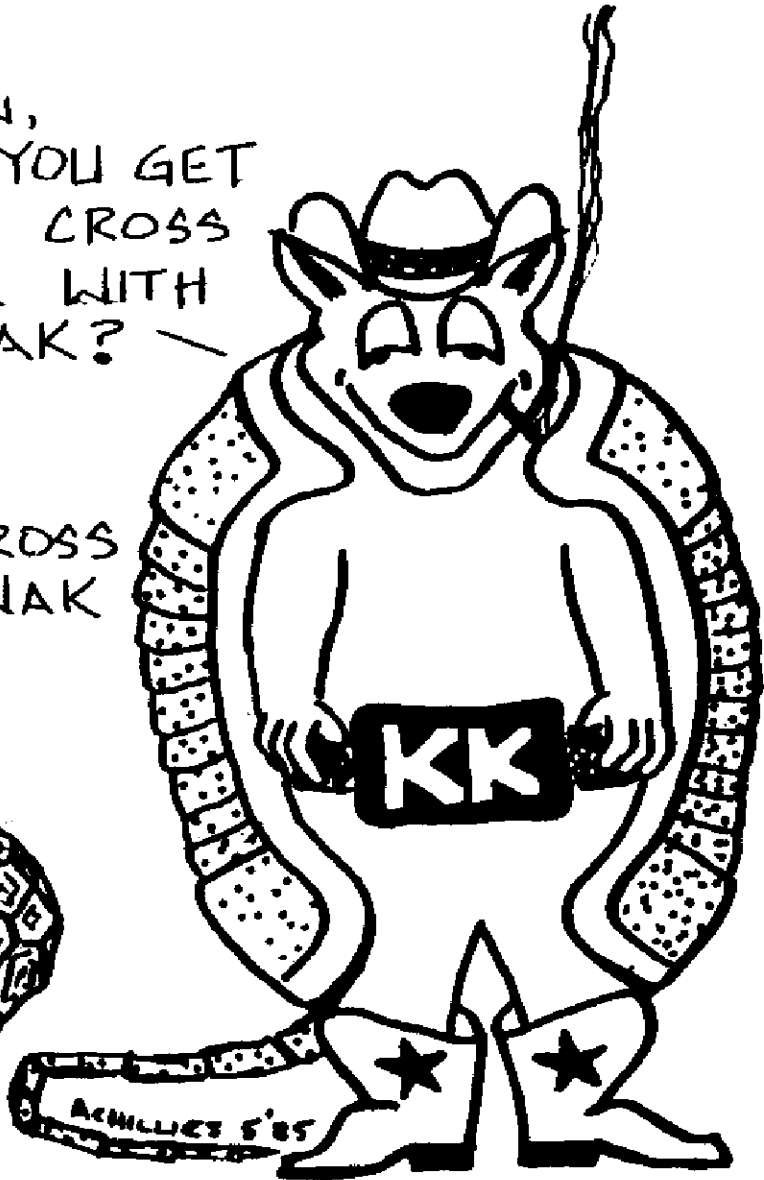
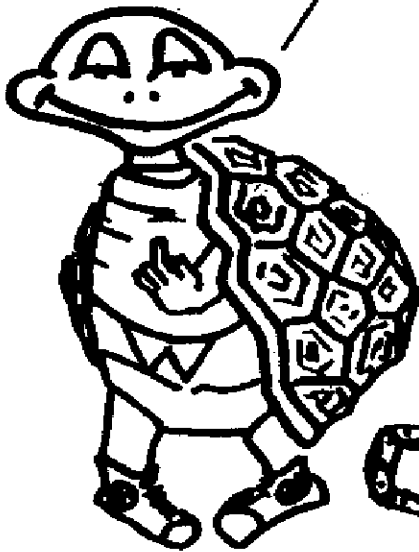


#100

DEAR JOHN,
WHAT DO YOU GET
WHEN YOU CROSS
A RUSNAK WITH
A RUSNAK?

A VERY CROSS
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KATHY'S KORNER/WITESTONIA

Issue #100

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Greetings and welcome everyone to this gala, milestone issue of KK/W, NUMBER 100! Am I happy and proud to get to #100, and still publishing and participating in Dipdom actively? You bet I am! Looking back at the 6+ years that I've been publishing, I've seen many zines come and go, some better than W, others fly-by-night wonders, and still others that you wouldn't line your litter box with. Yet this zine prevails. Back in Jan of 1979, when this adventure began, I never dreamed that I'd reach #100. Sure, I said I'd make #100, but doesn't everyone? It was just words to give myself a goal to shoot for. Hell, only GOLDEN AGERS, and those out of the mainstream ever reached 100, and continued, with the exception of GRAUSTARK, which took until about issue #300 to drop from the mainstream. Leader and Runestone, Snyth and Fol Si Fie, Davis and Bushwacker are good examples. They are still going, and now, I'm proud to say, that this zine, KK/W joins that group. And only a few months after one of my all time favorite zines hit that plateau. I'm referring to, of course, TERRAN, put out by Steve Heinowski, a very good, and longtime friend. You know, in part, Steve is responsible for this zine getting to #100. I said to myself a long time ago, "hey guy, Slime from Ohio started publishing in 1977, 2 years before you did, and he is still going and going strong. He was one of your 1st zines (actually my 2nd), and there is no way that he is going to put out more issues than me." So Steve, good friend and longtime gaming partner/foe/ally/enemy, this issue is earnestly dedicated to you.

Lets see, who puts out this rag- John Caruso and Kathy Byrne, the latter, seems to run contests to abuse me, and you all. She and NOGROW NOTO are the 2 shortest people in this zine. I know- lets run a contest for them. Of course the winners will receive free issues, and the contest is.....
WHY ARE KATHY AND NOGROW SO SHORT AND WHY DO THEY ENJOY ABUSING US?

You people should all know my address by now, but if not, the new one is 29-10 164St Flushing, NY. 11358, 718 353-9695. Have it straight yet NOGROW?

Do you know what I'd like? No, not to be featured in DW as reaching a milestone issue- thats superfilious, egostroking and tasteless. I'd like to be interviewed by one of the DW editors about my life and times in Dipdom. How it feels to go from a 2 page, 1 digit zine, to a 3 digit, fullfledged product. Why I started, what I tried to do, and if I thought I've succeeded.

If I seem preoccupied with this reaching #100, please excuse me. It has not been on my mind at all, until it came time to type this thing up, thats when, all of a sudden, it hit me..I'm like a proud father who just gave away his only daughter to be wed, in fact, I just did, last month- Cathy to Eric. Kathy has been slyly accepting yout material this month, and rarely informing me of what youall have been writing. It doesn't matter- nothing will offend me this month, as if it ever did anyway. You people are the ones who made this zine what it is, and helped to keep it going, even thru the dark days of the past, when the JUNTA tried to wreck, sabatoge, discredit and ruin this zine. You have kept sending in your money and your nonsense, along with your well-wishes, and your sypathetic ear. I appreciate it- we both appreciate it, especially thru all the tough times we've experienced in the last few months.

I guess I'll end my mindless drivell for now, and let you enjoy this zine. I have no idea what will be in it, but if it has more me, blame Kathy. She made me do it. Oh- there will be a special W section, and an insert for Dipdom. (information update)

WHITESTONIA #100

This part of this zine is put out by me, John Caruso, who until recently, has done a disappearing act within his own zine. Its not that I went any- place, its just that I cut back my participation in KK/W, saving my energies for bigger and better things. Well, since this is issue #100, I thought that I'd come out of the closet. I can hear Michalski now- "Shit, not another one! I always thought Caruso was a queer anyway!" Sorry to disappoint you John, but by coming out of the closet, I mean I will participate in this issue of my zine. Why not- I pay for the thing. I collate it, stamp it and mail it. Which reminds me- issue 98 had 1 page out of whack. Blame that one on the copier place. They took my already setup, taped reductions, and cut them on me. I don't know why they did, but they are the ones who put that upside- down out of order page in all of those issues. Issue 99 is a different story. It was copied OK, but I've been working as an umpire lately. So Kathy and Phyllis thought that they'd help me out last month- THEY COLLATED IT! So if you have any beefs about #99, complain to KK or PP.

Speaking of Phyllis, we dropped her off at the airport last week. Glad she flew and not me- what with thunderstorms all over the east coast. Her plane was delayed 3 hours, so we sat around the airport and drank \$2.50 BUDS, rather than go home and drink the same stuff for 50¢. Needless to say, by the time we left the airport, Phyllis was drunk, Kathy boarded the plane and I lost my virginity. One good thing did come of the trip Phyllis is on. She'll be gone for 2 SOLID MONTHS- thats 2 months of relatively peace and quiet. Who says that parents don't win once in a while. We lose Frank today too. Thats 2 out of 3, that ain't bad.

The picture on the cover was done by JR Baker (no relation to JR Ewing, or Carol Baker, or Hollywood Henderson, or Benedict Arnold. Then again, JR and Ben were kissing cousins.) For his effort, JR receives 2 free issues of this zine. I'm sure JR is jumping up and down. Don't have a heart-attack guy. Its only 2 issues of a nothing, little zine.

On the inside cover, I dedicated this issue to a longtime friend, Steve Heinowski. I also decided a long time ago, that with issue #100, I was going to give away 1 lifetime sub to someone in KK/W, who played, participated in the past and present, and whose sub was about to, or already had expired. (Note- Woody got his lifetime sub because I owe him more than I could ever repay him, especially if he takes Phyllis off of our hands and marries her) Since I already trade with Steve, and Dave Grabar gets this zine, via sending money, until he's 29, I have decided to give the lifetime sub to none other than Woody's 1st bedpartner- John Michalski, our resident right wing nut. So John, your money is no longer good here. You are stuck with this zine until either you die, or we do. Now don't needlessly ruin this deal on me.

I was running down my address list, and guess what? I have more Californian subbers than NYers, in fact, I have more Texan subbers than NYers. Only goes to show you that the age old, Golden Age theory of people staying in zines closer to where they live. Only about 1/3 of my subbers are east coast types. In fact, 1/2 my subbers are from west of the Mississippi. This wasn't always the case. When I 1st started pubbing, about 1/2 my subbers were east coast types, with only a small number of westerners.

And to not let nostalgia get away, do you people remember the old QUOTE OF THE MONTH specials? Well, I have a quote this month, courtesy of Phyllis

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Phyllis-"You can't get mad at Olsen because he's pudgy, old and cuddly like a little teddybear."

If I had a test subject, I'd have conducted an interview. But the only one newsworthy available to interview was myself, and I'm not that tacky (like some Golden Agers), as to interview myself. So, no interview.

So what can I do? Probably get into trouble, if I keep shooting my mouth off. So lets continue.

Kathy told me not to tell youall, but it took her 1 hour to light a barbecue, the other night. Between her and Don Del Grande, they couldn't figure out how to do it. Kathy was hoping our neighbor would come home and do it for her, AGAIN! Guess who finally figured it out? Francine- you know, the one who just blew her hand up. Figures, doesn't it?

Before I forget, Don Swartz 155 Vernon Ave #2 Louisville, Ky. 40206 is the editor of a zine called THE TRI-STATE GAMER, which carries game reviews and other interesting material for gamers in the Ky-Oh-In area. If you are interested in what Don and company are doing, drop him a couple of stamps for a sample of THE TRI-STATE GAMER. Its a fine looking publication, with much worthwhile material. Don also writes the following to me- "Is Michabki still involved in WWII wargames? Articles on diplomacy are no problem but I'd like to keep articles on all sorts of games coming in." So do you hear that people? You can write about anything in wargames, and get sub credit, and your name in lights. Don, feel free to reprint my article from this issue of W, correcting typos, spelling, etc.

This zine is so late- I don't know what I'm going to do. Today is 7/3 and I'll never finish this page before the copier closes. I could leave it blank.. but thats not W style.

Don DG was here and gone. My boss screwed up my day off, so Don had to hit the Big Apple pavement by himself. Felt sorry for the Big Apple- if you only knew the trouble Don can cause.

Next weekend we're going to Woody's- no John, not a Woody in waiting either. I'm still not too sure why we're going there, but if its a day out of NY, its a vacation. Since we can't go anywhere this year, you take every local invitation you get, even if it is from a lowlife like Woody. Hey, we even accepted Swider's offer for Mediocreon this weekend, which will be over long before you receive this.

I have other plugs and things to print, but I can't find them, so they'll make next issue instead. But what the heck, I may as well print 1 plug any way.

THE NOT FOR HIRE: By Steve Langley 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sac, Ca. 95825. The cost is \$1 per issue, plus \$1 per 5 pages of submitted letters or parts thereof. For a sample, send Steve \$1. The sub fee is a little to complicated to write here, suffice to say, you must send money to read, money to write, but get charged if you mention someone. This is intended to be a letter column, open to all, unedited. Steve is handling the zine in an unbiased, fair way, meaning, his only comments about your letters, will be in the form of a letter by himself to the zine, not editors comments thereafter. Good idea, if he can keep it that way, which always isn't possible. But regardless, it has to be a more neutral ground than is presently being employed by NFA, which is biased and prejudicial, and whose place TNEH is taking while Steve Hutton is in Europe.

Heard from Phyllis. She misses fighting with her brother and sister. Sort of figures, doesn't it?

ED WROBEL MEMORIAL AWARD: Yes I know, Ed Wrobel isn't dead yet, but who says that you have to be dead to have a hobby award named after you. Rod "I'm a Golden Ager" Walker had one named after him for literary excellence, so the least Dipdom can do is honor Ed for his service and dedication in the field of promoting and the growth of the PTF gaming hobby. The very 1st award for this service, has been given to Ed Wrobel himself, in honor of all of the promoting he has done for the last 2 years. He will receive his award in the near future. The committee voted him in unanimously. I am presently soliciting committee members for the 1985 award. Please contact me ASAP. We must go over rules and policy of the EWMA committee. Thanks for your attention.

GAME REVIEW- MONSTROSITY

a game of WWII simulated type conflict, adaptations by John Caruso and Steve Heinowski, the latter person being the one responsible for naming it.

This game is unlike any other game you've ever played. Like the 1 created by Rick Loomis, of Flying Buffalo fame, the game itself doesn't come close to resembling Loomis' original product. There are no counters involved. Play is conducted on maps of either a fictitious world or the real world, and on hex maps or graph squares, GMs preference.

The rules are openended, which means, play is controlled by the player, with respect to most aspects of the game. Combat and movement for the most part is simultaneous, with encounters being of the opportunity variety. For those unfamiliar with opportunity combat, it means if you run into someone, you fight. If you don't, no battle.

