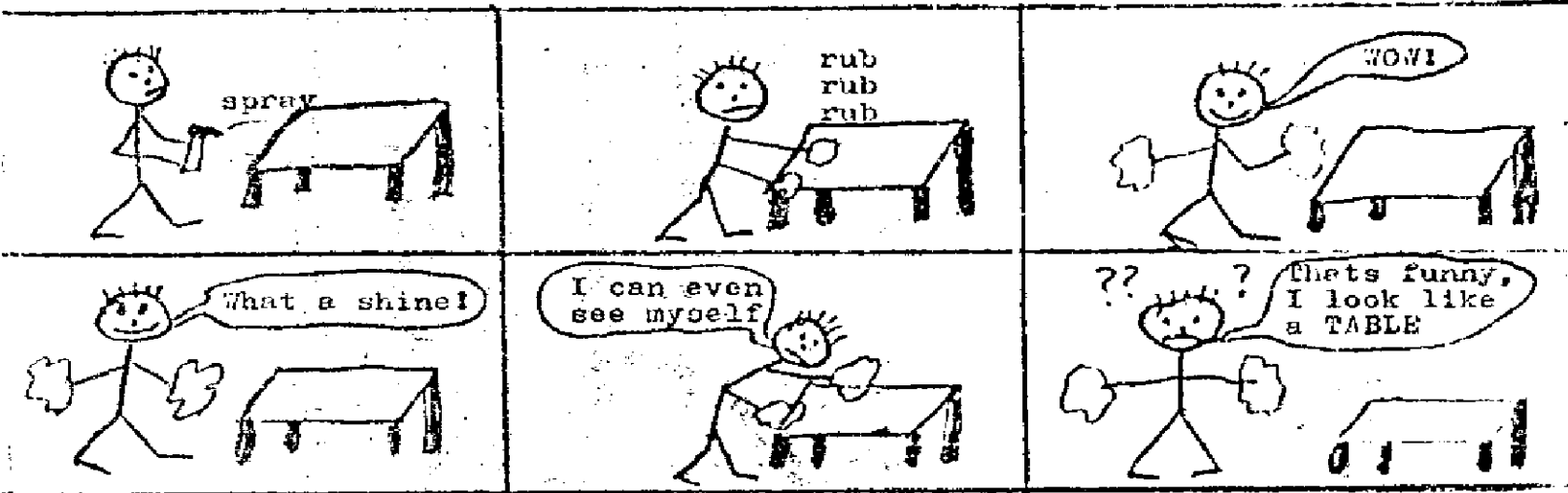


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This is Whitestonia, a RYN-ZINE, published every 4 weeks (or so) by me, John Caruso 42-34 Saull St Flushing, NY 11355 212 353-9695. You will not find record or TV show reviews in these pages. What you will probably find is games and hopefully a good time.

It has been brought to my attention, not by one or two of you, but by no less than a dirty dozen of you that my staples leave alot to be desired. Well I can't be held responsible for your uncoordinatedness. However, I'm not with the cut sympathy. I will give something new a try this issue. I will use scotch tape as so many others do. People like Dick "Crud" Martin and his zein Retaliation, and Cary "Y'ALL" Coughlan, and his zein Y'ALL.

Anyway, within this issue are many interesting things- profiles, games, KK, PP(again, still), KGO, an advertisement, some convention news, at least one letter, and a whole bunch of other good stuff. But before I get into the credits, let me say a few words about the price of a sub fee.

As of next issue, the sub-fee for Whitestonia is increasing to \$5.00 for 10 issues, or 50¢ and issue. This is due to the fact that, as I hear it, by April, 1, 1981 the postage rate will take an increase. If this is the case, could lose my shirt. No snide remarks Don. Anyway, this increase should offset most of the cost increase. Hope you can all bear with me in this time of strife and increasing cost. If you want to resub, or sub anew, if this is going to you for the first time, then you will have to get your checks to me by April, 1 or you'll have to pay the new cost of \$5.00 to renew. So if your sub is running low, or even if it isn't, get your renewals before the official increase and save \$, \$, \$, \$, like you've never saved before. Now on with the show.....

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SUB FEE \$4.00 for 10 issues  
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GAME OF HINGS

Diplomacy 5 entered, 2 openings  
 Mastermind 2 entered, at least 2 openings  
 WSIM Hardisty entered, this will be a multi-player game of 3 vs 3 if I can get the players:  
 Guest GM- Bob Kluge  
 only room for 25-27

\*\*\*\*\*KATHY'S KORNER\*\*\*\*\*

The Kathy Byrne seal of approval will go to a great new zine - Just Among Friends - Al's humor has won me over as one of his biggest fans, Dr. Cagey is great at answering Medical Dip ??? and Al picks one topic each month not to discuss - a must for the dip addict - address else where in this rag.

This month Kathy's Korner is being dedicated to Bernard Sampson - he is a real person - he is not Oaklyn or Tretick - he runs a great zine, and he was a great ally at Fred Con on the 14th. Fred Con will not be reviewed here - but I will review it in Torpedo. KK has to review Byrne Con #4!!!

But first, we have to give out our usual advice, so on to Grabar: Bloodsucker: Will Russia be able to survive a Bloodsucker on rash???

