

Yup! This is really Whitemania, not a fake. I am John Caruso 42-34 Sauli St Flushing, NY 11355 212 353-9695. W is a Fun-zine which runs Diplomacy and NSIM, which are owned by Avalon Hill, NH which was created and copywrited by Dave Grabar, LOW which was created by John Caruso and Mastermind, an Invicta game. Some day there may be other games included, but for now, this is it.

Why the Mid-Monthly you ask. Simple. Last issue, I had so much stuff to put in, that I couldn't fit it all into it, even with reduced print. So it necessitated a mid-monthly. This issue will not have any games in it and will be coming out a total

Much of what you usually see in W will appear here, a larger KK, Phyllis' Pyramid, a story, contest results and the crazy cover. There will also be zine plugs, but almost no hobby news.

If anyone feels that by me putting out a mid-monthly, that they got cheated an issue off their sub, just tell me. I will then cheat you for real out of an issue. Seriously though, if you have a beef, bring it to my attention. I will give you the issue back.

Have you noticed lately how alot of my fellow publishers have decided that they have picked on Kathy long enough, and have decided to take it to me. Well I have. No less than 4 dozen of you guys. I'll get even. I am very busy right now, so busy in fact that I don't know how I ever had the time to do a mid-monthly in the first place. I've had my name forged to an article in a phoney Retaliation, slapped at and misquoted in LOM, ignored in LDNS, played along in PT, mediocrized in TSS, and numbers of others. OK! So you want to play, I will play.

Now that everyone thinks I'm serious, let me say that this is a fake.

One last thing before I go, many of you don't know (and I'll bet even less of you care) but do you know whose HR's influenced mine? Bob Arnett's. When I read his, they seemed fair, non-interfering and clear. Besides they were simple. I based mine on these and under the assumption the rule book covers most of the situations pretty clearly. Thank you Bob for the help with my rules, whether you know or knew or not.

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SUB STATUS

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As you can see, I'm having trouble with this ribbon. Its missing the tops.

ZINE PLUGS

LDNS: Jerry Jones 1854 Wegner St Pasadena, Cal 91107. Game fees are \$10.00 and the accompanying sub fee is free. If you decide to just sub it'll cost you 25¢ per issue. Jerry's games are regular dip, with no standbys.

Volkersanderung: Bob Arnett 1500 Waterway Circle Chesapeake, Va 23320. SASE for a sample. No game openings at this time, however, this is one of the best zines in the country and has very interesting reading material. In fact, Volker is the second best zine in the hobby. (zein, y'all). All the rest are tied for first. Oh yes, this is the present day "Father" of the phoneys.

Field of Fire: Phil Fry 5183 So Cravenstein SLC, Utah 84107. Phil is a very good GM and he runs a diversified selection of games, with different fees. Write to Phil for a sample. Its true that Phil is sometimes a little late, but if you lived in the middle of nowhere and had to walk 200 miles to the nearest typewriter, then back 150 miles to the nearest copier, then 500 miles to the nearest PO, you'd be late too, and probably a sun-tanned bachelor. That's how Phil's horse died. No, not from the walking. Because he was a bachelor, or is that a stud(steed?) Whatever.

Retaliation: Ha Ha Ha Ha. Dick "Change your address again for the 13 th time this year" Martin 26 Orchard Way No Rockville, Md 20854. This is the premier press zine of the hobby.

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Diplomacy Hobby Census from Glenn Overby

For the first time in over two years, a player census of the North American Diplomacy hobby is being taken. Guess who the sucker is that's doing it...how about that!

Anyway, I'll be putting together this list of every(?) postal Diplomacy player on the continent in hopes of having it ready for the big cons this summer.

A form letter is being prepared - but I'll put in an advance word here to the pubbers who read this rag. I'm asking for the mailing list for each and every Dipzine in North America to be sent to me by March 15th, 1981, so I can start the necessary compilations.

Therefore - if you publish, please help make this project a success by MAILING your mailing list to me and, if possible, by PLUGGING the Census. I'll need lots of help, and I won't get it by coercion or ridicule. Only voluntary assistance will work. Thanks for your help.

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and now for the real KATHY'S KORNOR - THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS RAG!!

-This is my new toy - my very own electric typewriter - John says this way I can insult everyone at a faster speed. You have no idea how hard it is for me to pound away on that old manual - I get sore

I get questions, you get the answers - ready or not - here they are: Does the Saint really admire your style of playing?... Gruesome

Dear Gruesome:
You have it backwards - Iadmire the Saints - I am his protege - but then again when you compare me to some of the other players on the board - anyone would look good.....Bloodsucker

Dear Kathy,
How dare they suggest that you killed off that kid at ORIGINS! I mean, really now - you have a Dip-playing daughter of that same age, you have access to her 24 hours a day, you live in the same place- and knowing 10 year olds as I do (Hi, Brux), if you haven't been mad enough to get rid of Phyllis yet, it's INCREDIBLE to suggest that you'd do in a perfect stranger...Maybe the offshoots of this Prucidius infection are more widespread then I'd thought. Or perhaps Kathy Byrne takes lessons from J.R. Ewing - it's chic to hate him too. We really should declare a Holy War against those who pick on you (anyone who asks why a "holy war"? hasn't been around long enough to realize that Dip's a religion) - but enough for now. Sign me...Motor City Fan

Dear "Keep your engine hot":
I agree, they really exaggerate. First off the kid was at least 11, secondly he trusted me like his own mother(mistake #1), now can you believe I'd stab the kid, two minutes before the supposed incident. I had my arm around him telling him I'd protect his centers for him. As for Phyllis (see I spelled it right), I've played PTF with her a few times - and she always trusts me - some kids never learn! Yes,

I take lessons from J.R., look how famous he is, even those that hate me, really love me - right Dave Grabar???K.B.
Hey Kate, I heard you wuz talkin' 'bout hot dogs-well there's dis place up on Durant called Top Dog, that makes the best N.Y. dogs - Kosher style. Oh yes, out there in sunny (& I do mean SUNNY, SUNNY, SUNNY, NO RAIN, NO SNOW except in the Sierras NOT LIKE N.Y.) California it's called a "Fig in a Blanket" despite what Hollenbeck said. A pig in a poke is what you get when a policeman tries crossing people's park. What? My question? What question? Signed Whitestoned in Berkeley

Dear "I think you've had a few too many" (zines that is):
You better stop subscribing to these zines, it seems to be affecting the little brain that you did have. And where do you get off calling me Kate - I hate that name - I also don't like people who pick on N.Y.- At least I had a real WHITE Christmas - even if the temperature was -1. As for making the best N.Y. hot dogs, you never ate at my house (don't say a word John). Hope your brain gets better soon, I see you haven't asked for your refund yet.....Kathy (not Kate).

And now, a complaint from Robert Wyatt (who???), it seems he is a little upset at being called a Confederate - see Gary no one wants to be labeled as a Y'all. Anyway, his story will be printed here, and then my rebuttal. You didn't really think I'd accept this sitting down, and unarmed without my typewriter did you - ah the power of these old fingers - see ya later - who, What, When, Whyatt!!!
All complaints will be treated in a similiar manner - just tell me why do you guvs bother. The Bloodsucker never loses - the bloodsucker always seeks revenge and she is very very rarely at a loss for words.

And now for the resident from the backwoods of Missouri, who doesn't even know what part of the country he lives in.....