Each GM uses phases to break the turn down. There are build phases, air attack phases, land and sea movement phases, and spy phases. Yes, there are spies and spotter aircraft too. All players turns within each phase are done simultaneously. Battles can get hot and heavy, and losses can be great, both in unit cost, territory lost, and irreplaceable material.

Which brings up, the builds. You, as the leader of your nation can build any unit you desire, with production points.(PP) You get PP from the cities or resource areas you control, and with these production points, you can build an entire array of units- tanks, mechanized, infantry, airborne, subs, carriers, destroyers, battleships, fighters, dive bombers, torpedo bombers, or any number of other at start units, or units that you've "researched", or you may choose to build economic units, such as airfields, navyyards, fuel production centers, bridges, etc.

As you can see, Monstrosity utilizes WWII type units, but thru research, if you survive, and the game lasts long enough, you can start to build and deploy post-WWII type units- nukes, jets, rockets and the like.

The great feature of this game is that the rules are only guides with which to follow. You as the leader of your nation, control your own builds, movement, your attempts to control or take over neutrals, and your own ultimate destiny. You decide if you prefer to be like Hitler and attack all of your neighboring neutrals, or Britain and France instead; or if you opt to be like the sleeping giant-USA, and sit back and build up for the day that you get attacked, or do the attacking yourself. The danger in this option is that the other players may try a "gangup" if you appear to be growing too strong, and not involved in the major battles yourself.

Combat is resolved by the GM, for most of the battles, without the use of the infamous random itemizer, aka the die. Units are destroyed via unit priorities and the number of engaged units on both sides. Terrain also effects the results, as does the presence of Army of Fleet headquarter units.

Oil is an important factor in this game as well. Without oil, or supply, you can't move, and your units fight at a disadvantage. Oil can be had by conquest to all, trade by most and building to some who are fortunate enough to possess an oil area. I say this because each player doesn't start with the same AT START situation- oil, PP, units, cities or colonies and influence. Again, after the at start situation, you get to control what you do, where you go, and what you build.

Diplomacy is also a big part of this game. Communicating with your neighbors, forming alliances, and making sure that you don't "accidentally" run into one another, or don't have conflicting interests with your allies. But hey, I don't have to tell wargamers about multi-player wargame negotiations and diplomacy. You all know the ropes already.

On a playability scale of 1-10 (10 being difficult, 1 being easy), I'd rate this game a 4 playwise, 10GMwise, and on an enjoyment scale of 1-10 with 10 being great and 1 being poor, I'd rate it a 10. The rules are easy, because they are openended. Simulation of the actual units to real life is about a 7 or 8. Actual real life simulation, which this game DOESNOT strive for, varies with the players decisions. Overall, a fun game, and playable.

Expletive Deleted is a subkyn boasting one of the highest levels of technology, hindered only by the author's mediocre but more than adequate typing skill. The name is Tom Swider (PO Box 1324; SUNY Binghamton, NY 13901). The number of the beast is (607) 729-2830. Place your calls during the evenings up until 11:00 pm EST.

Greetings! I hope you like the new look of ED. This is being typed on an IBM PC using "PC Write". It's a good word-processing program and cost me absolutely nothing. Of course, I don't own an IBM PC so I use either my friend Dave's PC or the ones over at SUNY B's School of Management. Monno (the printer hooked up to Eadie, my Atari) works fine now, thanks to the patient help of Alex Service, and ED will soon come to you via my home CPU. Things will be a lot smoother from that point on. I know which programs to buy, and with summer work at IBM, I should have plenty of money to get them. Gee, I can finally get rid of my typewriter. As far as I'm concerned, typewriters are a thing of the past.

Now, I should make a note about ED's future here in So I Lied. Originally, when it looked like Marc wasn't going to come out again, I started looking for a new home, and found one in Whitestonia. I guess it's not necessary now, but I'd like to thank John and Kathy again for allowing me room in their xyn. I've decided to stick around here. It's worth giving friends a second (and third and fourth) chance. Marc really didn't have to apologize to me. I think he let himself down the most, if anybody. Publishing isn't fun and games all the time, but it is worth it for the few times that you write something you feel is unique or well-put. It's a great feeling to occasionally here from somebody that such and such article was excellent.

MEDIOCRECON IV: Yes that's right folks, Mediocrecon IV will be held. This fact will be appreciated more when one considers that the official mediocre number is "3", and having a fourth Mediocrecon will mean that it will be truly biase! I will plan on hosting MC around late June/early July, and will hold it for 3 days. Therefore, it will be around some holiday where there will be a three-day weekend. On one of the days, I'd like to take everybody up to one of the parks for a cookout. The weather should be good for a speadle cookout, swimming, frisbee, beerdrinking or some Diplomacy out in the great outdoors. There will be a good variety of games to play, including a bunch of new arcade types that Alex Service gave me, maybe a variant and hopefully another pool-table sized Speed Circuit track (At MC III, we had a monster size track of Riverside (CA) racetrack in which we had a seven car race which I won, despite the saaray tactics of Jim Makuc).

Drop me a line now to reserve your place, especially if you're going to do a fair amount of travelling to get here. As it won't conflict with any other major events, I hope to have a good turnout. Naturally, this will be a "No Bruk" and "No Bruk-bashing" Con. Maybe we can all just forget the feud scene and enjoy some games and the weather.

GAME OPENINGS

TREACHERY: Rules were in last issue of Sit. So far, I have one signed up. If you're interested in experimenting with variants, this simple variant is a good place to start.

DUNE: Same based on Herbert's novel by AM. Will use my PBM rules in The General, and I plan on using the expansion sets which just came out. They will be reviewed in the next issue of ED. As I will provide you with a set of these rules, ownership of the expansion sets is not necessary. So far I have 2 or 3 signed up.

TITAN: The Monster Slugathon. Will use Mark Larzelere's PBM rules, though I will provide random number sheets for each battle. Have 3 signed up so far.

THE COSTS: \$6 game fee, \$6 M.R. fee, with each M.R. costing \$2. Reliable players, who have played under Tom before will/could have the M.R. fee waived.

BARROOM BABBLE

Dear John, ((from Brad Wilson))

I really don't know what to say about the incredible string of misfortunes to befall you and Kathy. Woody says CENSORED is putting a hex on you 2- I think its a voodoo doll curse. Maybe I'll make up a doll of CENSORED and stick pins in it. Please accept my sympathy and concern about all of this.

Woody told me your new place was very nice. I hope to get a chance to visit soon. Since you don't seem to be going to any cons this summer, I don't know when I'll see you and Kathy. Hopefully soon. How about a Mets-Phils game? Too bad you didn't come down for Tuesday's 26-7 game. Great game! Even if we finish last, that game will make this season fairly memorable. I'll call one of these days.

((Thanks for you well wishes. While its true that we haven't gone to many cons this year, we are going to MediocreCon, and Pudgecon, which will both be Sacksless, as well as the next ByrneCon. How do I know that the next Byrnecon will be Sacksless? Because we don't plan to announce it publically and will only tell the few of you who have sought a con, and say that you will show up. Besides, Robert wouldn't want to go to a con with people who appear to be aligned with Rod Walker anyway. Can't go to a Mets-Phils game here Brad because they only play again Aug 12-15 at Shea, and we'll be at home on vacation then. And since we only play in Philley Sept 23-24, a Mon and Tue, it looks like a Met-Phil game is out.))

I agree with Cochise that we need some taxes- especially for defense, police, fire, mental health; Thats it. I agree with Michalski- dump Medicare, APDC, etc. Now, I also think some kind of independent auditing should go into the Pentagon so as to stop these \$600 ash trays. But, really John, more deficit cutting can be done in the welfare/social security area than in coffee makers.

Sacks' standby policy is odd in the extreme. But then, Robert is odd in the extreme. ((Touche))

((Your ideas regarding cost cutting are true, but there is waste in the Pentagon budget as well, besides ash trays and coffee makers. There are paid workers who provide no service, nor serve any useful purpose, such as vice chairman of the...., and the assistant under secretary to the.... And of course, there's the contractor expense accounts, or double billing for the same items. Yes Brad, the gov't audits now, but a complete and comprehensive audit seems out of the grasp of the feds, either because of the work involved, or their own incompetence or fraudulent workers. Can you imagine John \$20,000 a year" Michalski auditing your records, and you're a million dollar a day guy. You just offer old "honest" John \$50,000 to close his eyes. Thats 2 1/2 years salary, tax free to John, and only a fraction of Mr Millionaires DAILY income. Sure its illegal, but only if you get caught. Thanks for writing Brad, I can appreciate your views, and agree with a good number of them, despite the fact that you're a psycho artist.))

John, ((from Conrad Minshall))

Rats. Thought I could stretch my sub out till I got to NY. And then I'd threaten to stay forever if you didn't give me a free lifetime sub. Well, should still be able to weasel #101-103 out of you! And then we'll see... three digits for a dipzine- I dunno, I dunno. Till the end of July.... ((Thanks for the warning. We'll be sure to be out of town, the whole end of July. So, you think you can weasel the zine out of me for free eh? You have another guess coming. Maybe I'll stick around just to see you make a fool of yourself in a futile effort. Better yet, we can announce a Byrnecon for you, and leave you here alone with Robert Sacks. Then you can experience a beercan attack, like your mentor Woody did. Thanks for writing.))

No more room here. Check out the next page for the new fools letter.

Just got off the phone with Kathy, she mentioned that she goes to sleep while you two are "fooling around", I guess that shows you are as good at fooling around as you are at pubbing. The conversation reminded me that I had promised you something for the next W/KK so it's time to sit down and see what I come up with. Just went through the latest KK/W, thought as much of it as I had of the others I have seen. You and Muffy are consistent anyway. Do you really have to print 15 pages of childish drivel, labeled as an equal partner, in order to keeps the fools sending you money? Sorry about the screwup last issue, I hadn't realized you were waiting for something from me. My original plan was to start up in Whitestonia when it came to rehouse the Who Cares? games which should be August.

The Ozog-Cunning wedding was a suprise. Eric was dressed traditionally rather than being dressed in green tights and some sort of floppy hat. Also we didnt have to climb any trees, listen to reading from the olden Days of Tolkein, or sing the Keebler Cookie jingle; I guess Eric has finally given up on trying to find his elven heritage. Another strange thing was that this was the first time I have ever seen Eric with his hair mussed, something he has never allowed to happen through long weekends of Diplomacy. The kid seems to be rearranging his priorities with this step in his life. Got to see Cathy's legs for the first time (until Eric savagely attacked the garter, ripping it off with his teeth) and I have to admit they are kind of nice. Also found out that Cathy is kind of cuddely to hug, almost makes me a little jealous of Eric.

You might consider having a talk with Eric since there are going to be some problems in that marriage unless he becomes a little more sensative to Cathy's needs. I talked with him a few weeks before he got married and he was talking about doing his own laundry, making his own meals, etc; all the things that are necessary for a woman to reach her full potential in life. He seemed to think that he was showing a certain amount of respect for Cathy as a person without realizing that he was stifling her quest to fullfill herself as a woman. Considering just how much you think of them you might consider having a long talk with Cathy & Eric before there is irreparable damage to not only the marriage, but Cathy herself.

Somewhere in your last issue, some jackass mentioned that I had defected from the midwest to join the ecc. Please shoot the asshole and set the record straight. I resigned the midwest since it had degenerated from the best ftf clique ever to come through the hobby into something that cant even be described. Until another clique comes through the hobby that can attain the heights of greatness that were ours, I will simply remain independent. I would never consider leaving the midwest to join something that was even worse and didnt even have a worthwhile past. Please make a point of not associating my name with your worthless rabble.

Michalski's letter printed in the last issue was a suprise, I thought the old fart had retired from the hobby. It was also a disappointment, John's arguement that the federal govt. is incapable, and it is, of running anything is irrelavent here. The point is that none of those programs should ever have been in existance anyway simply because the government has no business there. The only areas where the federal government has any business are in the area of defence (which has also reached an assinine level) and in providing a court system to ~~provide~~ protect basic human and property rights. It has no business playing nursemaid to the incompetant, the lazy, or the underpriviledged at the expense of those who can provide for themselves. This means that all programs that you seem to deem sacred, such as education, social security, welfare, medicare, osha, etc. should not exist. All of these programs penalize those who can earn their keep in order to provide for those who need something should not exist. In short, if someone earns a dollar he (or she) should be able to spend it as he (or she) wishes. Better a person spends a \$10.00 on a carton of cigarettes then has it appropriated in the name of good to feed the children of someone who cant make it on his own. Agreed, this is a selfish attitude, but I see nothing wrong with being selfish. If I earn something it is mine to spend, if I feel a moral duty to give something away to someone I will, but dont make that decision for me and use the government to carry out your wishes.

I guess that's about it, but as long as Michalski is back I guess I should end this with a couple of lines that he would appreciate.

Q: Why did the New Yorker trade his wife in for an outhouse?

A: It smelled better and it was a tighter fit.

Q: What is the real function of a woman?

A: Life support for a pussy.

And Caruso responds to Rusnak; a.k.a. one liberal shits on another.

((I'm going to take your letter, paragraph at a time. No, I wasn't waiting for you to send anything. In fact, this zine would be a much better product if you'd keep your drivel out of it. I guess you're our token "Jackass". But if I was you, I wouldn't call you know who, "Muffy"! Unless you want your name to be mud. Eric ripped Cathy's garter off with his teeth? The animal- couldn't he wait for the honeymoon? And to think that I thought he was a normal elf. No, I don't intend to preach to Eric about his fair share of the load, and what chores Cathy requires to reach her full potential as a full-fledged female. She's doing just fine on her own. I am not going to blast the ~~subber~~ subber who said you defected from the MW Mob to join the ECC. If you are going to appear in here, you're ECC material, like it or not. It could be worse- you could be short, bald, boring and from Northern Va. Then again, being short, gray, obnoxious and from Shitcago is about the same. Yes, Michalski is still around, pumping geritol, and humping Indians. I disagree with you regarding federal-funded programs. True, those who are too lazy shouldn't be allowed to receive the benefits, but there are people who are too poor, or too incapacitated, or too uneducated (thanks to our non-prejudiced society) to fend for themselves. And those who can afford to do for others, should. And those who are borderline, should also try. Don't try to feed me the VOLUNTARY help crap. You know as well as I do, that the voluntary system only works to a degree. I still say that people who pay taxes have a right to expect certain basic human needs and functions from their gov't, whether it be the Federal, State or Local gov't. Let me give you an example- Medicare- why should a member pay so much money a year, and then have to pay a deductible for a hospital stay, and certain other charges that Medicare doesn't cover? Why can't the gov't, after you retire, issue you 1 check, for the total lump sum, plus a flat 3-4% interest for each year you paid into Social Security? Let you decide what you want to do with your money? And why can't each one of us decide what amount we want to contribute towards SS? (Sort of like an IRA). And why can't the gov't build dwellings for its people, and then sell them to the people, rather than having private contractors do it, and sell the dwellings for twice their worth, and make a fortune as a profit. Thanks for the Michalski Dept. I'm sure it'll stir memories in longtime W subbers. Thanks for writing, always nice to get a chance to put you in your place.))

