bert's Rest Home and Day Care Center, following a suicide attempt.

St. Petersburg (No Dateline) Hold on a sec, it's in here someplace. I know it is! Somewhere in the Bible it states that Germany is fated to fall before the forces of Truth and Light. His defeat is preordained! Nope, not on this page though. Hey, C'mon, I'm not pulling your leg. What do you think I am, a Republican or something? Look! Look! Here it is! Whoops, sorry. No it isn't. Where ya goin'? I've almost got it! Jeez, some friend you are....

London (No dateline) The Imperial General Staff today announced that communications with Liverpool have been abruptly terminated. The cause is as yet unknown. The Royal Navy is planning to send a survey party into the area at some time; perhaps after tea this day.

Residents of Wales and Yorkshire have been reporting an over-powering odor of garlic bourne on the west winds.

In Midlands Football Association matches today: Harriford 6, Thursdon 3.

Consumers Question of the Week. Does your Tüborgs taste like Sauerkraut?

Paris (No dateline) The Prime Minister is pleased to announce that, due to the capture of the Port of Liverpool, limes are once again available in the markets of France. This really wasn't a very good year for French wine anyway. My, my, harrassment does indeed have its rewards, yes indeedy!

1976BM

London (No dateline) The Commonwealth Ministry of Food and Gastronomic Pacification announced today that a trade agreement has been reached with the Soviet People's Republic whereby a fish and chips factory is to be built near St. Petersburg, while a borshcht bottling plant will be set up at Pickling-on-Brine, a London suburb. Meanwhile, it was revealed by the Lord Protector that the long search for the missing Crown Jewels may be nearing an end. The former King, Queen, Prince of Wales, and an entourage of nobles and church officials, all disguised as poor Georgian farmers, were seen fleeing across the German border into Holland, he said. The jewels are believed to be concealed in the crude burlap sacks, marked "peanuts", carried by members of the entourage. (Continued page 8)

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It has also been reported that Queen Margaret of Germany has joined the Royal refugees. A crack unit of Commonwealth People's Marines has been assigned to capture the group before it can take sanctuary with French Royalist forces in that area.

St. Petersburg (No dateline) The People's Soviet Republic's latest Minister of Food and Nutrition, Vladimir Brzhinski, announced St. Petersburg's monastery would no longer prepare the fish and chips for Soviet State Dinners. Brzhinski says he placed the blame for overdone fish on the Fish Friars and said that the potatoes prepared by the Chip Monks were so soggy he was embarrassed to serve them to his English friends. Brzhinski announced that Russian forces occupying English-ruled Scandinavia would recruit Englishmen to cook for future state dinners.

1976IF

Bulgaria (Nov. 18, 1901) The General in charge of the Austrian First Army has confessed that he is quite lost. His orders had been to march Eastwards until stopped, but had been under the impression that troops were to cause this and not a large body of water, which he didn't know existed. He regards his position as tenuous since he has seen a large number of campfires on all sides of him, and he doesn't think they are his own men. He has given orders not to light fires in the hope that these forces will not notice him. Unfortunately, reports (unofficial) have been trickling in about Austrian men, crazed by the darkness, raping local girls. While this in itself wouldn't give them away, in some cases the men were so drunk that it has been impossible to determine whether all their victims were female. The Emperor fears these may be connected with border incidents reported by the Rumanian Ambassador.

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