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KATHY:

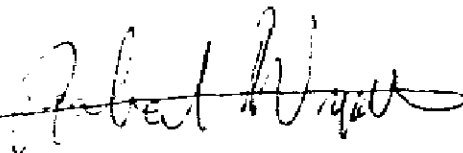
It seems you prodded me into printing some of the material for you column. I leave you to decide. I very obviously have been grievously wronged by you so I must take this opportunity to respond to charges made by you that are totally without proof. In fact, you may have put my life in danger. More on this later....film at 11.

To start off with I said I would hate to see a small ~~w~~, not a small w. It all has to do with your choice in pets. The former is a nasty little animal with no redeeming qualities. If you had one you would call it a Lindsey. On the other hand, a w has a certain grace and beauty all it's own. Of course the error I speak of may well have been mine. I have been known to make mistakes here lately, my ~~thought~~ thought patterns are somewhat flawed ever since I began reading all these zines.

Of course, the real problem between us right now is the fact that you have labeled me a Southerner. You obviously are not the informed person I pictured you to be. Everyone in the Midwest (I am a MIDWESTERNER) knows that the true dividing line is Sunshine St. right here in Springfield, Mo. As the official map of Springfield shows my apartment presently to be 2 blocks north of Sunshine, I am not a SOUTHERNER.

A new twist has come to my attention in the last few days. Seems a PR person for the Imperial ~~KKK~~ Order of the KKK was doing his usual clipping of all articles pertinent to the clan. Of course he found the piece by you claiming me to be a true son of the South. So far 2 crosses have been burned on my doorstep with telephone threats to "show you lily-livered MIDWESTERNER what us good ole boys do to people who try and cross racial lines." (Refer to Clan pamphlet # 6 "Determining Racial Purity and What We do to Those Who Claim to Be One of Us That Aren't." I might add this is a landmark piece of literature, if only for the graphic description of how to draw & quarter a Midwesterner.) Needless to say, I am not sleeping well any more. I believe I have found a solution to my problem. The following appeared in the Springfield News and Leader today: "Robert Wyatt today announced his imminent sex-change operation and that he intends to move. Bob gave his name change to this reporter and asked that it and his new address be made public. Bob now is: Kathy Byrne, 42-34 141st St., Flushing, N.Y. 11355 Kathy invites all old friends of Bob to call on her/him at his/her new address, with a special invitation to Billy Clyde Peters and Jim Bob Adams. Kathy is really looking forward to seeing these two crazy guys who have promised to show him/a thing or two about drawing for a quarter." AKC

Until next issue, Bloodsucker!



Now that I have been nice enough to give you equal time - it is my chance to speak on this confusion:
You have caused me more grief then I ever gave you, Rhonda called me up to find out if she is married to me - the KKK sent Gary up here to draw and quarter a MIDWESTERNER - Dave Grabar threatened my very existence - heard about the real Robert Wyatt, becoming Kathy and he said it is the only game, he can win and he refused to play if Bloodsucker has a chance at nailing him again. The worst of it is that the N.Y. Dip players call here calling me a traitor, telling me that I'm not a true blue stabbing N.Y. like the rest of them. They have actually accused me of being a misplaced Southerner trying to infiltrate the N.Y. ranks by making friends with Norm Schwartz, so that he will invite me to his funny farm - and I can take strategy lessons on how to wipe a Y'all out. The biggest problem is that I am so confused that I don't know who I am anymore, am I Ieapo Stabo?, Bloodsucker?, Atilla the Hen?, Luscious?, Kathy Byrne, or the real Robert Wyatt????? Help????? Who am I - am I really a man trapped in this female body? And Marion Bates thinks he/she/it has problems.....

Now for another confused person:

Dear Bloodsucker,
I received Black Frog #27 and was astounded to see the picture of yourself that you sent. If that picture was really you, then who was that imposter that you sent to Origins '80? If that wasn't the real KB then I guess John also sent an imposter. Is this some sort of conspiracy to hide your true identities? The players have a right to know -- just who are the real Bloodsucker and John Caruso?
signed Horror Stricken

Dear Nosy:

Do you really care if it was me or someone else at Origins - I seem to remember you & maybe me/maybe someone else who had a few laughs together during the awards ceremony together. As for the picture in BF #27, I'll never tell - maybe it was Robert Wyatt!!!! As for the answer to who is the real Bloodsucker & who is the real John Caruso - only they know for sure!!! And believe me I'll never tell. I love secrets.....I love mystery.....but most of all I love being me - whoever that may be????????.....signed Who Knows?

Dear Cathy,

Well, excuuuuuse me! I submitted a question along with my view points, and i'm wondering why you resort to slandering me!? I know that you have a valid point, and well, I can't really come up with a good argument. Sometimes I begin to talk to myself, and become meglomaniacal and mediocre, all at the same time.

And if I remember correctly, there are a few games with the same name. Compare: Dallas (SFI) vs. Dallas (Yaquinto). I think I got an Eng/British game called "Sea Strike" confused with "Carrier Strike" I can't understand why I have all of these mental problems. Lastly, you are all invited to Mediocre con 1. Mike will be sure to bring plenty of Spiedies (maybe that's why mike calls me "brainless"; I keep losing a few neurons every so often). I think I'll be at an advantage though; you can't outwit someone who is brainless!
I have to go now. I am late and have to get back to watching cartoons.

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Signed Bainless

I can't even believe this some guys never give up-----

Dear "Brainless"

How nice of you to redeem yourself, by writing one again. I refuse to believe that you are still confused over "Carrier Stike", have you tried Ex Rebound yet that is a real blast. Anyway, I love Speidies so, I might consider being abnormal for a while & going to Mediocre Con, however, you and your sidekick have asked me twice and never told me when it is - always on the ball, aren't you guys. See y'all next month! me

HOBBY NEWS

Like I said, there isn't much to print here this time. (Gee! My typing gets worse with every issue. You know it would be near impossible for anyone to fake W. No one could make as many mistakes as I do.) Speaking of fakes

WARNING: There is another fake zine out. This one is a Murd'ring Ministers. It highlights pictures of Jane Proskin, that imaginary person that Bruce Linsey made up.

NADP: Someone told me, I can't remember who, that the NADP is presently creating new custodial jobs and electing (appointing) people to these positions. I also heard the NADP is having a hard time keeping its present, top members. Also, has anyone seen or heard from Rod Walker? After all, he's the NADP Pres. Why hasn't he shown up? His services to be the temporary president until Rod can be located. Come on guys, Give us a break...

HOBBY POLL: The last hobby poll was a total washout and will be dropped and not carried next year. I am of course referring to the "Who Killed the 10 Year Old at Origins 1980" poll. There were only 3 answers. They all pointed the finger (or is that the whole arm) at the same person, "KATHY BYRNE". No one answered what this child's name was, so he remains anonymous.

DALYCON: Was held over the Thanksgiving Day weekend at John Daly's northern country home out in Baldwin. In attendance were some of the most cut-throat people in this hobby; John and Betty Daly (nick names Cinderella-John and another Y'all-Betty), Kathy (Bloodsucker), Byrne, John (nice guy) Caruso, Norm (paranoid) Schwartz, Phil (the blade) Cooper, Freddy (boom-boom) Hyatt, Greg (air sick-car sick-just plain sick) Haskew, Neil (the kid-oh boy another one) Daly, Tim (baby face) Burton, Tom (I put one over on him) Thorsen, and of course John's mother's german shepperd-"Killer", who attacked Norm on his way up the stairs. In fact, while the dog ripped out Norm's gizzard, we cleaned his clock on the board.