John, ((from Pete Gaughan))

Please tell Robert Sacks, for all of us, that we recognize the MNC (and BNC and Orphan Janitors) whether he does or not! ((Did you catch that Rob't?)) I'd appreciate it if you and Kathy would ask around and see who's going to Dipcon, especially from the East Coast. I just don't have as many contacts. Thanks, love and goodbye to both of you.

((Well, I asked around and came up with nothing definite. Ed Wrobel may go, and he may bring a bid from Marycon. Then again, Robert Sacks feels his con, Atlanticon, is best suited to host Dipcon, so he may go to Seattle. Aren't you lucky? Speaking of luck- I shouldn't say anything so soon, but nothing has happened to us in almost 6 weeks. Must be a 1985 record. Maybe all the hex breaking remedies that you all have been sending and performing are beginning to work. Keep it up. Isn't Robert ridiculous? He doesn't recognize the custodians, or appoints his own representatives to act as custodians. I hear that he stepped down as REGISTRAR OF PROJECTS tho, and handed the job over to Ed Wrobel- it was printed in the last FEUDESSE, or whatever it is that Ed calls it these days. So it doesn't matter if Robert recognizes custodians anymore. The NEW REGISTRAR does.))

No room here for a letter, so we'll go 1 more page. On the top of the next page is something else from our resident, psycho artist, Brad Wislon. I'll bet that Robert will enjoy it.

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amount of words Sacks uses in
discussing covenants, charters etc

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number of people who care

Dear John, ((from Steve Courtemanche))

I think that Elmer is wrong and you right about the 100th issue coming up but for reasons of my own. KK/W, in my opinion, is one magazine that has 2 parts to it. It can be likened to a newspaper which has different editors for different sections (sports, comics, political, regional, etc). KK may have started out as a subzine, but it is an integral part of W still, even tho it is banked as a zine. Does a newspaper celebrate different anniversaries for each of its seperate parts?((Sometimes)) No, the same should be true of KK/W and KK deserves its \$100.

((Why not give a hobby example- Diplomacy World. Not only does it have seprate sections, and editors, but the sections writers have changed over the years, as has the editors. DW is up to issue 38, yet its only under Rod for 4 years, and Kathy for 1 issue. Tho I suppose that a single editor would announce his 5th anniversary as part of the staff or whatever.))

I just finished reading Robert Sacks letter. His face must have been absolutely livid while he wrote it. ((You should have heard his screechy little voice. He sounded like a washwoman with her hand stuck in a peephole.))

Take it easy Robert, or you'll have a stroke! The world does need you, even if John may disagree at times. This might be putting words in people's mouths so, if offense is taken, I apologize.

((Now you've done it! Robert will get the NYBB after you too. Not only that, but you put words in my mouth, and then wimp out. I never said Robert was a useless part of society. He'd make a great washwoman.))

Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't a number of Kathy's standbys request only "good" positions while others wanted the "hopeless" ones? ((Verified)) This is a far cry from what Robert said "...Kathy Byrne advises giving good positions to strong players...." and vice versa. That must have been a private conversation because I don't remember reading it.

((Thanks for writing Steve. It wasn't in a private conversation. Robert just makes up anything he wants, and puts Kathy's name(and sometime other people's names) to it, and claims it as factual or authentic. We just ignore his misrepresentations, unless they warrant explanations. That one did not, as you all could go back and read the previous KK/W. I just thought- Robert is going to want another right of reply. I don't know what for. He just keeps inserting his foot in his mouth, in fact, he puts his whole darn leg, up to the hip, in his mouth.))

Who says W can't have white space on the bottom of the page. TOUGH!

SHADOWPLAY

SPECIAL SUPER HYPE ISSUE

Yes, this issue is dedicated to outrageous and slightly pushy promotion of two of my "projects" (which are not projects) which are reaching a state of (slightly overripe and moldy) fruition.

First of all, it's time once again to extend an open invitation to all the players in the Watergate game, as well as all who are (licitly) reading this in KK, to attend the gala Pudgecon IV festivities over the Labor Day weekend. This is an event you literally cannot afford to miss, because I am charging every non-attendee \$1000! The featured event this year, as in all previous years, will be the ritual "Meeting of John Michalski". No Dipster can be accounted a true "in" person without having met The Great Helmsman (as Dave Perimutant used to call him). I assure you that Toots is quite harmless, unless of course you happen to resemble, in any way, a pregnant rabbit.

I have to confess that I have on occasion allowed my flights of fervid rhetorical fancy to get the better of me. For example, some time ago I referred to Kansas as "the most boring state in the Union". Well, have my eyes been opened! An examination of my state road map reveals that Kansas offers such attractions as: the world's largest hand-dug well; the second-largest ball of twine in the world; the Eisenhower Museum, dedicated to the most charismatic President between Millard Fillmore and the ball of twine; and the Emmett Kelly Museum (as I the only person in Dipcon who knows who Emmett Kelly was? Yeah, just some clown).

Therefore Pudgecon this year is presented in cooperation with the Kansas Bureau of Tourism (and believe it or not there is such an agency...who knows, maybe the guy is even full-time)--all this and more, for your pleasure!

As if that weren't thrill enough, Masters of Deceit is at long last available. I have gotten the kind help of two volunteers in distributing this publication. The first is Pete "Mr. Nice Guy" Gaughan, and the second is Steve "Mr. Rotten Guy" Arnewoodian. Woody had them printed so he has most of the copies, and for now inquiries should mostly go to him. I'll only have a few till after Pudgecon, and Pete will need to have a bunch to take to Dipcon. Cost is free to those who contributed articles, \$1 to everyone else, and \$5 to Mike Mazzer.

I try to spread the abuse around in this column, and I note that I haven't attacked Mark Frueh lately. The old Puperoo is probably feeling neglected. Last year Mark (always the perfect guest) was kind enough to reward my hospitality by leaving me a group of six games--Titan, Diplomacy, and so on--this despite the fact that Mark's group left for St. Louis, remembered they had left some stuff and came back, and still forgot the games. Mark's a little young to be losing his memory but I can't wait to see what he leaves me this year. What'll it be, Puppy? More games? Your car? Nancy?

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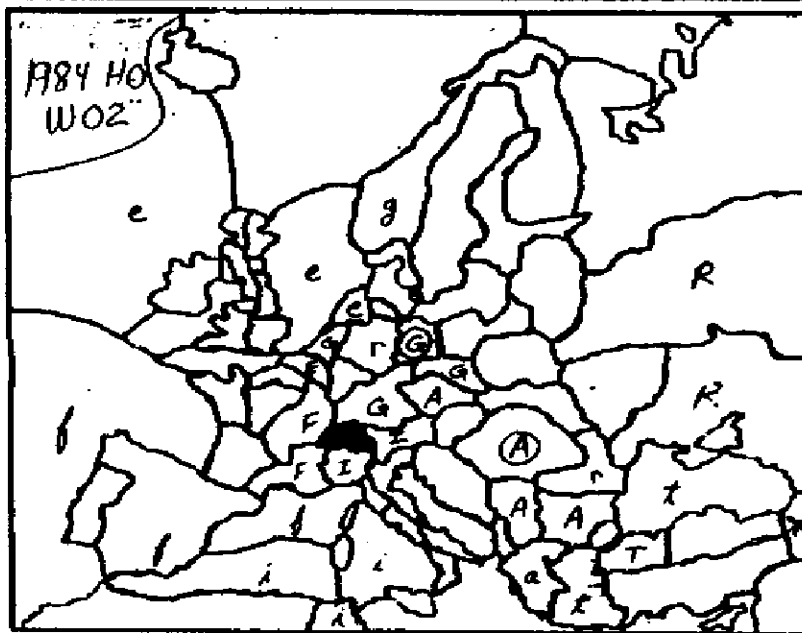
SEASONS SEPARATED BY PLAYER REQUEST!
(Am I a great guy or what?)
THE SHADOWPLAY BLACKLIST NOW INCLUDES:
1. Al Pearson
2. Ken Peel

Winter 1902

Austria: Builds A Budapest
England: No adjustments
France: A Mun-NRR, GM retreats A Mun OTB: no further adjustments
Germany: Builds A Berlin, plays one short (consummately)
Italy: No adjustments
Russia: No Build Received, play one short
Turkey: Removes A Armenia

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*FX Al Pearson, Box 898, Charles Town, WV 25414
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SPRING 1903 DEADLINE:
July 1, 1985



PRESS

NORTH OF THE CANADIAN BORDER: I want you all to be aware that I'm only playing Diplomacy until I get my true calling. I'm waiting to be the manager of the New York Yankees for two weeks. (That is the time limit isn't it?) ((Not really--if you can win consistently, you can stay THREE weeks!))

CAMP FOLLOWER to FRENCH FELON: Your plan to degrade and humiliate Olsen was brilliant! First you vote down any chance for a standby and then you NMR! What a guy.

NORTH OF THE CANADIAN BORDER TO WICHITA: If you turn Pearson to stone, won't he have even more trouble sending in orders? ((It would be for his own good! "Deadwood-itis" seems to be catching!))

FRANTIC ONLOOKER to GM: Oh, no! Woody writing press!? ((You call it that?!)) And I thought Peel was bad news. I thought Woody incapable of anything other than abuse--what happened?

GM to EUROPE: Here's the brave WWI Sopwith Camel pilot writing press...

SNOOPY ONLOOKER to FRUEH: So, you support the Mazzerman, eh? And Kathy got the moves wrong? Did you know something she didn't? (Nudge, nudge). Hiding facts from your mistress?! What's up, Pup?

BERLIN-VIENNA: The Kaiser is indeed grateful and indebted to our noble Teutonic brothers in Bohemia who fought so heroically, shoulder to shoulder with the Kaiser's crack troops in the liberation of Munich from the despicable French. To you, our most heartfelt thanks...now get the hell out of here. ((Ingrate!))

EASTERN PROPHECT to VON MAZZER: Pretty subtle development. You play short to keep your allies from thinking that you are getting too strong. You are a deep one, all right. ((Is "deep" the same as "consummate genius"?))

POLITICAL ONLOOKER to DEMOCRATS: Okay, people. There they are. Three Nixons in the weakest countries, and what do you do? ((Nominate Mondale?)) You allow them...no, you give them every opportunity to ally. God, what a blunder! Paint or get off the ladder, Demos! ((Humm, I've never heard it phrased so cleanly before...))

UNALLIED IN THE EAST to SEXY ITALIAN: Is this a great game or what? A fake Western Triple! A fake Italian-Austrian war! Fake press! Shadowplay is the subzine of opportunity! ((Shadowplay is nothing but a big fake!))

L'OSSERVATORE: How I Spent My Christmas Vacation (Munich, 1 January 1903): German Chancellor Helmut Mazzerman today reviewed his troops in a driving snowstorm. Fortunately, the snowstorm was only driving a 10-speed bicycle and there were no injuries. ((This person, who recently accused me of allowing Jim-Boob press, writes stuff that

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certainly does sound like Ken Peel press...)) However, Herr Mazzer was listed in critically delirious condition as recent events have led to his having delusions of friendship.

TOADY WITHOUT A TOAD to WOODY: You the next Nixon? ((Yes yes yes YES!!!))

BERLIN-WORLD: Addendum to my Nixon Award Nomination essay:

"...After my noble suicide effort in 1901, Olsen realized, to his horror, that in trying to embarrass me in front of the hobby by putting me between Al Pearson and Woody, he had put his kitten, Kathy, in terrible danger from the awesome might of Al Pearson's France. The time had passed for subtlety, and Olsen perpetrated his revenge in the crudest, most brutal form...and in Fall '02, Al Pearson mysteriously NMR'd.

"But now, Olsen was like a caged animal, the forces of Good ((Wilson Goode?)) were on to him, and he was caught holding the "smoking gun". The shattered hulk of Mazzer's Germany shook its "gory locks" and pointed accusingly, like Banquo's ghost at the banquet. ((Sounds like a Pudgecon)) Atrocity beget atrocity ((Woody is your son?)) and now, as Ron Brown, the Nixon Award Custodian, has not been heard from in months, the worst is feared."

VICIOUS FEUD SECTION--READ AT YOUR OWN RISK--VICIOUS FEUD SECTION

BERLIN-GM & ITALY: Censoring my press and letters to KK. You two are becoming more and more like Rod Walker every day. ((GM to Kitten: Do I have to take Mazzer's foul abuse? Can I just throw him out or what?))

MARK to BEN: You're a nasty fellow. ((Mark, I recall that someone at Dallas Dipcon, on first meeting you, remarked that you were "more puppy than poison pen". I'm afraid I have to agree. That was undoubtedly the most pathetic attempt at bashing I have ever read! Ben probably thinks a 20-year-old cocker spaniel just gunned his pant leg. A good bash should be a multi-part broadside that builds up to a crescendo of abuse...fortunately, Shadow (a vicious basher if I ever saw one) has provided a perfect example of good technique. Please read the following, and take notes...))

SHADOW TO SPIRO AGNEW: If you aren't Jim-Boob Burgess, who are you? Who else is that boring?

SHADOW to BM: But you wouldn't allow the Boob's press into Shadowplay, would you? No, you have too much taste and integrity to lower your press standards that far, so there must be another answer.

SHADOW to SPIRO AGNEW: Okay, so you aren't the Boob. You are as boring as the Boob, yet Bob let you in. Couldn't be Courtesanthe...Bob wouldn't let him in either. You must be someone from whom Bob expected better press.

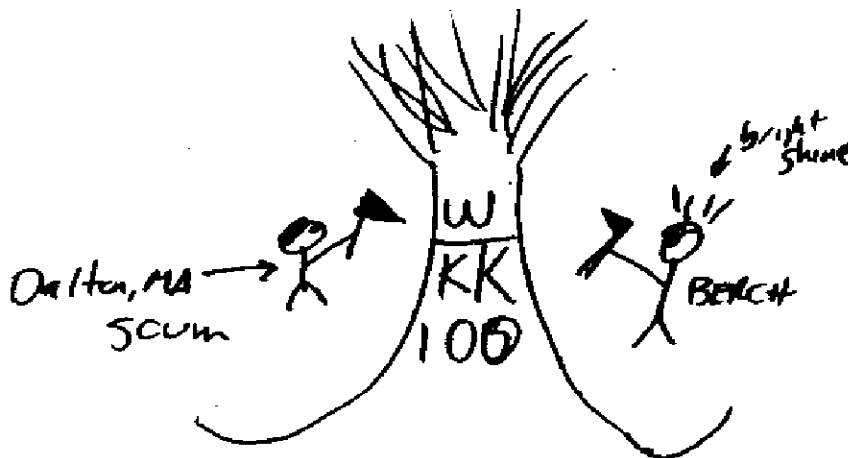
SHADOW to GM: Am I on the right track? Give me a clue. What are his initials? ((Close Mouthed GM to Shadow: Mmmmmph mmmmmph.))

SHADOW to SPIRO AGNEW: Wait a minute. Don Williams built a pretty good reputation as a press writer when the duck, Socrates, was ghosting most of his stuff. Didn't I read somewhere that Socrates had been ducknapped? That must be it, you're Don Williams writing his own press for a change.

SHADOW to GM: Well, am I right? ((Mmmmmph-uuuuuu)) Did Williams rip you off by promising some Soc press and then failing to deliver?

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Look at this, our struggling subzine has left room for me to fill in the gaps. May as well put another Brad Wilson cartoon in here. After all, he is our own, psycho artist. Maybe Brad will send a picture of Jeff "NOGRBW" Noto, for next issue. How about you JR? Gochise? Gruesome? Anyone?



"The tree grows, despite the lumberjacks"

I don't know how blue pen will reproduce. I'd also like to take this time to thank all of you who have plugged DIP, and to tell you, that I'm sorry to have let you all down. Between everything thats been going on lately, plus being very busy at work, I have yet to do DIP 1985. It will be done soon. I've rec'd a few requests (SASE's), and will have to get my tail in gear. If anyone writes to you about DIP, ask them to please be patient. It will get to them, if they requested a copy, before the end of the summer.

Have Fun & Take Care JKH

This is page 1 of KK, the zinny dedicated to cheering the Mets on!!!!

This month KK is dedicated to Daf and Steve Langley - why? Because they helped to put a little sunshine into Francine's life after our last disaster. They sent Fran a floral arrangement, after she had managed to pick up some form of lit firework which immediately blew up in her hand. Who says this family isn't cursed? Anyway the good news is that after three weeks it looks as if her hand will heal fine. It is just going to take time. She has no idea how lucky she is that she still has five fingers! Kids just don't listen, you tell them time and time again, not to play with them as they are dangerous, but do they listen, no, they think you are some sort of nut. Want to bet Fran never goes near them again. Anyway on to the fun and insanity, and this is for you Daf and Steve! Thanks again.

John and I have decided that when we die, we want Brad Wilson to write our eulogy! We very seldom print back patting letters, but in honor of our #100, and since we deserve to hear it once in a while...we will let Brad introduce you to our 100th issue!

Whitestonia/KK at 100  
by Brad Wilson

I've been a subber to this zine since at least issue 37, maybe earlier. I've watched it change and grow from a small zine to a monster, from a game-oriented zine to a chatty, funny bundle of jabber, from a zine that mostly was W to one that is mostly KK. And I've stuck with it through all that.

There are many other people who have contributed much more to W/KK than I have over the years; but I doubt there are many who have enjoyed it more. It's a pleasure and joy to read. Why?

Because its' editors are truly great people who care about Dipdom and the people in it. John bailed me out when my premature zine attempt botched. John has contributed things like DIP and the Ombudsmen project to the hobby over the years. Kathy's yeoman work with BN's, orphans, etc. are on record and awesome. And the two of them have allowed the hobby to get to know itself at their house often, often, often.

All this love for Dipdom and its' people is reflected in W/KK. Except when the hobby hate merchants are plaguing Kathy & John, W/KK is always happy and uplifting. W/KK is just another example of these two great friends of mine contribution to Dipdom. Dipdom would be a poorer place without the pools, contests, humor, art and hobby news brought to it by W/KK. Few other zines have W/kk's following; few would deserve it. As the flagship of that much-maligned but vivacious group known as the ECC - East Coast Clique - W/KK has cemented much of the hobby together through its pages. And as a national hobby force, W/KK has proven that fun and games as well as serious hobby commentary can co-exist on a zine, reach people from Ca. to Boston and not be boring.

So, W/KK at 100; a toast to this marvelous labor of love that must be yet at times, a pain to put out. A toast to the subbers who have made it possible over the years (and to a certain Perlmutter who brought it to my attention). And a toast to its editors, John Caruso and Kathy Byrne. Through fire, sickness, hate campaigns, burglaries, and the Carusomobile, they have put out the most consistently good zine since (at least) 1980. Good people produce good things - in this case - W/KK. Thanks John and Kathy.



This is page 2 of KK and after that, what can I say, except thanks Brad!

Okay, let's go to the questions, and we will start off with Pops!  
Dear KK: Chicago goes 0-for 10, drops 2½ back of N.Y. Feeling good  
this week(June 22)?...Dodgers Groupie  
(P.S. LA is only 3½ behind N.Y.)

Dear Pops, Chicago managed to go 0 for 13 before the Mets decided to  
give them a chance. The Moron Mets dropped the last two to the Cubbies.  
We are now 2½ out, and St. Louis is in the lead! Montreal right behind  
them, and then us followed by the Cubs! But our secret weapon returns  
tonight!.....Go Strawberry! Have no fear the Mets will beat the  
Dodgers, or this isn't a serious zine!.....XXXX and OOO

Dear KK: If you want 'edible' players to go along with Darryl Straw-  
berry, how about Candy Maldonado (LA)? Dusty Baker(SF)? Chet Lemon (Det)?  
And hire a manager: Howard Johnson (Det).....Just Poking Fun at them  
Dear Punster: Who needs a manager named Howard Johnson, that is our  
third baseman. And around here he is known as HoJo! What a stupid  
name to grace a kid with! Well, I guess it is better than Mookie,  
Hubie, or Woody!.....Go Mets!

Dear KK: Have you heard?! My "sawing-in-half" has been cancelled!! Since  
I have a prior lifetime contract (I sold my soul to Daf), I can't kill  
myself until I die. (Makes Sense). So you get me alive and Daf  
gets me whole. Is everybody happy?.....One-piece Suitor  
Dear Whole man: That sounds fine by me, I get a warm body, and Daf  
gets a guy with ice water for veins. Not only that but Daf deserves  
to get a stiff - she asked for it.....No complaints here

Dear KK: Did you know "there is no life east of I-5"?....exiled Angeleno  
Dear Exiled one: I didn't think that there was life West of Brooklyn.  
But what do I know, I hang out with Woody and George!.....XXXXX

Dear Baglady: Just a quick little note to say how distressed I was  
to hear of your recent string of misfortunes (What was Francine doing  
holding a lit firecracker?).  
((KK: Showing that stupidity is a way of life with my children!))  
I have given the matter some thought. Moving didn't seem to help.  
Misfortune still found you. So, my solution is that you should  
change your name and move again. This time, move to New Jersey. He will  
never find you there (neither will anyone else either).  
((KK: Oh great, now you want to condemn me to live in the Toxic Waste  
Dump Capital of the US. I'd rather have the curse!))  
A further thought. Have you ever considered that you bad luck may be  
what is causing your beloved Mets so much problems with injuries. Think  
about it for a while.....A Wolverine living in Buckeye-land  
Dear Black Eye: Actually, I am convinced that I have relayed my curse  
on to the Mets. Look at poor Elmer Hinton, all he did was call me up  
one night, and the next he was in the hospital. It can even be contracted  
by phone. And on that note, our best wishes to Elmer for a speedy re-  
covery!.....your friend and past ally

Dear KK, The Oilers won again. Don't depress me further and tell me  
Woody won the pool again....Feelin' Blue  
Dear Down in the Dumps, Better take some of your moonshine, as once  
again Woody Wins! Now we have to listen to him for another year!...me

Dear KK: Don't give up hope. Maybe Linda can educate Cochise about  
the difference between quantity press and quality press.....Hopeful  
Dear Dreamer: Sure, and maybe Jeff Noto will grow 8", or Ducky will give  
up Chicken and Stars or Tom Mainardi will learn to keep an ally.....Never

Page 3 of KK, the zippy that everyone said couldn't work!!Ha, Ha on you!

Dear KK, Since you're moving, now's the perfect opportunity to throw out all the unnecessary stuff...John, the kids, etc.....Felix Unger  
Dear Felix, (Wait a minute that is my name!), I couldn't throw out John as I need him to collate the zine, even upside down and backwards is better than me having to do it! As for the kids, Phil has already been exiled to Ariz. and Frank hits the Catskill Mts. on Sunday. I'm stuck with Fran until her hand looks better. I did throw out some stuff though. Dave Grabar's autographed pictures (all 99 of them), George's address, and anything connected with Robert Sacks!.....Oscar Madison

Dear KK: #100, huh? Is that your age or W/KK?...Younger than You  
Dear Diaper Wearer, Actually, it is the number of men in my life! I am an equal opportunity woman, I take him all ages, and all sizes! Even the brainless ones!....NO not Woody!!!!.....He's yours!

Kathy, First, may I ask how you managed to find a place in N.Y. so fast (after losing the last one - well, not exactly "losing", but you get the drift)?.....Del Dumb

Dear Del Dumb, Knowing that you were coming to visit us on the first of July, John and I decided to move and leave you to the demolished building, but as our luck is running - not only did we manage to find a place fast, but it seems you already found us! I knew I should've asked for an unlisted address!.....XXXX

Dear KK, is it true that the next time your front door becomes, well, "loose", you're going to tie Phyllis to the TV so that either the crooks stay away or (especially in N.Y.) they take the TV and Phyllis with it?.....Too Cheap for N.Y. Hotels (actually, my private suite at the Waldorf is a mess, thanks to the strike)

Dear Del Dumb: How about I hire you to be the doorman while you are here. Certainly, you can frighten anything away with that Dumb look of yours! By the way, you can stay in Phyllis' room again, since you enjoyed playing with the growing glob in there the last time! No need to thank me, I'd do the same for a friend!.....XXXXX

KK: You are coming to Pudgecon and that is final. I have spoken. Period. ....Don't you love it when I get macho with you?....Honey

Dear Honey, Yes, I love it when you exert your manhood. However why are you making me fly with Woody? I thought you liked me! Not only that but you are making me fly, on American. Yesterday, they had another crash, they couldn't figure out how to take off and they crashed on the runway! Are you sure you aren't being paid by the dark side to do me in?.....XXXXX

KK: Above you will note that I have invented a new form of ??? I put the ?? in the signature and the statement in the ?? instead of the other way around. So do I get some sort of award for this or what?....Honey

Dear Honey, Okay, you can have the "Don Del Dumb Memorial Award" for being the most confused person on this page.....XXX & 000

KK: Do you mean to say that Flowerchild and Pops are actually following the KK game?Ugh! I hate it when people watch me make a fool of myself....France

Dear France, Don't worry about a thing. If you do anything real dumb, I'll help you out. Remember I'm the one who gets to type the orders. ....Blink, Blink!

This blank space is dedicated to the blank space between Ducky Williams ears!!!!



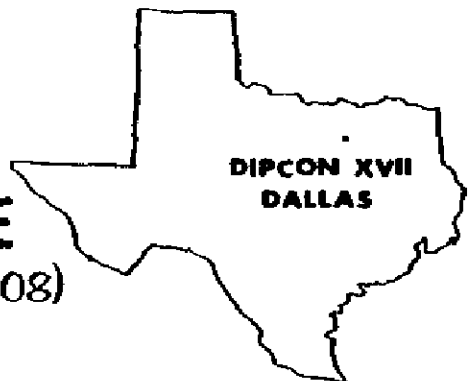
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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DIPCON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

published by the Chairman, Pete Gaughan (817-633-3208)



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Ecotopia #6 will be published about July 15, with your comments on the enclosed. #7 will be after Dipcon, with a short report on the tournament and the Society Meeting. If you have not already sent stamps, be sure to send a couple to Pete if you want to see those issues.

The following is organized somewhat thus. First is information you need to attend this year's Dipcon at Dragonflight. Second is information on matters surrounding Dipcon. Finally, I'm printing every proposal received thus far, including the MaryCon bid for Dipcon XIX.

**TO REGISTER:** Send \$20 to Dragonflight, PO Box 0417 (the "0" is important), Seattle WA 98111. If you have specific questions, address them to Pat LaBlanc (except for questions about the Diplomacy tournament). Ask for convention registration and, if you need it, a dorm reg form. (Correction to last issue: fees will not go up. However, if you don't pre-reg by early August some events may be filled and your door pass will have to wait for you in Seattle.)

There is no extra fee for Diplomacy, and the tournament does not have a limit on number of players. However, we'd appreciate it if you would let the Dipcon Committee know you're coming. Also, any Dip questions should go to a Committee member.

**TO ATTEND:** Airport, bus, hotel and restaurant information is available from Terry, but almost everything you'll need you can get at the dorm or from Dragonflight.

**TO PLAY:** The tournament will be kept very simple, and a flier will be available explaining the house rules and schedule. (The scoring system will be secret this year.) Basically, you must play in three rounds, including Sunday morning, in order to be eligible for prizes. The first round of regular Dip will be Friday at 7pm, but there will be "open" Dip activity, including a seminar and possibly a Gunboat round, before that.

**BEFORE THE CON:** I am waiting for a final report from Al Pearson, last year's Chairman, on the finances of Dipcon XVII. Dipcon XVIII is currently running total costs of about \$50.

**AFTER THE CON:** The Souvenir Booklet will be available for \$2, but we're not sure who will do the actual assembly; if you are attending, please start thinking about the kinds of things you'd like to see in the Booklet. Every player will have the chance to submit anecdotes from Dipcon for publication.

**NEXT YEAR:** The Dipcon Society Meeting will be after the Final Round on Sunday. The agenda will look like this: I. Site Selection, Dipcon XIX; II. Committee Selection; III. Consideration of Proposed Charter Amendments.

**SPEAKING OF WHICH...** Here are the proposals.

## PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

### PROXY BALLOTING

from Fred J. Davis, Jr. (phrased by Pete Gaughan)

- I. From section 1.4, the last sentence is deleted. ("No absentee votes may be cast.")
- II. From section 2.5, the last sentence is deleted. ("Voting by proxy or absentee ballot will not be permitted.")
- III. Section 1.5 is added following 1.4, and reads:

In addition to registered attendees, members of the postal Diplomacy hobby may vote on site selection only. Members wishing to vote who will not be attending must have their ballot received by the person responsible for absentee voting more than one week before the start of Dipcon. Absentee ballots must list the voter's choice of site(s), in order of preference; the voter's name and signature; and evidence that the voter has played in a postal Diplomacy game in the two years preceding Dipcon, or has published a zine substantially devoted to Dip.