In all we played 4 games. Two were regular dip games and 2 were gun-boat dip, which is FTF no diplomacy time dip and no communications. At any rate, the 2 regular dip games ended in 2 way draws, ironically enough between the same 2 countries, Eng and Tur, with boom-boom having a piece in both draws. The other draws were Phil and Tom (I still can't believe he really believed I was John Daly when he first arrived. I introduced myself as JD and Kathy as Betty). The gun-boat games go fast. We played 2 in 4 hours. Both ended in 5 way draws. It was interesting to watch how well Fred and Phil worked together in GP#1. It was a joke watching JC and Phil work together in GP#2. There were plenty of fun moments during the entire day. A great time was had by all. Hope to do it again sometime, which reminds me-

ANOTHER MINI*CONVENTION: This one will be at Fred Hyatt's house in Feb 1981 sometime. According to Fred, he has 2 boards filled already and would like to fill another 2 boards. So if you are interested, please contact me or Fred. I'm not too sure about Fred's address, but mine is on the inside cover.

CONTEST

Well, the results to the last contest will be on the following page(s), but I will officially start the next contest here. You see all those pictures of "The Bloodsucker". Well I couldn't pick out the winner. What I want you guys to do is send in to me which you think is the best picture. You can say your own picture. Not only will I give 2 free issues of W to the picture that wins out, I will give those who voted for the winning picture either 1 free issue or 40¢ credit towards a game start.

Due date for the contest is Feb 21, 1980

It has been brought to my attention that I have not given Gary Coughlan his due credit for the 2 fakes he has recently done. Truth of the matter is, I figured if I didn't say anything he might go away and leave us all alone. You know the old saying. Anyway, Gary is still with us, and pubbing now too.

7 DWARF CONTEST

Below is the winning selection to the 7 Dwarf Contest. It was submitted by Tom Swider. Tom wins a free game start in the game of his choice. I have Game opening in Dip, WSIM at present. This gift is worth \$2.00 credit towards a NH game start.

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ANSWERS TO Snow White & Co. Contest:

SNEEZY: Bruce Lindsey; he's spreading his germs around when nobody really wants them.

SLEEPY: Dave White (Pubber of Catastrophe) for missing two consecutive issues.

HAPPY: Santa Claus. Didn't you know that fat people are always jolly?

BASHFUL: Howard Hughes; He's still alive, but he doesn't want anyone else to know. He's too bashful.

GRUMPY: My mother. She's always saying, "Tom, make your bed." "Tom, go type elsewhere; I'm trying to watch TV." "You never do anything around here, you lazy bum!" Can't get grumpier than that!

DOPEY: Myself, TSSI Refer to the first part of my letter! Besides, anyone whois as brainless as I am deserves the name!

DOC: Ralph Nader. He's always trying to find out what's wrong with everything.

SNOW WHITE: A real tough one. I would elect Sue Martin. The name may seem innocent, but actually, its not. Look at the story. Why did Snow White let 7 cute little dwarves hang around? And think what the dwarves did to Snow White after she took a bite from the magic apple and went into a deep sleep. And to think that the story was written by Mother "Goose". I think Mother Goose is a real pervert!

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Below are the other answers I received for the contest. I had hoped to get more enties, but it isn't me who's missing out. Its you guys.

SNEEZY: ?

SLEEPY: Rick Shatto(always sleeps at conventions)

HAPPY: Me((Dave Grabar)) I'm never upset

BASHFUL: ?

GRUMPY: Kathy Byrne/Jerry St Germain?John Caruso/Rick Shatto

DOPEY: ?

DOC: ?

SNOW WHITE: Bill Smith

Yuk! I didn't like this. Sure suckered me in, didn't you?

SNEEZY: Dick Martin, allergic to house rules

SLEEPY: Kathy, always ready for bed

HAPPY: Bernie Oaklyn, Brux went on to better things

BASHFUL: Tommy(HoJo's) Swider, never got his meal

GRUMPY: Dave Martin, has to pay for his brothers teen

DOPEY: Dave Perlmutter, reason is obvious

DOC: Bob Osuch, old and wizened

SNOW WHITE: Marion Bates, sprinkling angel dust everywhere

Submitted by Mike Barno

1. Sneezy--Charles Wiley Harrison, on inauguration day, eight pneumonia and died only thirty days after being President.
2. Sleepy--David Atchison, as President pro tem of the Senate, was acting president for one day between inaugurations in 1841. But he got drunk with his friends the night before and he slept through the day he was acting president.
3. Happy-- Harry Keems, porno film star, most renown for his part in Deep Throat.
4. Bashful-- Greta Garbo, the most bashful actress in the history of Hollywood.
5. Grumpy--Don Rickles, the grumpiest comedian in Las Vegas.
6. Dopey--Timothy Leary, 1960's proponent of LSD and other drugs, spent 18 years up on drug charges.
7. Doc-- Jack the Ripper, the most skillful unlicensed surgeon in the history of England.
8. Snow White--Marilyn Chambers, started her career as the woman on the Ivory Snow boxes for Procter and Gamble, was fired after she starred in porno movies like Behind the Green Door.

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PROFILES

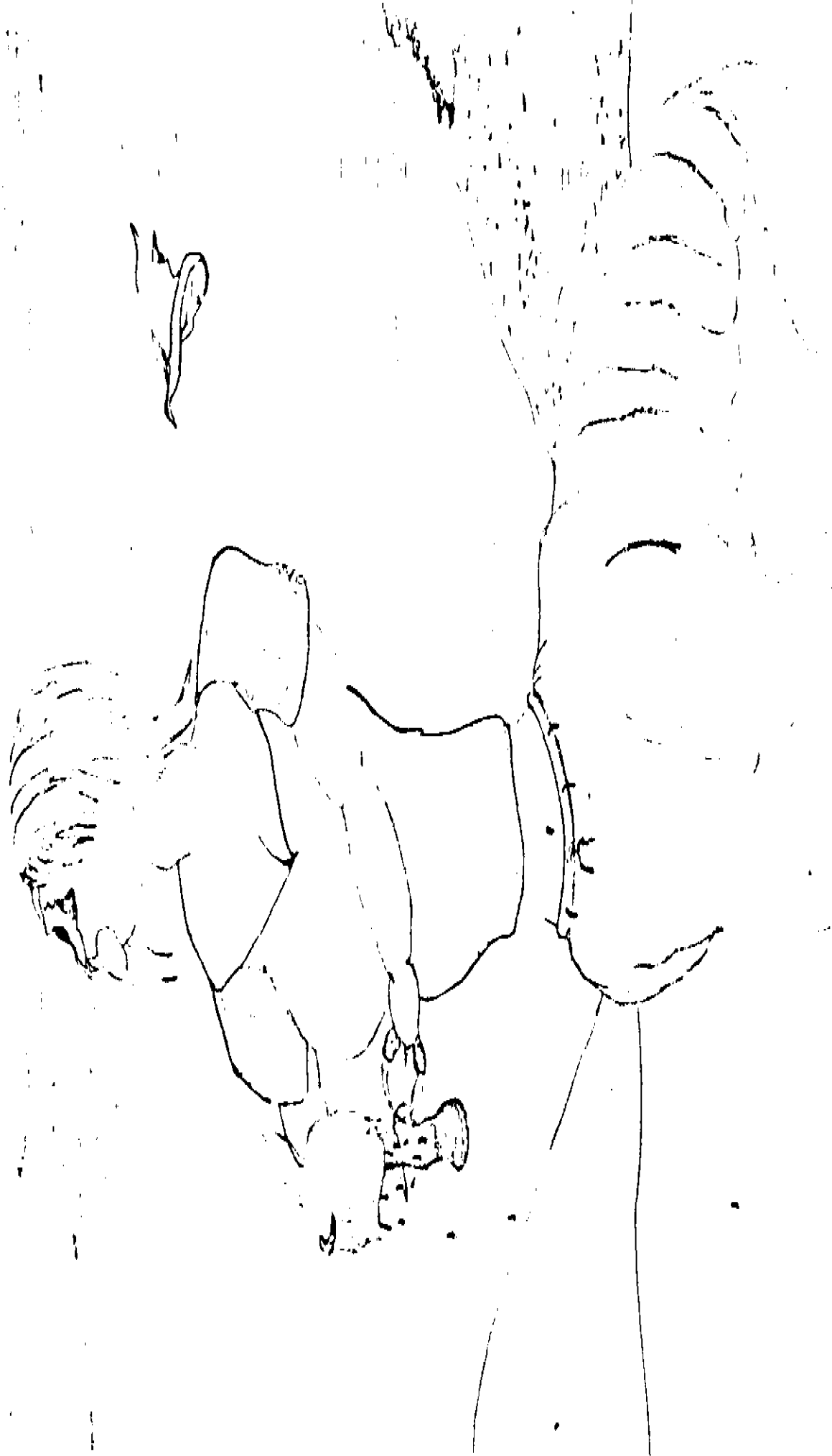
Below are 2 profiles which were submitted, one of them was submitted a long time ago in a short form. I adlibbed a bit to make it a little longer. All the stuff in it is accurate, as accurate as can be expected from a propellor-beanie freak like me. The other was sent to me recently, in a typed form with only a signature. Since I have never seen Nancy's signature, there's no way of telling if this is a real authentic profile. But I'll print it non-the-same. The post