- IV. Section 2.9 is added following 2.8, and reads:

The Chairman or his appointed replacement will certify that absentee ballots are indeed those of postal hobbyists. Valid absentee ballots will be consulted on every ballot not involving a choice of "no acceptable bid". Each ballot will be checked and a vote registered for the bid under consideration which is listed highest on a ballot's preference.

### RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS

from Robert Sacks and Terry Tallman

- I. Section 4.3 is amended to read:

Amendments must be ratified by a simple majority of votes cast at the Dipcon following their approval. Amendments become effective at the end of the Dipcon at which they are ratified.

### SITE ROTATION I -- WROBEL PROPOSAL

from Ed Wrobel

- I. The map in Appendix A is replace by the attached map. Section 2.6 is deleted.
- II. Section 2.3 is amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of DipCon administration and rotation of convention sites, North America will be divided into three regions. The names and boundaries of these regions are detailed below and shown on the map in Appendix A. Appendix A is considered an integral portion of this section and this Charter.

Region I (Eastern): Canada and the United States east of the Indiana/Ohio border, plus the whole states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. (This divides Lower Michigan approximately in half.)

Region II (Central): All states and provinces lying wholly or principally in the Central Time Zone, plus Indiana and those portions of Michigan not in Region I, but excluding Saskatchewan.

Region III (Western): Canada and the United States west of those areas in Region II. (This includes Alaska, Hawaii, and Yukon Territory.)

Puerto Rico is in Region I. The location of other sites is at the discretion of the DipCon Committee.

- III. Section 2.4 is amended to read as follows:

The DipCon site must be rotated among the Regions. For any given DipCon year, votes for a site within a Region which has not hosted DipCon in two years or more will count as one vote. Votes for a site within a Region which hosted DipCon the previous year will count as two-thirds a vote. Votes for a site within the current DipCon's Region will count as one-third a vote. If a Region fills more than one of these criteria, it is counted under the minimum vote-value due to it.

SITE ROTATION II -- DEL GRANDE PROPOSAL

from Don Del Grande

I. In Section 2.4, the portion after the colon is deleted, and the following is added:

One of the two regions (hereafter the "first region") shall be the eligible region from the preceding DipCon that did not contain the site of that DipCon. The other eligible region (hereafter the "second region") is determined by this chart:

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| If, when the number of the DipCon is divided by four, the remainder is: | then the "second region" is: | If this is also the "first region", the "second region" is: |
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The site of DipCon cannot be within the same state or province during two consecutive years, unless no other suitable site for the next DipCon can be located.

VOTE WEIGHTING

from Mark Berch

(Chairman's note: this proposal can be used with any site rotation, including the current one. Mark's site rotation is so similar to Ed's that I have not included it.)

I. Section 2.5 is amended to read as follows:

Voting will normally be open, by show of hands, but the Society may elect to vote by secret ballot, or by preferential ballot. The presiding officer will first call for a vote on whether there is an acceptable bid from the eligible region(s). If the majority vote yes, then only bids from the eligible region(s) will be considered. If not, then there will be a vote on whether there is an acceptable bid from the ineligible region(s) not hosting the current DipCon. Again, if yes, then only bids from that region or regions will be considered. Finally, if no acceptable bid has yet been found, there will be a vote on whether there is an acceptable bid from the current DipCon region. If so, those bids will be considered. If no acceptable bid is found, the members of the Administrative Committee are to use their judgment to select a site later.

If more than one bid comes under consideration, then a simple majority is required to choose a site. If no majority is gained, the lowest-ranking bid is dropped from the ballot and a runoff vote is taken, until a majority is obtained.

SITE BIDS FOR DIPCON XIX

It's the opinion of this Chair that bids need to be initiated by hosts. It is not the job of the Committee to run about begging people to host DipCon. As long as cons or groups are available to host DipCon, interested postal Dipsters should take the trouble to contact the host or the Committee--postal players should initiate bids. Keeping this in mind, here's what I have so far (hosts may wait to unveil their bids at the DipCon Society Meeting, but this would be truly rude). Every bid is allowed five minutes to tell its story.

MaryCon Conditions for Hosting DipCon '86

MaryCon is gratified by its frequent mention as a site for the 1986 DipCon Tournament and is confident that it can host a superior and profitable national contest. The following conditions will be offered for consideration to the DipCon Committee:

1. The tournament must be held on the MaryCon date, the first weekend in June, and that all promotion must feature MaryCon as host.
2. All local arrangements, lodging, meal plans, entertainment by MaryCon.
3. All promotion and operation of the DipCon tournament (i.e., advertisement, rules, gamemastery, scoring, awards, etc., be the responsibility of the DipCon Committee.

4. That all funds for expenses and registration be handled by MaryCon and that DipCon place a per capita surcharge to be collected by MaryCon and delivered to the Dipcon committee before the end of the Tournament.

5. That Vari-MaryCon and a MaryCon Tournament of Champions would be held the Friday before the DipCon Tournament and that awards for these tournaments will be featured at the DipCon Award Ceremony.

The MaryCon "bid" is fairly simple and nearly identical to the arrangement at Seattle. I also have a "bid" from Peericon in Sandy Ego--but wait. Larry's bid amounts to simply saying that he might offer the same package he proposed last year, IF the group from Southern California wants Dipcon. Under any circumstances, it seems I will have to wait until the Meeting before I know whether there will be a San Diego bid.

Okay, enough formality. As Chairman, I've been watching this Dipcon develop for nearly a year. I've only been to one other major Dip tournament (last year's Dipcon), but even I can tell this is going to be a success. The people who are planning to be in Seattle are really excited, and those who aren't are following every move with interest and, in some regions, anticipation of next year. There have been few specific ideas passed this way (a lamentable lack of input!) but in general people are eager for this con.

Greg Ellis and I will spearhead the Texas contingent. I expect up to 10 Texans; two have called me for info out of the clear blue (that is, folks I'd never heard of). Steve and Daf Langley are two of six Californians I'm sure of. Bruce McIntyre is threatening to bring 20 or more Canucks down from British Columbia--locals, but people who wouldn't normally come to Dragonflight and would be there foremost for Dip.

The East and Midwest are harder to read. Don Scheifler (Topeka, KS) is scheduled to present the MaryCon bid (Don finished second at this year's MaryCon); Paul Rauterberg and Russ Rusnak are rumored to be planning seriously for Seattle. Of course, many in the Midwest will attend Pudgecon the following weekend instead, which is understandable. Several ECCers are in the rumor mill but none will admit to Dipcon intentions. Crafty group! (Kathy, I want you at that seminar!!)

And of course I expect a few surprises. Last year we had unknowns from Québec, Connecticut, and Washington. This year: maybe Colorado? Minnesota? Europe?

So, folks, get your ideas in. Here's two more to bounce around: an amendment spelling out the process of electing and replacing Committee members in more detail; a set of standard house rules (not including variables like scoring)? Let me know. Meanwhile,

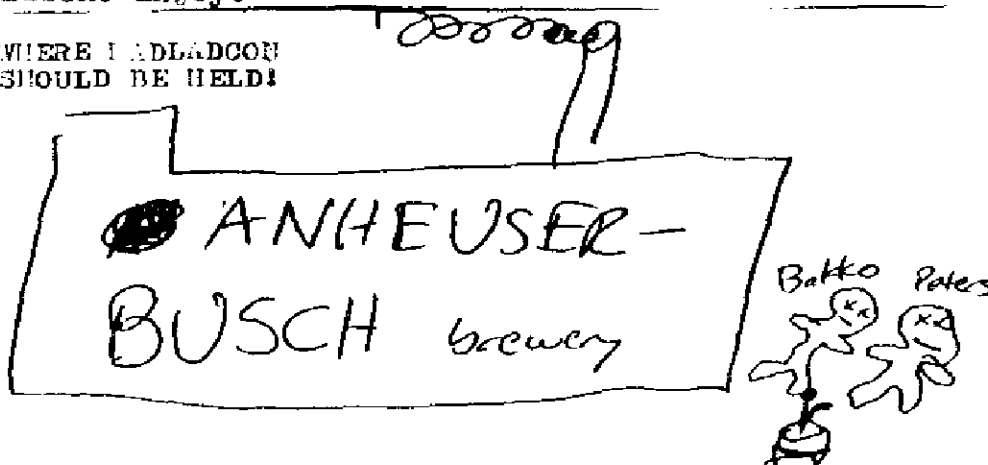
shalom,

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Since Pete left some space, I decided to fill it by telling him thank you for the information flyer. I hope everyone who attends Dragonflight/Dipcon has a good time.

Below, to help fill the space, is a cartoon by our resident psycho artist, Brad Wilson. Enjoy.

WHERE I ADLADCON  
SHOULD BE HELD!



This is page 4 of KK, and all our gossipy silliness!

KK: What are you going to do about this Langley-Williams feud? I suggest you do what you've done in the past - grab one by one ear, the other by one ear, and bang their heads together until they promise to be nice! ...The Great Peacemaker (Note - the hollow booming sound will probably be heard for miles)

Dear Peace Pipe: I would never be able to find Langley's ear, under all that hair. Instead, I think these two should settle their feud in a more gentlemanly manner. How about a race to see who can consume the most Chicken & Stars Soup. Each will of course have to provide their own victim to lick the garbage off of.....XXX

KK: So Del Dumb is upset because you didn't invite him to your fire. What's the matter, are his marshmallows getting stale?.....Del Smart

Dear Smartypants: I don't know about his marshmallows, but I'm sure his brain is getting stale. I wonder if the arsen squad would like to know about this man's fascination with fires!.....me

KK: How come there was no consummate genius drivel last issue? Did you finally take my advice and throw Mazzer out?.....Safe at last

Dear Honey, Something like that, you see what I actually did was throw Mazzer to the wimp boys, he is now trying out how to beat back an NMRing Peel and a diabolical player like Woody in Watergate. Needless to say, this is taking a lot of Mazzer's time, as he has never run across players of this ~~level~~ caliber before.....XXX&000

KK: How come you settled for Claudine Michalski in the Williams game? You probably could have gotten Nancy Reagan and Margaret Thatcher if you really tried.....Awestruck

Dear Star Gazer: Could you imagine our first Lady, getting a can of Chicken and Stars soup in the mail, along with a note - "I'll meet you in the Oval Office....Ducky". That would probably cause WWII as Ron would think that Ducky was some sort of Russian spy. I mean how could he know about all the sick perverts allowed to roam the streets of his fine country.....more XXXXXXX

KK: Where the hell was Woody this past weekend? He was supposed to be at home waiting for my call! I hope he didn't go bother you, you've had enough disasters already!.....Woodibasher

Dear Basher: Now where do you think he was? Of course, he was at my house bothering Phyllis. He can't understand why she keeps delaying the wedding! Neither can I come to think of it.....me

An appropriate place for a couple of neat gems of wisdom from Honey Olsen! "I'm starting to get worried about Don Williams showing up at PudgeCon. It could add a lot to my expenses. I'd have to go out and buy some Chicken& Stars soup, and of course a chastity belt for Michalski".

Or how about one about our resident complainer:

"I'm hoping that if I abuse Sacks enough, he will turn mean & violent. I'm not afraid though. Woody's head can take anything Sacks can dish out."

Speaking of Sacks, one of our new subbers, Chris Carrier sent in a joke.

Q: What is the difference between a megalomaniac in N.Y. and one in Mass.?

A. The one in Mass. calls what he does "helping out" and the one in N.Y. calls his thing a "registry of projects".

((KK: Send all hate mail to Chris, 1215 P St. 12, Sacramento, Ca. 95814))

Page 5 of KK, the zippy which lets and helps anyone to get into trouble!!

Dear KK: Maybe someone from N.Y.C. (which has given us the Mets, Jets, Nets and Goetz) would know this: Why do you think marijuana is sold on the English system (ounces) while cocaine is on the metric system (grams)?.....Lousy

Dear Lousy: This done for a very simple reason. There are laws which must be followed. You see just like drinking and driving doesn't mix, neither does Coke and Joints. So when you go to buy marijuana and you ask for six grams, they know you are already smacked on Coke and turn you away. If you go to buy coke and ask for ounces, they know you're stoned and send you away. It is really for your own safety. By the way if you go to buy coke and ask for it by the can, they have you arrested for trying to OD. I hope that clears everything up for you....XXXXX

Dear KK: With all this fulsome praise I got from you last issue, I've gotten a big head. HEY ALL YOU GUYS OUT THERE!!! KATHY GIVES GOOD HEAD!! Does this make us even?....Fitchburg Rotter

Dear Gnome: Cute, real cute, but now you'll have to fight off all the competition that you gave yourself.....last laugh.....XXXXX

Dear KK: No wonder you are so happy with your Italian Stallion. He's so greasy, you never have to use a lubricant!...I use bear grease myself.

Dear Greaser: There are certainly some strange lubricants in this hobby, you use bear grease, Ducky uses Chicken & Stars Soup, Langley uses Smooth as Silk (hair cream), Mazzer says that he doesn't need anything as his too small to have any problem, and Woody use Elmer's Glue! .....XXX & OOO

Dear KK: The Fitchbungler had better watch it! I am organizing a campaign to spirit Linda away. She wouldn't even notice it, since she would still be living in Fitchburg. I just call it taking her off of his hands and putting myself in hers!...Wisc. half-breed

Dear Misfit: She'd notice, as reading your press would keep her awake. And one of the main reasons that she is marrying Steve is because she is an insomniac, and no one can put her to sleep faster than Cochise's writings!.....keep on trying

Dear KK: Is it true that you are donating a pair of your used panties to the PDO auction this year - the ones with the stretched elastic - so that anyone that buys them can put them on and say, truthfully, that they got inside your pants?....Dime Store Wizard

Dear Nickel and Dime: Maybe I should-last year, I sold my burned bra and Ed Wrobel bought it, he said he liked wearing women's underwear! This could be a new fad, maybe Melinda and I could go into business together. Keep our old underwear, sell it to the males in this hobby and become millionaires.....XXXXX

Dear KK: If you want to know just what I'm on, why don't you come to Madison? In that case, I'll be on you!..Horny Gnome

Dear Gnome: But what if one of your horns, hits one of my vital parts, I could be ruined for life!.....XXX for Gnomes too

Dear KK: Me jealous that the Duck gets to play with six women at a time? Nah! It gets hard enough for me with just one at a time - and the second time it gets hard again! Anyone want to try for three?..me

Dear Under worked and over played: Duck says that he has no trouble handling 6 women at one time, he says that his only problem is when he is with Michalski. He says that is more man than anyone can handle...XXX



This is page 6 of KK, and we can no longer avoid the one and only - Cochise!