John Horn: Hi! My name is John Horn and I'm 28 years of age. I have been gaming for fun for about 15 years, though I'm fairly new at diplomacy. I find I really enjoy dip and it helps me take my mind off what I do for a living. And what do I do for a living? Well, I'm into law. Truthfully, I practice law in Chicago. John Caruso once said something to the effect that it must be a strange living in a small town. Well Oak Forest is a small town. And that is probably what John was thinking of when he said small town. But he unintentionally hit the nail on the head with respect to Chicago. It is a surprisingly small town in a social and political sense. Anyway, I enjoyed sharing these few moments with you. Hope to meet you on a board.

A Female: Hi! Many of you probably don't know who I am, so let me introduce myself to you. I am Al Pearson's wife, Mrs Pearson. I am considerably younger than Al, by about 20 years, in other words I'm a young and sexy thing. Al, he's a dirty old man. I grew up here in W Va a mile south of the Pa border in a small town called Wana. When I first met Al a few years ago in Wash DC he asked me where I came from. I said Wana, and he said he sure would. That's how I first met Al. And we've been miserable every since. He has this stupid hobby called dip and gets all sorts of strange mail. Next thing you know, this weirdo named John Caruso asks me to write a profile for his zine(???)((That's right)) So here it is. Oh yes, I'm going to visit this creep with my husband to see what he really like. Anyway, Al publishes his own zine, which he doesn't type himself. He gives it to me. He says a woman's place is where a man tells her to be. So I type. Then I get mail from Kathy something or another and she says to rebel. So I have stopped typing for Al and am now typing for myself in the way of this profile and possibly more letters. But alas, Al was struck by lightning last week and will be hospitalized again. I told him not to fly that kite again so soon after his last operation. Oh, I didn't tell you. Last month, right around pubbing time again(conveniently) Al entered the hospital because of a pain in his a.. No, not me, he had a cyst ter remove. And you know who typed last issue. You know who'll type this issue too. Next month either I get top billing, or I'll go somewhere I'll be appreciated or get paid or credit for my work. Some place like.... never mind.

Well, I've blabbed for a long time and haven't told you a thing about myself I'm 5ft 4 inches, blonde hair, green eyes, my measurements add up to 98 inches, and my weight is thought I'd tell you didn't I? Lets just say I'm considerably smaller than Al, and bigger than a bread box. My hobbies include sewing, writing letters, bared-back riding, cooking and I love to dance. Al loves to eat, but hates to dance. He has 147 left feet. I have a lovely tan because I spent as much of my time this summer outside taking in the rays. I am 23 years of age and have finished high school and 2 years of college at the Univ of WVa. In school, I used to be a dancer, but gave up dancing, school and having fun when I met Al. After seeing this hobby though, I may be getting back into the fun parts of life. How about some of you out there writing little-ole me. I'll answer all of you. Tell me why you think I should join dip games, or at least 1 game. I really want to try it, but Al says I won't like it and that everyone hates female players and always attacks them. Is that true Kathy? How about it Sue? Jeri, Pam, do you have anything to say? Does Jen even get this?((I will send her a sample)) And you guys, is Al telling it to me like it is.

Well, I hope this little piece has let you get to know me a bit better. I hope you like what you read and you accept me. I will be writing in a couple of zines from time to time and would not like a cold reception. Maybe if you could write to me, you could give me some pointers on what I could and should do. My address is Mrs Pearson Rt 1 Box 177 B5 Kearneysville, WVA 25430. Thank you. ((Thank you Mrs Pearson))