Dear KK, How do you expect Chairman Pete to get any work done if no woman would quit on him? That man really delegates authority!...Redman  
Dear Blushing, Who cares about work? Work makes you dull?!?! me

Dear KK, (Sniff) Is my press really that bad? Please ask Fudge to send in more press so I can have someone good I can pattern myself after.  
.....Not a Golden Ager

Dear Misfit, So, the Golden Agers won't take you either, that should tell you something. Actually, your press isn't that bad, it just isn't that good! Oops, forgive me Swider - it isn't mediocre either! If you really want to know how bad it is, I can ask my favorite press judge, Fops Gaughan to rate it for you. Maybe you'd rather not know.....XXXX

Dear KK: I see that you didn't jump on the "AL Fan" for his use of seven's. Why was that?....Cochise  
Dear Cochise, I never pick on anyone bigger than me! Do I look like a fool, well do I fool!.....some people act like Del Dumb

Dear KK, How does it feel to live on the ground floor for a change? Now you can complain to the people upstairs about too much noise.  
....Firewater Ltd.

Dear Water Logged, Phyllis says the ground floor is even better than the second floor as her specimens grow faster. Francine says it is a real bummer, as Phyllis slime has already started up the leg to her bed....me

Dear KK, You want me to inflict Linda on Elmer and Steve? Only if they abuse me will I unleash that curse. I know you read here, you two, so be warned.....Not a Cigar Store Indian

Dear Totem Pole, They aren't exactly shaking in their boots, I mean once they've had you...anything looks good....even Carriers jokes!....me

Dear KK, Woody tells Dave where to move his pieces, Nah, can't be. Dave is doing too good.....Cochise

Dear Cochise, Obviously you never saw Dave Grabar move his pieces by himself, he makes Woody look like a consummate genius! Yes, he is that bad, Del Dumb taught him how to play. God, help us all.....me

Dear KK, I think Linda knows what she is doing. She forgot to give me her stuff for KK. Is a separate mailing alright?...Concerned with USPS  
Dear Worry wart, You are right, Linda does know what she is doing, she was too embarrassed to be seen in the same envelope with your trash! I really don't care how much postage you waste, but you better hope she gets her stuff here tomorrow, or she'll NMR. As for you have no fear the USPS has it in for me, no matter when you mail it - you always get here the day before the deadline!.....Don't you love abuse!

Dear KK, Curious said that "Laurie inherits Cochise"? Methinks, Laurie is looking for a lawyer to appeal that life sentence.....Cochise

Dear Cochise, You could hire Woody as your lawyer and still be hantling this out for 20 yrs. As Laurie has engaged her husband, George as her attorney, and as everyone knows George could easily have been one of the original three stooges!.....me

I have no question small enough to fit on this page! So, how about I thank all of you for making this zine so very worthwhile! You have to be the best subbers in the country, but that is because you are family! Special thanks to Dave Grabar and Steve Heinowski for getting us started, and heading us in the right direction. Alnd Dave, thanks for sending in that first question to KK - YOU are responsible for all of this!!!!

Page seven of KK, the zippy that says feel free to call me anytime - I mean Chris Carrier and I discussed religion, did some bashing, and ran up his bill for 2 1/2 hrs.

Next a letter from Linda (Cochise's better half)

Dear KK,

Just read the latest re Romeo Courtemanche (what can I say, love is blind!) and me. Several Comments:

First, you goofed on the CGA. Cochise is in Woburn already! However, the wedding is July 20th...which reminds me, I must wrap up this letter fast, so I can get to my last fling tonight! (Please don't show this to Cochise!!)

((KK: Slow down, you gotta plenty of time for a few last flings!))

Second, I see that my future hobby--er, hubby--is threatening to get me into a game. With 2 jobs, 2 committees, and an apartment on the string, I suppose he means that he'll do all the housework while I write...(Hmmm!)

((KK: That is a great idea! Maybe then he won't have time to write press!))

Third, on a more serious note: I am adding my condolences to Steve's.

And I want to add: If sorrow has taught me one thing this year, it is this...a person's "soul" is the love, the comfort, the challenge and the caring that he or she provides to others during life, and even in death. If remembering a person can reassure one or give one strength, then that person's life was complete and worthwhile. And I don't have to tell you that such love must be passed along, Kathy, because you have been doing that for a long time. Both Steve and I send you our love and prayers.

Now, a question: I don't know whether KK has ever been used as an advice column...but I do have a problem, and need your help; if not solved, it could be ruinous to my wedded bliss with Cochise:

When Steve lived in Fitchburg, he had a mailbox the size of a Sherman tank.

The mailman, it is rumored, upped his insurance after S. got into Dip.

Now that he has moved to the bustling metropolis (?) of Woburn, we have a microscopic hole-in-the-wall of a box...something a reclusive Lilliputian couldn't fit his love-letters into!

We have a number of options here:

- (1) Ask you to microfiche all moves and letters.
- (2) Buy out the apartment building and use all the boxes.
- (3) Rent a crate at the Woburn, P.O.
- (4) Rent the entire Woburn P.O.

Any and all suggestions will be gratefully appreciated, ignored, considered, or burned with an acetylene torch.

((KK: Okay, what you should do, is buy a big garbage can, and put it out front with the words mail drop printed on it! You see, anyone writing to Cochise can't be all that bright and therefore the letters are probably trash anyway. This will save a lot of time, you won't even have to put the trash out as it will already be out! This will give you less housework, and you may even have time to join a dip game.))

I talked to my mother yesterday, to see if she had killed Phyllis yet! She said "Oh, she is such a doll, I don't know what I would do without her!" Well, that is all the proof that I need that my mother really has cracked up! Phyllis and doll in the same sentence, she must have underwent a radical personality change on the plane!

John drove Frank, out to my fathers this morning. I was suppose to do it, and I would have, if Chris had gotten off the phone before 2:30 am. It is all his fault. My father needs Frank to help him fix up a house he just bought. He is leaving, the Island and going upstate to live. I'm sure Frank will be a great help. I mean around here, I can't even get him to put out a bag of garbage! My parents must be nuts! They think my kids are well behaved and very helpful! So much for Grandparents! Of course, my kids have my parents wrapped right around their fingers! My father says I hope that Frank will want to ride down with me next week and help me with some of the heavy stuff. I said just tell him! He says, no, he has a choice! How come I never had any choices????!!!!

This is page 8 of KK, and the following is a plug for the best ombudsman service around. Just in case Robert needs references!

**BOB'S OMBUDSMAN SERVICE**  
"Solomon-Like Wisdom While-U-Wait"

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**B.O.S. BREAKS SPEED OF LIGHT!  
PROVED INFALLIBLE IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY!**

Bob's Ombudsman Service has set a hobby record by being the first ombudsman service in Dip history to exceed the speed of light--by rendering its decision before receiving a request. This amazing feat occurred when the B.O.S. rendered a completely fair and impartial decision regarding the Langley/Byrne feud over one Pete "Hapless" Gaughan, a well-known hobby figure. The ombudsman decision, dividing Gaughan separately but equally into two portions, was sent out on Monday 4/22/85. On Wednesday, 4/24/85, BOS recieved a request from Daf Langley to adjudicate the dispute in question--a full two days after the decision was made! Which is strikingly reminiscent of the old limerick,

"There was a young lady of Wight,  
Who travelled much faster than light.  
She left home one day,  
In a relative way,  
And arrived home the previous night."

In a related development, Pete Gaughan (pre-division) has pointed out a strange and inspirational Biblical passage which clearly prophesies the advent of Bob's Ombudsman Service and its Solomon-like wisdom--referring to Solomon we read, "A breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore...greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East."

Thus conclusively proving that Bob's Ombudsman Service is wiser than the East Coast Clique, the South Coast Clique, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the CIA! (We won't even talk about the Mad-Lads!)

Can you afford to take your earth-shaking disputes anywhere else?

((KK: Can you afford not to go to Bob? I've always received fair and honest decisions from him. He never lets me down!))

I hate it when I have to fill up a page, it always manages to get me in trouble! Thanks to all of you who have written to tell me, how good my articles are in the novice packet! My favo~~ite~~ite however was written by Steve Langley. Steve wrote questions that every novice always wanted to ask, and then proceeded to answer them. It is excellent, and I would advise every novice to read this section carefully!

It was suppose to rain today, but low and behold the sun is out, and we all know what that means - it means I have to hurry up and do the games, so I can hit the park and the sun! I really owe Elmer for getting sick, this way I will just have to do one game! Only problem with this is that it looks like the Carusomobile may actually bite the dust - it really is running terrible. So John left with my car to take Frank, my car goes everywhere, we don't dare take his, so he letter get it back here so that I can make my escape!

Page 9 of KK, and even though I didn't get to Mary Con, I did get a report from a good friend, so take it away Mark Puppy Frueh!

### Frueh's Dangerous Trip Out East!!

Marycon in one word: GREAT! ((KK: No commercials for Tony the Tiger please)) I have to admit I was wondering if Marycon would be worth the money to fly out too. It surely was.

Don Scheifler and I flew to Washington, D.C. Friday morning. We rented an overly priced junker Monte Carlo from Budget Car rental - arrived in Fredricksburg at 2:00 PM. We missed the Variecon tourney - so we played Axis & Allies and was toured around the campus by Dick Warner. As many of you know the Con is at a perfect site on Mary Washington College.

Mike and Bill Kelly have constructed a 6'x6' (maybe 8'x8') Diplomacy board. Each unit representation of the Nations flag and silhouettes of ships of that era. They used this giant dip board for Saturday Round 1 game and the Saturday Night Gunboat Game. It is very impressive.

The best part of the con is meeting old friends again and meetings of the first time. Old ~~#144~~ buddies - Tommy Swider, Carl Russell, Steve Arnawoodian, Steve Knight, Bruce Linsey, Dick & Julie Martin and Mark Berch. Meeting Ed Wrobel, Ken Peel, Mark Larzelere, Tom Mainardi, Mark Murray, Don Swartz, Dick Warner, Greg Boyd, Mike and Matt Kelly, Fred Davis, Sean Vessey, Bernie Oaklyn, Jim Yerkey, Russ Blau, Malcom Smith, and many others who I forget their names (which I apologize for).

Low lights - Sat. - Game 1 France - I was in a fantastic Madlad position - but there is a reason for the puppy nickname. I made several blunders. I was exhausted and what my mind was telling me to move my hand wrote opposite orders. Compounded with the excellent Bernie Oaklyn "Fucking with your Mind" style diplomacy - I was a lost and found puppy. The game ended in a 6 way draw - only because Bernie had to leave for a flight lesson (We naturally voted him out of the draw). Everyone, and I mean everyone felt lucky to get a piece of the 6 way. Lesson to learn - get your sleep for cons.

Highlights: Fri. night - 3 player Titan game with Don Scheifler and Dick Martin. It's true Dick Martin can be beat in Titan. Even Titan "Gods" don't always get their die rolls. Dick Martin and Mark Larzelere may travel to Pudge Con - where they will certainly play Titan - Travel 1200 miles to play Titan with a friend who lives 15 miles away from your home. They are Titan players!

Playing Axis & Allies until after 4:00am. Sat. morning with Don Scheifler, Carl Russell, and Don Swartz. Don's tactics were fantastic as the allies - we played for over 6 hours - but with Carl's dice rolls -(talk about Godly great) we eventually won with Carl's Japs about to pounce on Egypt.

Eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner with dippers and glow ladies - I felt a spiritual urge to stab after eating.

Learning to play Cold War with Carl Russell, Ed Wrobel, and Sean Vessey. Cruel-tricky-and fun.

Sunday's Dip game I got my sleep and I was ready to play. On the flight to MaryCon, Don & I talked about our favorite countries to play. Don's preference was Ger - and mine was Italy. Sure enough Don got Ger game 1 and I got Italy game 2. Don eventually won 2nd place and best Ger. at the tourney.

Pg. 10 of KK and the Puppy tells of his trip to the East Coast!

The game was exciting. I made a game long alliance with Aust. We stuck by each other thru thick and thin. We were able to take a 4 way draw with Eng and a very small Russ. Had time allowed Russ. would have been out. My goal was trying to get best Italy award. Don Scheifler was my competition. We both hovered back and forth like vultures seeing how each was doing. In the end I sneaked off with one more dot for the award. Malcolm Smith played France - he was very good to me but all I gave him was lies and attacks. But if I hadn't attacked him, Russia may have been able to gain to much from France and England's troubles. I pretty much played the board - I was rotten to everyone but Austria. Thankfully Aust. wasn't a Madlad.

The award ceremony was very nice - Malcom Smith was awarded a special award for the farthest traveller to the con - he deserved more.

Marycon is the best organized and the running of the events is unequalled to any con I've ever been too. I fully support Mary con's bid for Dip Con next year. The competitiveness and good gaming will give everyone a run for the short hairs. See you next year.

((KK: Another Convert. Yes, MaryCon is the best run, and nicest I've ever been too. For those of you who don't know Malcolm Smith's award for farthest traveller was an understatement - he flew in from England just for this con. Thanks to Mark for the article and it gained you two freebies.))

How about a letter from Tom Hurst:

Dear Kathy: Actually, I think your praise of me in your last issue was overblown. I'm actually mean, nasty, and despicable. Just ask anyone who has ever palyed a game of Diplomacy with me! However, I do remember who my friends are, and when they're down I try and do something about it. Is this so strange? I really hope not. It was no big thing, really. I just did what anyone would have done, had they thought about it. I did it, you felt better for it. That's reward enough for me. You didnt have to spread it all over KK and make the other guys feel bad that they didn't think of it....Ralph the Gnome

((KK: Hell, I just loved ruining your reputation. Why should everyone think that you are mean and nasty, when I know the truth, you are really just a pussy cat!))

And now another joke by Chris Carrier:

Q: What is the main difference between McDonalds and Burger King?

A: Less chance of getting shot to death at Burger King.

((KK: Keep this up, and you'll wind up getting shot down in KK!))

There is a funny side to everything or at least that is my new philosophy- it is either that or go nuts. So here is the funny side of being robbed. I gave the Police, the report and almost died of embarrassment when I had to tell them that one of the stolen rented tapes (actually Frank rented it) was Hulkomania! The two officers started laughing, and one said - you mean someone was actually desperate enough to steal that. Frank walked the polic out, and was back in five minutes, it seemed the police needed a clothes hanger! Yup, they locked their keys in the ignition of the patrol car and then locked the doors. Talk about embarrassed, about twenty people stood around for 15 mins. watching these poor guys break into their patrol car. Smart ass Phyllis says: and they always tell you not to leave your keys in the car, and then they do it. My reply was: but at least they locked the doors! I felt like telling the poor guys not to worry about it, I mean after all it was just a part of my curse, rubbing off on them!!!!

Page 11 of KK, the zippy with the sense of humor!!! We need it!