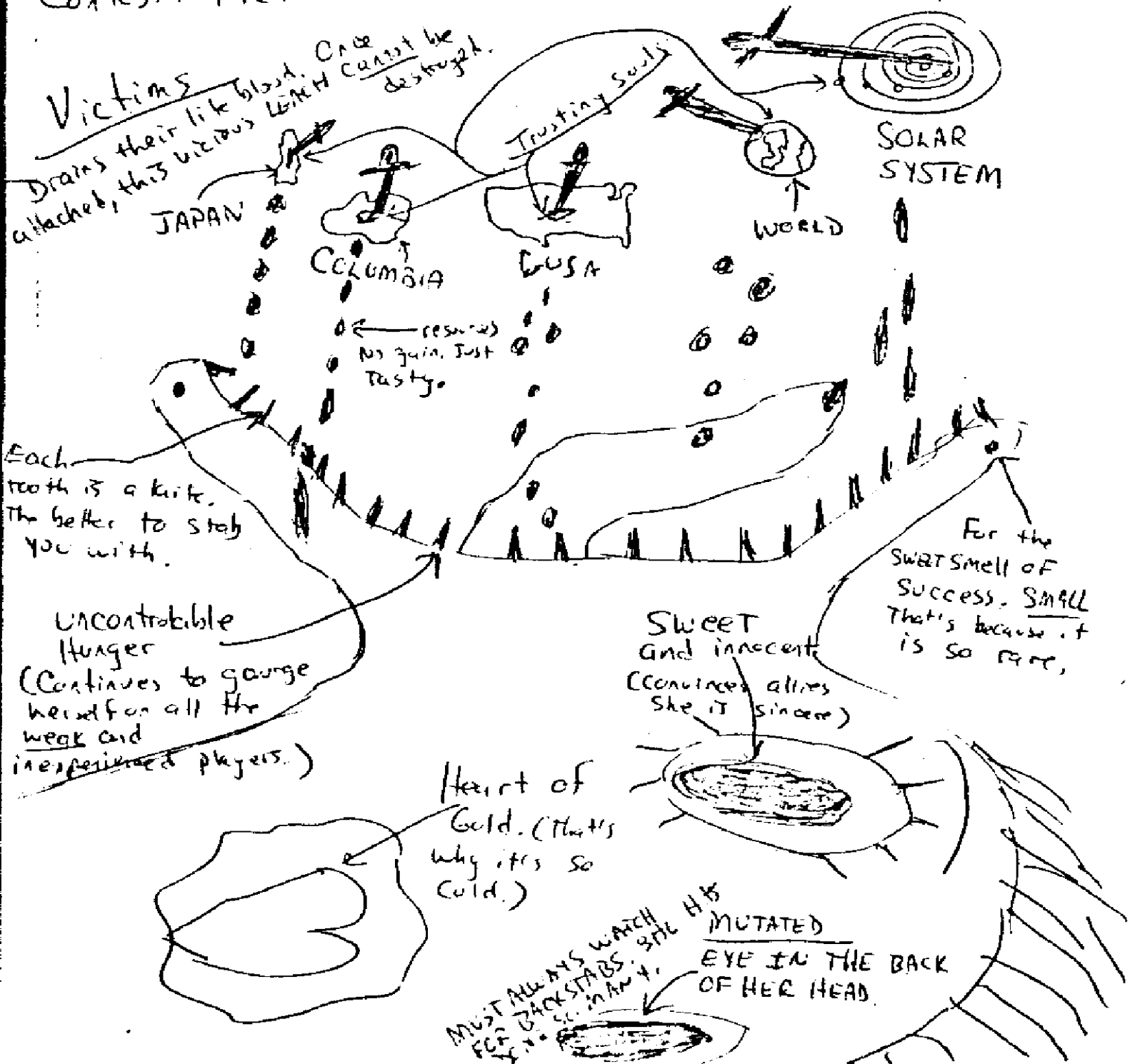


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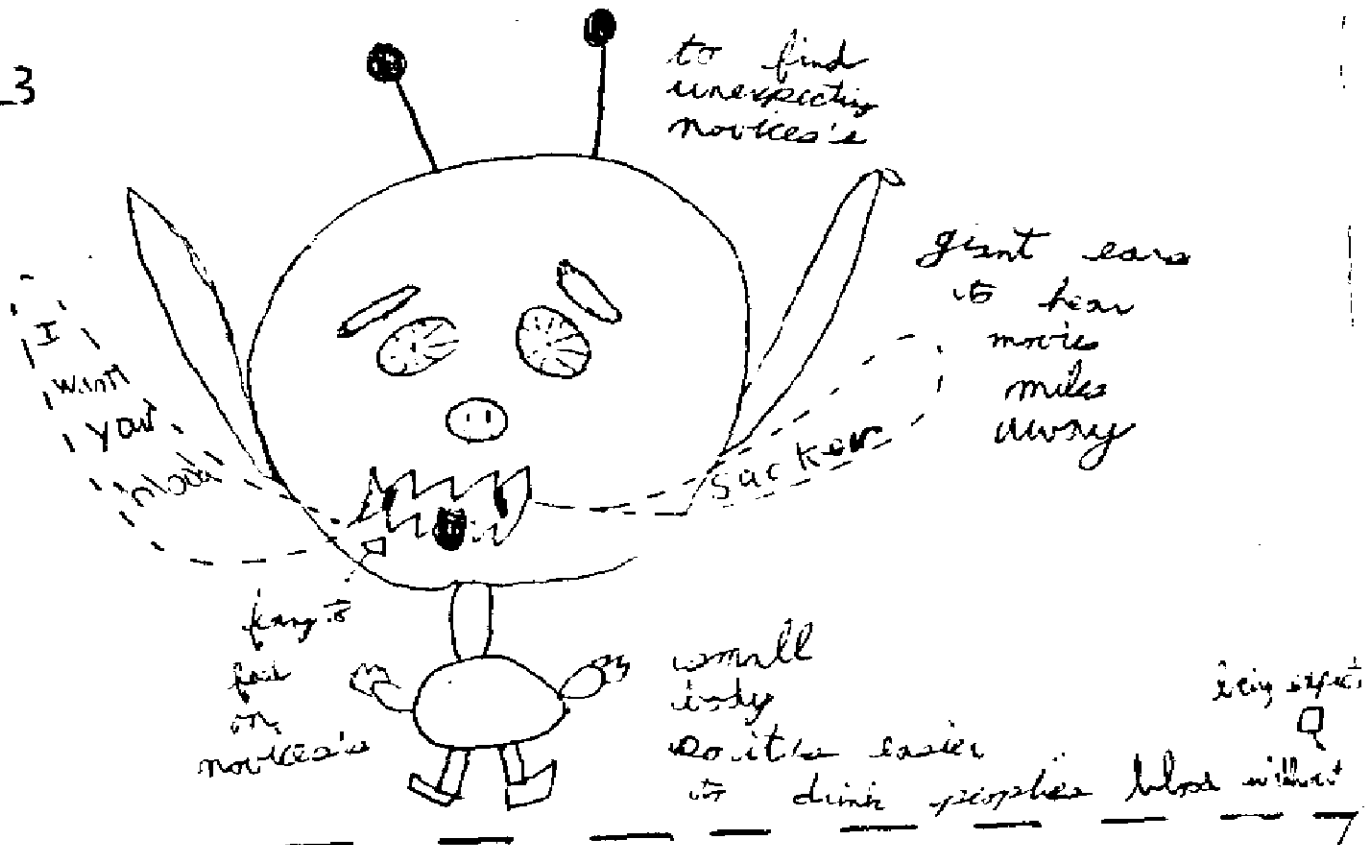
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Contest: Picture of the Bloodsucker. I'm no artist.

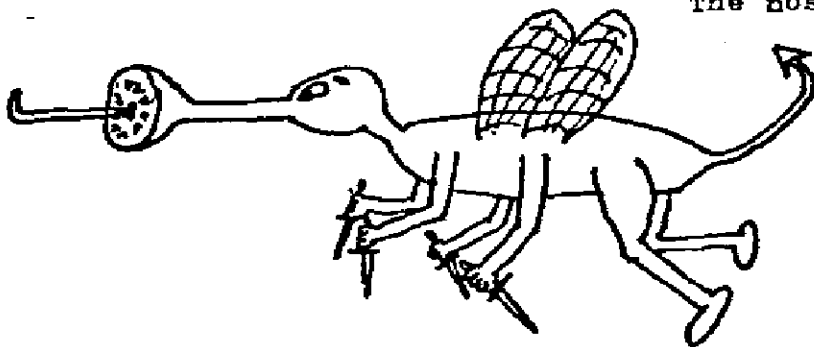


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Jr. Bloodsucker

((You'll notice that Bloodsuckers have 4 arms and 2 legs. Each arm has a knife. It is born that way. The mouth/nose arrangement is very interesting. The circular mouth is surrounded by serrated teeth, to help open the wound and keep the blood flowing when the mouth is attached. The long, pretinsle tongue lets Bloodsucker lap up any extra drops. The nose is so long it



Bloodsucker

can be stuck anywhere it doesn't belong. The wing allow it to seek out extra victims. The painted tail is natural))

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I'm so glad we had this time together. Just to sing a song and have a laugh or two. But time does fly and before you even know it, it is time to say, so long! (C. Bennett)

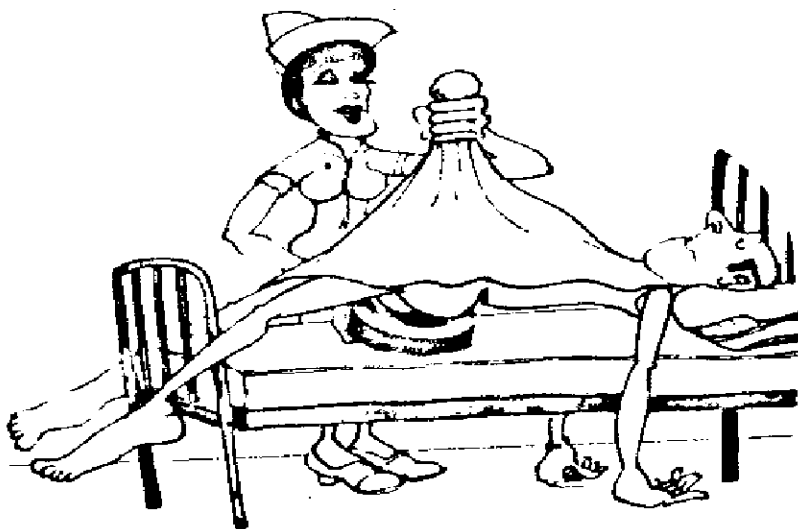
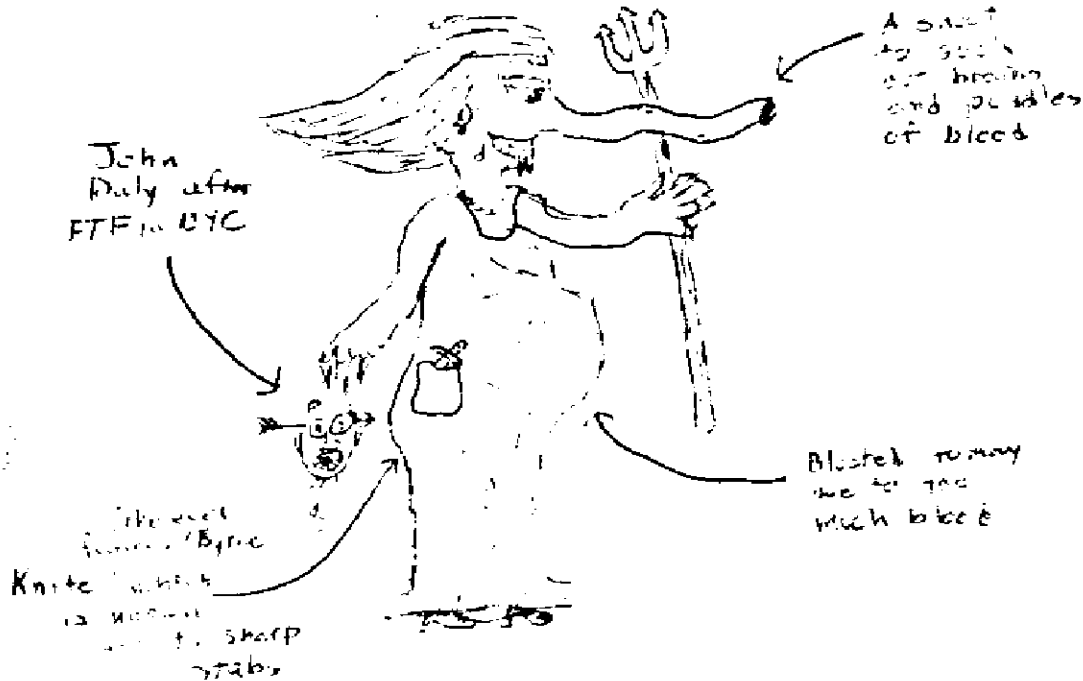
Goodnight Everybody! (Wiggle an ear; band begins to play; Phyllis kisses everyone goodnight and goes off to bed, etc.)

P.S. Here's the picture!

Tom Swider.

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"Blood sucker?"



"KATHY WITH IEAPO"

- by John Anonymous

#6

1. You know I can't draw very well.

2. An easier one. (Explanations included.)

SNEEZY-Bob Osuch, insofar as anyone that has press "For Lechers Only" has got to be sick, and if you're sick, you almost always sneeze.

SLEEPY-Dick Martin, since he must have been terminally asleep to put two Diplomacy pieces in the same province-twice in the same game, and both times it involved the same countries.

HAPPY-Jack "I think Diplomacy is fun even if it costs me \$50 a month or so" Masters.

BASHFUL-Marion "Am I a he or am I a she-or none of the above" Bates.

GRUMPY-Bruce "I'm doing the Novice Package and I'll do it anyway I want to" Linsey.

DOPEY-(The only one that's not a Dipfan) Jon Freeman, author of "The Playboy Winner's Guide to Board Games", for being stupid enough to say that WAR AT SEA, using the normal rules, is imbalanced in the ALLIES' favor. (As anybody knows, at the first WAS tournament, the Axis had a 2-1 victory margin, and Avalon Hill has since added 2 rules favoring the Allies.)

DOC-Obviously Dr. John Boardman, Ph.D.

SNOW WHITE-Either Dave White in drag OR everybody's favorite female, KB herself. (Well, everybody besides Norm Schwartz and Bruce Linsey, that is.)

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LETTER

Below is a letter sent to me by Robert Wyatt. Yes, its authentic. That proves this is no fake. Read and enjoy, I did.

12-8-80

JOHN:

Recv'd W # 27 today. Gosh, I love this stuff! In addition I also recv'd first sub copies of Jihad and Life of Monty. Like certain foods, you get one and you have to get them all. I get so pc'd at times cause it seems all you guys got all the talent to publish some entertaining zines. I take consolation in declaring myself the Premier Reader of the Zines that I Sub to. After all, without the Reader, you clever pubbers would only get to be clever among yourselves.

Here is a belated apology to not answering your last letter. Rhonda sure was surprized at getting something from you. I was such a good boy, not opening it or anything. (Should I be wondering why Rhonda suddenly wants to take a little trip to Flushing N.Y. for sightseeing? Why does she only carry an overnight bag?) She will agree to play MM once you start another. In the near future I will bludgeon her into writing a profile. I hope to enclose her drawing of K. Byrne for the contest. If it gets picked, be sure and acknowledge her as her other hobby is letter-bombing.

Wow, you out-smalled the small print people. I like it. Especially if it keeps the amount of material the same. Keep it this way.

Go ahead and put me on the tentative list for the Lines of War large scale game. I think by that time I will be able to devote some time to getting it off the ground.

Christmas list item was great. Just wanted to tell you Rhonda & I took advantage of the gift and are using it early. Have found another couple here in town who look like us and seem to have the same interests. Unfortunately you only included one-way fare in the package. Wire funds immediately so we can return to the real home in our hearts, a place of brotherhood, friendship, and Good Samaritans. I am speaking of course to the new, free(er) China. (I have been getting a real kick out of the current slant (no pun intended) in Doonesbury, my favorite comic strip and so had to get in a China comment to you.

Looks like I stepped in it (Coughlans version) in the MM game. Perhaps this months dynamite guess will vault me to the top of the vaunted ranks. I predict getting at least three of the colors correct this time.

Be for now. Have enclosed a seperate sheet for K. Byrne. She will go to great lengths to stir up something, won't she?

Diplomacy Tournament Update

Two noteworthy Diplomacy tournaments have been scheduled for the next few months - one for West Coast Dippers in Sacramento, California, in February; and the other for fellow Midwestern types in Detroit at the end of April.