Expiring Subs: This issue: Moocher Minshall, Russ Rusnak  
In case you are wondering why Minshall is once again expiring, it is because he sends a \$1 check everymonth.

#101 we loose: Burgess (Oh, no - not the Boob), Fassio, Jacobs, Ducky Williams (no, I need someone to pick on), Mark Frueh (what?) Jeff Noto and Carl Russell

#102 says goodbye to: Elmer Hinton (noway, you play), Cochise (ditto), Pops Gaughan (we'll arrange sub credit as I need to resub to yours too), Carrier and Swider

#103 is a way off but: M. Lee, Feel, Swartz, Langley and Wrobel

Dale Bakken sent in his resub check just as he was told too! Now that is what I call listening! Good thing it wasn't Peters turn to sub or Mark Frueh would now have my money!

Plug: Masters of Deceit, the novice package just recently finished, is out and it is great (there is that Tiger again). It is well worth the \$1, that is being asked for it. I read it, and I really can't see how a novice could pass it up. It is written by some of the best players in the hobby today. I just hope that Woody takes the time to read it, he could really benefit from it! Bob Olsen has put it together, but the easiest way to get a copy is to write Woody as he was responsible for publishing it! Woody (Steve Arnawoodian) 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA. 19446

Please note that Robert Sacks has requested a delay to get his complaints in from last issue. As I told Robert on the phone, if you don't complain by the following issue, tough luck. He says that he needs the delay because he was in France - too bad he didn't go to Athens. Anyway request is denied, and if Robert insists on going to an Ombudsman - he must use Bob's Solemn Like Wisdom! Robert complains that I am not fair - well guess what - no one ever said that I was. I'd suggest Robert send his complaints to John as John has lots of time to waste on silly things, I'm much too serious for this nonsense!

Now for Cochise's complaint:

Dear Pops, It is not up to the GM to decide what the player meant by a set of orders. If A Ank exists but he/she wrote F Ank-Smy then the order is not legal.....I'm in Kathy's Korner  
((KK: About time you came up with a clever line))

Now Pops Gaughan: The mutual credit is okay - but if you want me to keep subbing to KK, why try to scare me off with Grabar's photo?

((KK: You mean you didn't frame it! Look at it this way, I have no other way to get rid of the things!))

Some of you actually remembered to send in abuse of Caruso! So here it is. Don Del Dumb: I think, in honor of the 100th issue, I'll do something different - by not abusing him.

((And you wonder why they call you Dumb!))

Pops Gaughan: Dear KK: When are you going to have a Caruso Con? You could play wimpy games like Risk and the Game of Life, and serve light beer and quiche!.....Pops

((KK: You were doing okay until you mentioned the light beer, are you insinuating that I am a wimp!))

Melinda: What can you say about Caruso? Such a genius and talent only appears once in a generation. (What? We're talking about John Caruso? I thought this was for Enrico Caruso).

Page 12 of KK and more abuse of Caruso! Good Going!

Ahem, John Caruso is not only responsible for KK. He's also responsible for encouraging yours truly to start a zine. (Actually, he didn't but I have to blame someone, so Caruso's it.)

But let's talk about John - the man. This man is so compassionate. Look at his generous work in helping short people overcome their problems. Without John's help, just where would Kathy Byrne be today. Just stop and think about it.

And what about John the player? This man had died so many times that his fellow players could win. Now that's going to the limit for an alliance! ((KK: You were doing fine till you decided to knock short people!))

Next up Ralph the Gnome:

John is such a wimp that he believes Rusnak's promises, the Duck's press, and Mazzer's motormouth. Further, he even allies with Woody! Now I've seen it all!

Why are you giving the Wimp the responsibility for putting W out all of these years, when we all know that to hold him responsible for anything he says or does is an act of mental incapacity on our own parts?

Caruso is a wimp because the only thing he ever convinced anybody to do in his life, in a game or otherwise, was to get you to come and live with him and take care of him.

((KK: That's what you think, I have enough trouble taking care of myself!))

And the free issues go for the next two, and you're not going to believe it but one of them is Cochise!

We all thought that the Wimp was such an athlete when his football team won the championship (finally). What he failed to tell us was that he was the waterboy. Unbeknownst to the rest of the team, he doctored the stuff with amphetamines.

The true wimp shows through during the summer. He has taken over the position of umpire on a softball league. I can just see him calling balls and strikes. He'll call a strike on a pitch that gets thrown over the backstop just because the batter is Tom Hurst. The feeling of power he gets ejecting a manager gives him a thrill he can't get anywhere else. Just remember where he was hiding during Woody/Sacks Bout.

And the other winner, My Honey Olsen:

I don't see why you would worry about how Claudine is going to be in her press -- about the grossest thing I can think of is none other than John Caruso! Imagine him getting to issue #100 - that in itself is gross and shows the shockingly low standards among zinnies these days. I am sure that if Caruso weren't so buddy-buddy with Robert Sacks he wouldn't have gotten as far as he has. And if he didn't have you he never would have gotten anywhere at all! (So basically it's all your fault...how did I know it would come out that way...). Really though Caruso does perform many useful hobby services. His GMing makes Don Williams look good...his handwriting makes Jim-Boob Burgess look -- well, not good, but let's say semiadequate...his wimpiness makes me look like Clint Eastwood...and best of all his foolishness makes Robert Sacks look like the Oracle of Delphi. All in all if John Caruso had not existed we would have had to hire Dr. Frankenstein to invent him...come to think of it I did see somewhere a receipt for "one(1) bumbling, mindless, silly wimp". As I recall the bill was for \$2.49 which just goes to show that there is a lot of price gouging going on in N.Y.! I could get the same thing here, with a service contract, for \$1.89! So next time honey, I suggest you buy out of state.

By the way, did this make sense? If so I'm sorry.

((KK: It was super, see I avoided Great! And it wins you a free issue!))

Page 13 of KK, and wait till you see the question Job Olsen wants answered!

Contest time: Job Olsen wants to know the answer to the following question about him. Best answer gets the freebie!

Q: How am I perceived in the hobby?... (Hint: you're suppose to say 'You're slime, Olsen!')

Okay guys, if he wants it feel free to give it to him! I just love when someone asks for it!

Now our GMing questions from last month! Do you call NMRing players etc.? Me first, no I do not call NMRing players, I have found out from other GM's that every month they wind up calling the same people. I also do not think that it is fair, to say, Melinda, if I call anyone in her game as she can't be reached by phone. So, I do not make it a practice to call up NMR's. I also won't delay the game, just to avoid an NMR, as that is not fair to the players who get their moves in on time.

Honey Olsen: Do I call players who NMR? Yes, I call them useless, care-less, incompetent, mindless, dunderheaded and deadwood. And that's only when I am in a very good mood! Otherwise I get nasty! I think it would be very unfair to draw a distinction between a big country and a small country, or between an unimportant and a "crucial" NMR. It's not the GM's job to say who's big enough to be called and who isn't. Any-way if a large country has a "crucial" NMR he sure is going to be ~~more~~ careful next time, so you're doing him a favor in the long run by letting him bear the consequences of his screwup. As for calling NMR players in general, unfortunately I am not in a position to do so every season, so I can't allow myself to do so any season. One must be consistent, after all. ((KK: My sentiments exactly))

Cochise: No, I would not call players who are NMRing. If I was independ-ently wealthy I would, but since that is not the case. My number would be made available to all players touse if they wanted to make sure their moves are in. I'd feel bad if the circumstances around the NMR are not caused by the player, but I don't think this is in the province of a GM. I would delay a game for an NMR only if it was the second by the same player and his standby did not send in orders. To avoid this, I think I would name a primary standby and ask anyone else to send in orders in case the position is not picked up. ((KK: Making your phone number available to players doesn't always work either. I have too many players who depend on getting me at home the day of the due date, that is not always a certainty.))

Pops Gaughan: I call (try to call) every NMR player on deadline night. If I know their schedule I might try to call the next day, but never more than twice. Yeah, sometimes I don't bother for a one-dot power that's irrelevant, but usually I call. I would never delay only because of an NMR - but if I get one request for a delay, the NMR counts as a second request. ((KK: You are a nice GM!!!! I agree with the NMR counting as a 2nd request for a delay. But calling the NMR people as much as twice - boy, you really do try to avoid NMR's. I must ask just how success ful has this been?))

Del Dumb: If the players don't want to spend the money to call me (it would cost them more if I called collect) and don't know better than to get their letters in early, it's their fault (unless for ex., it's the P.O.'s fault). I never call players who are about to NMR. (I barely have enough time to get the results done without having to call.) ((KK: Well, I guess we all do it about the same way. We all seem to hate NMR's but I guess they are a part of the game. Stay tuned for another question on this same situation...believe me it could happen to you!))



Page 14 of KK, and we continue to discuss GMing situations, if anyone wants anything discussed please let me know - I'll be happy to oblige!

Question #2 was about a player who did not cover all possibilities in his conditional orders. I checked the two sets of postal conditional orders, only one unit varied. So, I held that one unit, and moved all of the rest. In all honesty I will say that if too many units would have been affected, I probably would have reverted to the phonad in set.

Cochise: Oops. This looks familiar (Hee, hee, ha). Take the orders from over the phone.

((KK: But you specifically told me not too!))

Pops Gaughan: Tough one. There are only two options: use the phone orders or use only the orders that are the same from the two mail sets. You can't call the player - that would tell him what his opponent is doing. A "strict" GM would take the mail orders (toss the phone orders since they were specifically "in case the mail fails"), and NMR the units which are double-ordered. That's a fine ruling - nobody can complain. However, I'd use the phone orders. I assume (WOW!) they are the player's preferred back-up in case of any unusual event, and not just a postal error. In my case, the player would have a legitimate gripe. I didn't go by the book - but would he rather NMR?

((KK: I really don't think that there was any real "by the book" here. It was a very unusual circumstance! I personally, really thought about this, I did however, talk to the player after the game was GM'd and explain, why I did, what I did. As you said, there was no way I could call him, without him knowing what Germany did!))

Honey Olsen: Boy, this is a tough one!((KK: That seems to be unanimous!)) About the only thing that I can figure is that you should use those orders which are common to both sets and not negated by being conditional on something that didn't happen. If it should happen that all the orders have to be thrown out, though, the player should of course not be charged for an NMR.

((KK: If they were all being negated, I definitely would have reverted back to the phone orders!))

Now to totally confuse us - Don Del Dumb:

This is a tough one, ((KK: See, here we go again)) and it depends on exactly what the orders said. If the orders said "If (the other player) removes (the army) ..." and If (the other player) removes (the fleet)" without using words like "otherwise" or "however" (in other words, if it's possible to allow both sets of orders at the same time), then treat it as if both sets of orders were written. (Obviously, there will be some units with two or more different orders, which is illegal.) However, if the orders made it clear that only one of the two conditions could apply, it's as if no orders were written. (By the way, ignore the phone orders).

((KK: That is as clear as mud, boy, am I glad you gave up GMing!))

Next is some comments by Tom Hurst:

To clarify my statement about last issue's rule discussion, first, the "can't read" portion of my statement concerned players who NMR out of spite. Second, I believe that ALL NMR's affect the play of the game, just as all regular moves do. Intentional NMR's should, of course, be allowed. After all, a person has a perfect right to hold all his units. I would assume all NMR's unintentional unless notified otherwise. Perhaps a unit criteria could be designed in a pubber's houserules that would cover what an NMRing player would have to own in centers before, by definition, he made a "crucial" NMR, thereby causing a game delay instead of having it run.

Still the ? remains. How do we stop NMR's? This is the question that still needs to be answered!

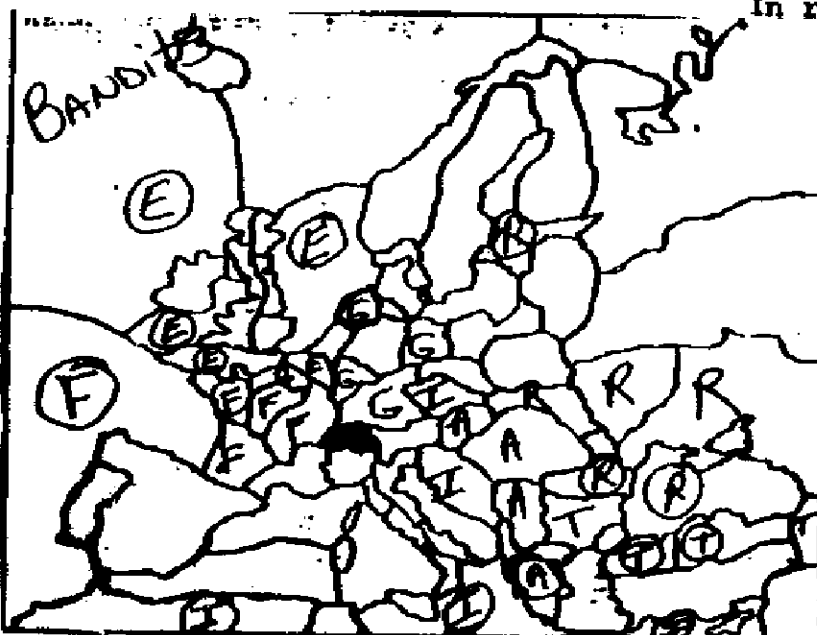
KK: I personally feel that if any GM can stop NMR's it has to be Pops. I mean that man goes out of his way for the players in his games. I really don't know how to stop NMR's but if anyone has any ideas send them in!

This month's question is more on this topic! I am called to standby in #40, I get the position in #41, I send in orders for #42. Absolutely, no one has written me at all, until yesterday when I received a letter from my neighbor apologizing for his NMR, and asking me to do certain things this turn. I have no idea what he is talking about, until I go back and pull out issue #42 - the due date was June 5th, I have no idea when this due date is! I immediately write the GM and tell him I just found out that I never got the results, and ask him to send me another copy ASAP, and that I will be sending him my moves by return mail, so even if I'm one or two days late - please don't NMR me. Ques: You are the GM, how will you feel about this, what would you do?

Ques #2: Again I'm the GM. Yeah, I get all the beauties! Player writes and tells me that he will be unavailable during July and Aug. He then gives me three different names from three different states and tells me to send each of them the results, and maybe one of them will send in moves for him. As the GM what do you do? Would you honor this request and what do you tell the other players if you do?

By the way, I am running more than the two games that you see, I have two more games running in my orphan pick up zine! So, the above ques. has nothing to do with the Klowns or the Bandits! Although, I already have decided what I am going to do, I would still like to hear what you say. Hey, you should know that a lot of people are really enjoying watching these GMing discussions, and want us to continue! The amazing part is that I am finding myself as interested as they are!