Sacramento, CA - February 14th and 15th at the Royal Game Store. Prizes range from \$5 to \$100. Three rounds will be played; time limit 6 hours on each round. Register by mail before Feb. 9th, price \$4; \$6 at the door. Contact Clark Reynolds, 6731 37th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95824 for more info. Phones: 916-383-6030 home, 916-322-9888 office.

Detroit, MI - April 25th and 26th at the Detroit Gaming Center, 4147 Cass Ave, Detroit. Two qualifying rounds on Saturday (5 hours ea) with a seeded final on Sunday. Scoring system is combination of the Revised Berch and JIHAD systems; Glenn Overby will GM. Prizes based on entries. Entry fee \$3 by mail, \$4 at the door - deadline for mail entries is April 18th. Contact your publisher for further information. Home phone is 313-545-7949; office is 313-831-5700 midnights; anyone calling home before 4 pm risks incurring great wrath...

St Joe and the Dragon (part 3)

S'Tan had traveled many leagues since his encounter with the dragon. Many more than he had anticipated would be necessary to reach St Joe. As he neared a range of mountains, he was suddenly joined by the old woman. "You have wandered far from your path S'Tan, but I have decided that while you are in this part of the country, you might as well do Humanity a service and rid the world of a terrible scourge!" "Who's that?" "The Gruesome Graybeard! Come with me!" she said, leading him to a small rowboat, which was sitting in a long dry creek bed. They both climbed in S'Tan looking about them in an incredulous manner. "What is to happen?" "Be quiet", she said while repeating the magical incantation several times. "Suddenly she leapt to the prow and cast off the line, at which the boat suddenly rose to hundreds of feet in the air and began to move rapidly towards the sunset. S'Tan was almost thrown out by the sudden motion, but recovered himself. As they rode they discussed the mission. "He is a terrible mighty wizard, fantastically powerful, who rules with an iron fist" "How can I stop him?" "With this." she said handing him a small elaborately carved, solid silver butter knife. "You must be kidding" "Press the daisy on the handle. When he did, it was suddenly transformed into a large, razorsharp, gleaming great sword, with a finely wrought handle and gold lettering on the blade. "Wow, a switchblade!" Even with this blade you must strike quickly before he can spell or you will perish"

S'tan entered the tower thru a window to which he had scaled. Quietly, he climbed the stairs and approached a room from which the sound of movement came. As S'tan peered thru the slightly open door he saw a kindly looking old gentleman with long flowing hair and a beard, that was snow white. This contrasted the long billowing black robe he wore. S'tan, holding his sword before him advanced into the room. The old man was holding a tea kettle and pouring a cup of tea. He looked up and smiled at S'tan in such a friendly manner, saying "Would you like some tea young man?" That inclined S'tan to put up his sword. The sword, however, leapt forward pulling S'tan with it and making a great sweeping arc that cut off the old mans head, which fell to the floor at his feet. "Now, this sword is going to get me in trouble some day, I'll bet" S'tan said as he stared in shock at the body which still stood up right holding the kettle. Suddenly S'tan noticed the head on the floor was speaking. As it did so, a creature was beginning to form out of the steam from the kettle. S'tan dealt it a terrible blow which shattered the skull completely, releasing a tiny cloud of black smoke. Then he completely heaved up the body as the old woman had instructed.

The bloody mess was spreading on the floor when the old woman entered the room. "Now you must eat his heart", she said producing that organ from the pile. S'tan declined at first, but the old woman told him he would be vulnerable to any latent spells Graybeard had cast if he refused. As S'tan gagged the bloody organ down, she said, "You must gain the strength and courage of the Graybeard if your mission is to have any chance of success", as she gathered up the rest of the body. "What are you going to do with that?" he asked. "Stew", she replied as she walked out the door, "These wizards cook up real tender."

EPILOGUE: Unnoticed by the pair, one of the wizards fingers that had not been cut up had crawled into a small mouse hole. It lay there dormant for several hours. When the occupant returned and began sniffing at it, a sudden bolt of magical power emanated from the finger to the mouse. As the frightened creature scurried off, it was beginning to undergo a transformation.

((Me- Thank you Stan Johnson for Part III to the story. If you send the follow-ups to me, I will print them. If you send them to Kathy I will reprint them here. If anyone wants this sad tale(tail??) to continue. As some of you know, this story is pretty much a Byrne Syndrome story. Of course, I give Kathy my permission to reprint this episode. Oh yes S'tan, why must these stories be so Bloody?))



Phyllis pyramid

This is the results from contest :

and for Don Del Grandy Dick Martian wasn't one of the ●
suspects

But I have a winner. It is Brux the Bulldog who was also
one of the suspects. I wonder if he looks like Brux.

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Below are the entries I received from the various people. Joan was kind
enough to attach them for me. Sorry I have to run, but I must go play.

Dear Phyllis's Pyramid,

You missed me. I should tally about 9.6 on your scale of Diplomacy. After
all, what about the brilliant move I made as France over Brest? ((Phyllis- it
wasn't so brilliant. My mother said it was one of the stupidest things she
ever saw. Everyone at the board had a laugh over it too. They laughed for about
an hour. Though I guess I should rate you. How about a 7½.))

Bruce Linsey was shot by Brux (a wandering bulldog). Bruce always tried
to appear fierce and tough. Thus he acquired the dogs name. The dog became
upset and stalked him. At last, he met him and.....

by Dave Grabar

Tell Phyllis that it is Black Jack Masters who
killed Bruce Linsey. He has only played two games of
regular Diplomacy as a starting player. In 79CF, Dan
Valter, Paul Hefti and a lot of other inept players let
him win (oh yes Al Rodriguez was in there too). But in
his other game (79CV in Claw and Fang) one Jack Masters
is starting to pour it onto him. The game would have
been over long ago in a strong two-way draw, but ole
Bruce decided a two-way draw was not good enough for him
and stabbed his good ally (me!). Well the stab backfired
on him and I am going to eliminate him. Unfortunately
however, the result will be a Turkish win for Mark
Howell with my France coming in 2nd and Brux's England
3rd or 4th.

Black Jack
Masters

TO: Phyllis Byrne FROM: Me/

Hi. Its about time that the best dyplomate in your house appeared in
John-Bry's class. I have to admit that i like the graphics to your
part of Mitotonia. I don't have the least idea of who shot bruce
linsee, but I'll say it was Bob Arnett.

By the weigh, did you know that a pyramid is also called a tetrahedrian?

lots of luck, and keep after norm.

Truly,

Tom

Phyllis: I think I figured out who shot Bruce linsey....

It wasn't John, since he needs Bruce to say that John was right all
along and that the feud shouldn't have started in the first place;

It wasn't Kathy, since she likes the exposure Bruce gives by mentioning
her in every issue;

It wasn't Blackjack as he can't afford printing those color pictures
of Kathy much less buying a gun;

It wasn't Bob Arnett, since he was too busy making sure Masters wouldn't
put out a fake Volker;

It wasn't J.R. Swing, as he was too busy looking for me because I have
a PEM plot for DALLAS.

Thus, it's now simple. I've eliminated the "suspects". This leaves
nobody. Since there isn't a bigger nobody than Dick Martin, he did it!
hered, why would he always be on the move?