And now the games - First up the Bandits....I know I said no seperation, but it turns out that this will be W02 only! Fasy season, Italy does retreat to Tries. And that is it. The game is delayed for two reasons. One is at the request of Elmer as he has been hospitalized, and is still recovering. The other is that due to personal difficulties, Jeff Noto is forced to resign! Last turn, Eng was listed as not going from Nwg-Nat.



In reality it goes, both players were notified! The new Russian player will be: ED WROBEL, 3932 N. Forestdale Ave. Dale City, Va. 22193 Ed you own Home + Rum, Swe Aus (Ducky Williams) 217-B Craig Ct. Redlands, Ca. 92374 Eng (Mazzer) 1900 Kelton Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90025 Fra (Lousy) You know him Ita (Hinton) 20 Almont St. Nashua, N.H. 03060 Turk (Woody) You know him!

Spring 03 is due: July 26, 1985!!! Orders are needed for Aus, Ita, and Russia! You do have a couple of guest press releases! Holley-Dirty Duck: Who am I to deny you pleasure. It'll be a short job though.

Page 16 of KK, and you get to see the Klowns in action!

Honey: Kathy Byrne deserves all the abuse she gets because she's short, a Mets fan, a lover of wimpy Italians and prints garbage drolled out by a Clark-'ar stealing, John Michalski-flirting, bumbling idiot named Roach Williams!

GM-Honey: For a minute there, I thought you were going to forget who you were suppose to abuse!

And now the Klowns! And as usual - they are funny! I hope I did this right if not, would Langley or Gaughan tell me right away, as these players aren't bright enough to catch my mistake!Ger and Aust hang on!!!!  
France bypasses Dot for position, England makes big gains! Turk gets the Ion, and France takes WMed!!!! Draw Fails!

Aus(Woody): A Rum S Bud-Serb, A Bud-Serb (Annih)  
Eng(Cochise): A Kie S (Fre) A Mun-Ber (NSO), F Swe-GOB, A Nory-Swe, F Den-Balt  
A Edin-Den (NSU), F Nth C A Edin-Den, A St.P hold, F Edi (unordered)  
Fra (Honey): A Mun-Boh, A Ruh-Mun, A Mar-Bur, F MAO-WMd, A Bel and A Par  
change places (GM: Perfectly Legal, Presto Magic - its done!)  
Ger (Corbin)s Retreat A Kie-Ber, A Per holds  
Ita(Melinda): A Bud ret Gal, A Alb S A Ven-Tries, A Gal-Bud, A-Serb S (Russ)  
A Ukr-Rum, A Ven-Tries, F Ion S A Alb (dis. Ret, Tyrr, Nap, Apu, ADr),  
F Tun S F Ion  
Russ (Wrobel, Mr. Ed)s A Vie S Ita A Gal-Bud, A Ukr-Rum, A Mos-Sev  
Turk(Grabar): F FMed S F Gre-Ion, F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Gre-Ion, F Bla S A Sev  
A Sev S Aus A Rum, F Bul(SC) - Gre

Now Winter 04 supply center chart

|                                           |        |                         |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Aus, Rum                                  | 1 even |                         |
| Eng, Home, Nwy, Holl, StP, Den, Kiel, Swe |        | 9 +2                    |
| Fra, Home, Spa, Port, Mun, Bel            |        | 1 but +1. playing short |
| Ger, Ber                                  |        | 1 even                  |
| Ita, Home, Bud, Trie, Tun, Serb           |        | 1 +1                    |
| Russ, Wars, Vie, Mos                      |        | 3 even                  |
| Turk Home, Bulg, Sev, Gre                 |        | 6 even                  |

Spring 05 and Winter 04 are due on July 26, 1985!!!!!! Dont NMR!

COA: Cochise, 300 Main St., Apt. 1, Woburn, Mass 01801

And now the press!

Eng-Turk: Melinda started it but who is going to end it? The day I pray to Allah is the day I burn in Dante's Inferno.

GM-Eng: Why can't you be like everyone else and say burn in hell!

Steve-Woody: You're right, Melinda would die with you in the bedroom, of laughter. Dick you might have but a horn of plenty it is not. That is how come you don't hurt your hamsters when you molest them.  
GM-Cochise: Good infield banter!

Eng-Ita: You needed a good laugh so you attacked Woody.

Eng-Fra: Just don't sicken your allies and you'll jdo alright.

Lon-Mos: Are y u getting a build this year?

GM-Lon: No, he's not, nosey one!

Eng-GM: No, I've never tried to get rid of Woody. If I did, I think that I'd send for the NYGH chariman!

GM-Eng: You really do look for trouble, personally, I'd call an exterminator.

MAO-Ita and Tur: Here I come to save the day!

GM-MAO: Are you like Mighty Mouse?

Page 17 of KK, and the Klowns Kontinue their banter!

Fra-Tur: Your scorched earth policy won't work on water -- next time try threatening to sink all her armies!

GM-Fra: He lost all his submarines and commando's, but have no fear, I'm sure that they will return.

Fra-Ita: " fooling With Woody" means being as big a fool as he is. I'm sure that doesn't apply to anyone I know.

GM-Fra: I don't know about that - this game is rampant with fools!

Fra: French paratroopers have consolidated their positions in the palace at Ank. Next stop...Chowchilla, the sillies name since Medicine Hat.

GM-Fra: I can't even think where Flushing ranks!

Honey-Kitten: I only wish Peel was in this game so he could entertain us with some Golden Age Press.

Kitten-Honey: Do you want to get shot!

Ger: Hey, you only asked if you could use me as a standby. Nothing was said about sending in orders.

GM-Ger: I thought that you were brighter than Woody and that you would know that you had to send in orders!

Ita-Turk: Who started it? You supported Woody! If that isn't a sign of senality, I don't know what is?

GM-Ita: You have to excuse the Turk, he's been 29 longer than Jack Benny was 39.

Ita-GM: Sorry for not typing this. My back's hurting again (no comments, Woody) and I'm curled up on the couch.

GM-Ita: Are you curled up with a good Woody?

Ita-Tur: I can't wait to see scorched Earth in the Med!

GM-Ita: you noticed that too!

Ita-Aus: Okay, I've been more than generous! Now I'm getting seriojus!

Melinda-Woody: (re Bedroom): Yes, I can understand a lot of people laugh themselves to death.

Melinda-GM: Woody always abuses me! But we save the best for you. Don't you feel fortunate!

GM-Melinda: Ducky always abuses me! Is that the best!

Ita-Fra: Don't get sick, I need you!

GM-Buddy: You can have his brain, but the body belongs to me!

Ita-Eng: Didn't you know vermin are hard to get rid of?

GM-Ita: Try rat poison!

Ita-Russ: Let's get this in gear, shall we?

GM-Ita: Russ is always in gear! Reverse!

Buddy-Short Note: The correct answer is 31,536,000 seconds in a yr. (60 sec/min x 60 min/hr. x 24 hrs/day x 365 days/yr) I realize that's a big number. Short people aren't used to big anythings.

Buddy-Bandit Russia: I hadn't considered you would have a crick in your neck. I figured you had a dirty neck from standing in the gutter.

Buddy-Note: You didn't have to lower yourself to root for Woody and Grabadr. That's as high as you can reach..

Page 18 of KK, and we still have more press!!!!

Russ\_Olsen: Ah-hem, that would be Mr. Fast Eddie to you, lobby!  
GM-Mr. Ed: His Name is Robert!

Russ - Eng and Turk: Say, why not send your real names and complete mailing addresses to me, Ed Wrobel, 3932 N. Forest dale Ave., Dale City, Va. 22193? May be the GM will even print them for us if we grovel! Oh, and thanks for letting me keep Mos., guys. It's real decent of you!

Con-Rome: Position is the name of the game.  
GM-Con: Do you like the top or the bottom?

Con-World: I do wish everyone would wake up and look at E/F. There is no resistance to them. They will steamroll over all of us.  
GM-Turk: Like a Sherman Tank?

Turk: Goblin Grabar ordered the Mediterranean scorched. That means all areas are land areas now. I want to order my armies to the Med Now. I can do this legally, since there is no water there!  
GM-Turk: You are right, you can do whatever you want - just as long as you don't send me any pictures!

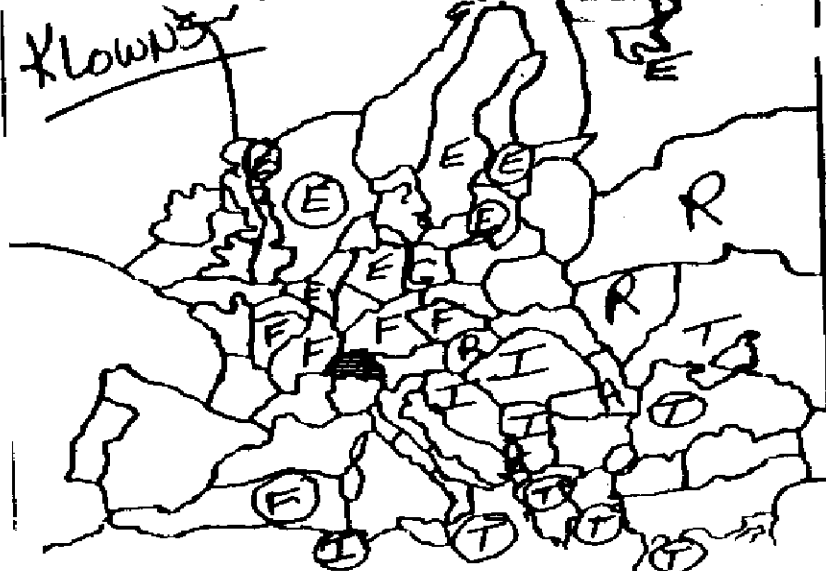
Commandos in London: We found the country is run by Cochise. Honest Injun! He heap big pain-in-rear!  
GM-Commandos: How generous!

Turk-Fra and GM: I want my propoganda (secret weapon) used now. I convert all paratroopers to my side and send them on my carrier to Italy.  
GM-Turk: They made it to the Ion.

Turk - GM: I have a complaint! My orders distinctly stated my subs should sink all Italian ships. I think you are playing favorites, the Eng. destroyers were not listed in the builds section. I'm filing a protest on this game. Who is the Ombudsman?  
GM-Turk: Honey Olsen is the Ombudsman - see his ad elsewhere!

Turk-Eng: The children of the commandos will soon put a strain on your economic budget. Alas my plan withstands all! Ha, Ha, I am successful I can do anything! I am Grabar! ((GM: Oh brother!))

Turk-GM: you didn't list my commandos, mountain units or subs on your map. Are you playing favorites?  
GM-Turk: Yes, I favor anyone who doesn't send me a picture!



Turk-GM: My dad and Billy Martin played ball together in 1947 for the triple A team - Stockton Ports. Casey Stengel was the manager. My dad and Billy were roommates, How about that?  
GM-Turk: In every life a little rain must fall!

Turk: I'm so ashamed. I sold Woody down the river for a skirt. How could I do such a thing?  
GM-Turk: Easy, you're name is Grabar!

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1984GR Slam Dunk Fall 1904 The English NMR! as the Austrian returns. Thanks to Mark "Nixon" Frueh for sending in standby orders for Austria. Italy also NMR's, but the GM figures its because the Woodhead was molesting hamsters.

- AUSTRIA John Ringhoffer: A MID-H; A tri-ven dis ret Tyo,vie,OTB; F ABB C  
Tur a alb-apu No such order;
- ENGLAND Rose Donaghue: NMR! F NTH-H; F NWG-H; A SWE-H; F DEN-H; F MID-H;  
F ENG-H;
- FRANCE Ken Corbin : F BRE-eng; F WES-Mid; A par-PIG; A mar-SPA; A pie-MAR;
- GERMANY Ed Wrobel; A BEL S A bur; A BUR S A bel; A Ber-LIE; (F BAL S);
- ITALY Steve Arnawoodian: NMR! A VEN-H; A TUS-H; F TRY-H; F TUN-H;
- RUSSIA Helinda Holley: A GAL-bud; A stp-LIV; A war-SIL; F fin-BOT; F RUM-H;
- TURKEY Charles Vargo: F ION-adr; F AEG-ion; F GRE-H; A alb-TRI; (A SER S);  
A BUL S A ser;

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| AUSTRIA: Bud,Vie             | 2 | -1   |
| ENGLAND: Home,Den,Swe,Italy  | 6 | even |
| FRANCE: Home,Por,Spa         | 5 | even |
| GERMANY: Home,Bel,Hol        | 5 | +1   |
| ITALY: Home,Tun              | 4 | even |
| RUSSIA: Home,Rum             | 5 | even |
| TURKEY: Home,Bul,Gre,Ser,Tri | 7 | +1   |

MESS: France-GM: This is supposed to be a hopeless standby position?  
 GM-France: Even you get thru with it, it will be.  
 France-Italy: I'm turning around and have to hope you will show some common sense and leave me alone.((hahahahaha)) Hmm, maybe this is a hopeless position after all. ((Between you and Woody.....))  
 Russia-Italy: You again? ((Yeah, I thought that I'd put your favorite person in the game with you Cutie. Heck, you and Woody just worship each other.))  
 Russia-GM: What did I do to you that you should put me in a game with Woody?  
 GM-Russia: You know that FRP game we're in together? Remember the knife that you tossed my way, well this is called a "PAY BACK"! One good turn, deserves another, or to each, their own pergatory.  
 New Ed-Turkey: Hope you have better luck with delivering messages and receiving replies here on out. I agree with your botanical warning about roses. Apparently the medium for growth you mentioned was heaped rather thickly upon the previous Kaiser. ((Whatever all that is supposed to mean, I wish you all the lick in world, Mr New Ed. Bad luck, that is.))

Due Date for Winter 1904/Spring 1905 is July 27,1985 (2AB)  
I will seprate the seasons, upon 1 request.

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STANDBYS: Will Cathy Ozog 1526 N Lawler Ave Chi,Il.60651 please submit standby orders for Italy. And will George Graessle 326 Park Pl Irvington, NJ.07111 please submit standby orders for England.

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THE STANDBY LIST: Anyone who wants on or off the list, please let me know. This list is used by both M-7 and KK. Noto,Irwin,Frueh,Graessle,Grabar,Yarborough,Hurst,Corbin,Ozog,Heinowski,Arnawoodian,Holley,Olsen,Wrobel,Wilson,Carter,Del Grande,Quinn,

Gee, I have some white space here at the bottom of the page. I could abuse some poor, unsuspecting soul (sole). Nah! I'll let all of you off of the hook.

Late breaking news, we'll be in California Aug 9-Aug 17, and hopefully, Steve And Del will thro a con for us in Sacramento. Then, we'll be staying with Dave Grabar in Chowchilla. More, next issue.

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