Harry News,

THE 1978-1979 VARIANT AWARDS LIST

OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION FOR VARIANTS

Lewis Pulsipher for Diplomacy Games and Variants

OUTSTANDING VARIANT GANEMASTER

Gregory Costikyan in Urf Du fal

OUTSTANDING VARIANT DESIGN

Steve McLendon for Holocaust

OUTSTANDING ARTICLE ON VARIANTS

- no award -

GENERAL CONTRIBUTION TO VARIANTS

Fred Davis, Jr. for designing variants

SPECIAL AWARD

- no award -

Robert E. Sacks
ROBERT E. SACKS, Secretary
for the Variant Awards Panel (1978-79)
of the Diplomacy Variant Commission

Gregory Costikyan
Raymond Heuer
Fred Hyatt
Roger Oliver
Robert Sacks
Rod Walker

Cumulative Variant Awards List

OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION (exclusively or in major part) FOR VARIANTS

1976 & before Slobinpolit Zhurnal - APA-Slobbovia
1977 Diplomacy World - Conrad von Metzke
1978 & 1979 Diplomacy Games and Variants - Lewis Pulsipher

OUTSTANDING VARIANT GANEMASTER

1976 & before John Leeder
1977 Fred Davis Jr
1978 & 1979 Gregory Costikyan

OUTSTANDING VARIANT DESIGN

1976 & before Grand Tournament - Drew McGee
1977 Pseudo-Classical - Martin Janta-Polczynski
1978 & 1979 Holocaust - Steve McLendon

OUTSTANDING ARTICLE ON VARIANTS

1976 & before - no award -
1977 Unsolicited Editorial - Ken StAndre - DW 16
1978 & 1979 - no award -

GENERAL CONTRIBUTION TO VARIANTS

1976 & before Richard Vedder (VBe, Statistics & Ratings, design, II
1976 & before Rod Walker & Hurl Labelle (Youngstown Variant)
1977 & before John Leeder (GM, designer, publicist)
1979 & before Fred Davis Jr (designing variants)

SPECIAL AWARD

1976 & before Charles Sharp (Slobinpolit Zhurnal)
1977 & before - no award -
1979 & before - no award -

This listing includes multi-player diplomatic play-by-mail games (e.g., Diplomacy and its variants, SPI Power Political Games) with information not more than 2 months old.

A typical listing consists of the following:

Publisher Name, Address
 ZINE NAME, frequency, costs ((month))
 GAME, Diplomacy Variant

frequency: nw = n weeks; m = monthly
 month is the month entry was updated

To update, add, or correct an entry, send information to Robert E Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034 USA.

Distribution: Diplomacy World, Boardman Number Custodian, Miller Number Custodian, Pandemonium, Brutus Bulletin, anyone sending in a SASE.

Marion Bates, PO Box 381, Kalkaska MI 46946 USA
 PLAGUE TIMES, \$3 + 12/\$6 ((Dec))
 Deadman, DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, THIRD REICH

NEW
 ZINE

John Boardman, 234 E 19th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA
 GRAUSTARK, 3w, \$15 ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY

John Caruso, 42-34 Saull St, Flushing NY 11355 USA
 WHITESTONIA, 4w, \$2 + \$4/10 ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY, Nuclear Holocaust

Fred C Davis Jr, 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore Md 21207 USA
 BUSHWACKER, m, \$7 (\$3.50 Standby) - \$2 for Mensa members ((Nov))
 1885 II

Don DelGrande, 2400 Durant Av 208, Berkeley Ca 94720 USA
 LIFE OF MONTY, m, 55¢/issue ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY, EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES, KINGMAKER, Pythonic,
 THIRD REICH

NEW
 ZINE

Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Dr, Pittsburgh Pa 15235 USA
 ENVOY, m, \$2 + \$5 @ 3/8¢/pg + postage ((Nov))
 AFTER THE HOLOCAUST, Deadman (\$3 Game fee), DIPLOMACY (\$4 Game fee,
 no Game fee for Distaff game), Grand Tournament, KINGMAKER,
 SAMURAI (\$4 Game fee)

Mark Larzellere, 522 W Grand River, Howell MI 48843 USA
 APPALLING GREED, \$3 + 10/\$3 ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY

NEW
 ZINE

John Lipscomb, 1201 Osler St, Saskatoon SASK S7N 0T8 CANADA
 ASSORTED GARBAGE, 4-5w, 20¢/issue ((Dec))
 DIPLOMACY, any variant

Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon NY 14502 USA
 EMRAIN MACHA, 4w, \$2 + \$1 Dep ((Nov))
 Jimmu, Vain Rats

Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park MI 48030 USA
 JIHAD, \$4 + 12/\$6 ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, North America 2020

Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034 USA
 HANSARD, m, \$3 + sub (no sub for Pandemonium contributors) ((Jan))
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Bern Sampson, 123 Sixth St, Middlesex NJ 08846 USA
 TORPEDO, m, \$4 + \$2 Dep + \$5/12 ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY, Victory Point

Mike Scott, 1726 Cypress Circle, LaVerne Ca 91750 USA
 MIKE'S MAG, m, \$3 ((Dec))
 CONQUISTADOR, CRUSADES, KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR

Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Dr, Paoli Pa 19301 USA
 BORN TO DIP, m, 10/\$5 ((Nov))
 DIPLOMACY

NEW
 ZINE

"DONOVAN" STRIKES AGAIN!

Hi once again. Donovan has faked yet another zine. I'm continuing my vengeance trail. (does anyone have a compass, I'm lost) There are still some pubbers out there who ignored the fake Voice of Doom I did a couple of months ago. As most of you know, I've been faking them in order they appeared on that first list. I have since faked Retaliation and The Shoguns Sword. The attitude towards the fakes and warning the hobby of them is still poor. All those on the original list still refuse to acknowledge the fact that fakes were perpetrated. That's fine with me. I can fake as many issues as I have to. Here is whats left of the list:

Mark Berch of Diplomacy Digest
Andy Lischett of Cheesecake
Mike Conner of Lone Star Diplomat
Bernard Sampson of Torpedo
Bob Arnett of Volkerwanderung
Chris Roberson of Stab Heony!
Randolph Smyth of FOL SI Pie
John Daly of Dogs of War

And Marion Bates. of Plague Times (Again, still, Marion is the

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20 December 1980

Dear Publisher,

LONE STAR DIPLOMAT announces the opening of nominations for official Diplomacy Hobby Mascot for 1981!

For too long we've been talking about a mascot--now it's time to do something about it. To streamline the election process, I am soliciting nominations from publishers only (others who wish to nominate must find a publisher as a sponsor).

Nominations must be received here by 1 February 1981. You may include a short (not more than 50 words) nominating "speech" and a black-and-white illustration of the candidate, not larger than 3" x 5" in size.


Upon expiration of the nominating deadline, LSD will send you a list of the nominees and their elections materials which you may publicize in your zine. Voting procedures will be outlined in the election packet, but briefly, each person may vote for 1 candidate, and election deadline will be in late March.

Please publicize this election. It will mean so much to all of us to have a hobby mascot with which to identify.

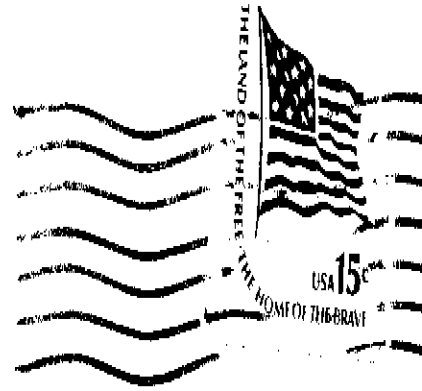
Thanks,


R. Michael Conner

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