Gruesome

Dear Gruesome:

Of course he will, since you handed him mine and the Saint's moves. But the question you should be concerned with is Will you survive your big mouth???

You Russian Spy! me.

Dear K., I was looking through some back issues of Diplomacy World when I found an article in the Spring '79 issue entitled "How to Lie Diplomatically" by someone called Dave White. Any relation to the Cat-man?

DW Reader

Dear Bird Brain:

No.....but since your so into family trees - he is the twin brother of Snow White, and the son of Princess Pure White & Prince Do White. Also just like every family there's one problem child his brother - Little Boy Blue!.....Bye

"I've been playing Diplomacy for more than ten years FTF (not continuously). And my wife tolerated an occasional game pretty well. But almost 2 years ago I got interested in postal Dippy. Then she had to tolerate the extra time and expense of letter writing and phonecalling. Last fall I began to publish a zeen, andthat was more than she could handle. Now, in addition to the other stuff, she claims not to be able even to talk to me for the last few days of each month. And this despite the fact that I have cut back to only one ftf game a month! My question is this: do you think she would be more understanding if I pronounced it zein? Thanks a lot for your help, Sincerely, Foreign Tongue Specialist"

Dear Tongue Depressor:

Glad to see you weren't playing continuously for ten years, I bet that could ruin your sex life, it would also turn out to be bad for your kidneys as when would you go to the john? Another problem wife, boy I can't understand why they always want to talk to you guys - teach her how to play dip, and then take her to a FTF, that way you and her could talk - negotiation style. Oh, I almost forgot your question - that's probably because it took you so long to get to the point - no, but I do think that she would understand better if you called it "Toots". She might also like it better if you stopped encouraging Gary Coughlan, and his dumb shark - NO NAME. sign me - Beta

I think this column is finally getting to me, Austin is right - I don't make any sense, and Masters is right I am corny. However, for those who want to see if their sanity can withstand my insanity - read on the best is yet to come - we have most admired players, Phil vs. Phil, Eskimo Lew's nasty remarks, and our latest mini con results.

kathy, Kathy, Kathy, Kathy, Kathy, Kathy, Kornor Kornor, Kornor, Kornor

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The above is for Mark Lew! So just take that you igloo supporter. Mark Lew has finally told me why he hates KK. First he hates the questions, secondly he hates the name Kathy, and third he hates Corners. Aside from all these problems, the poor kid has a mental problem, he wrote to tell me that his most admired player was - Davey Perlmutter! Oh well, I guess it is true what they say too much ice affects the brain.

Dave Grabar also wrote to tell me the person he admired most & why: "Being serious, the best player I have ever played against is Andy Phillips (he left the hobby in 1976). The best active player besides myself is Jerry St. Germain. He is an excellent tactician and diplomat."

I'd make a comment on that Dave but I can't stop laughing, the laughter started the minute I read - best active besides myself!(ha, ha, ha) And don't bother to try and butter Jerry up now after he watched you sell him out in C-2.

Brainless Swider is worse off then any of us imagined. His answer was "You won't believe it, but its John-Boy himself." He's right I couldn't believe it - I didn't even know that John-Boy Walton played dip. I wrote back and told him that I hated the Walton's, he said that is okay, as ~~my~~ favorite TV show is the Brady Bunch, Waltons is 2, and in a close for third is reruns of I Love Lucy. Well, it takes all kinds to play dip. Have any of you run across John-Boy, I think this answer is worse then Mediocre!

Next one to tell me about the player they admired the most was my own Toots (Brainless for your info. John Michalski is Toots). John's letter was chock full of information - first off he said that the "latest KK and subzine WHITESTONIA were pretty good" Then he told me that Freebase is TNT. He then went on to tell me that like all married couples he & Claudine have there problems, he wrote "Sometimes she has no sense of humor. I think her boyfriend's been out of town the last two weeks maybe." I don't know, I have a similiar problem to Claudine's when ever you don't write me for a month - John says I get very grouchy! and now for Toots submission "On the most admired person, I have to submit the name of Bill Shaffer. He is so fat that he makes me feel skinny. He is SO gross that he makes me sound like a minister. ....(further into the letter) He is the one in the new Novice Packet who pulled the gross overstab in 79E as England, going from 6 to 10 when he could only build 1 unit in England. His classic response when criticised for a "dumb" stab: "I may not have room to build, but they sure got plenty of room to take units away!"..... still more quotes from Toots "Bill Shaffer dislikes Jack Frost, Uli Baumeister, Craig Reges, Bruce Linsey, Dave Pilant, and other illuminaries/losers/whatever." In case anyone is wondering I had to use exerpts as sometimes Toots gets very descriptive, also alot of the letter was about my luscious body and that was kind of personal.

Well that is all I got on the player that you admire most - is the one who gets hit real hard or stabbed real bad and then he plays the position out - so I guess I admire almost everyone in the hobby, as haven't we all been in that position at one time or another.

SUPPORT KK - BURN AN IGLOO TODAY - LYNCH AN ESKINO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

And now for BYRNE CON 4 - We started the day with a battle of the sexes & a battle of the Phil's. Little Phil(my 11 yr. old daughter) vs. Phil Cooper (a 30 yr. old man) and what better game to challenge him to but  
CARRIER STRIKE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Turn to next page for results.

\*\*\*\*\*AND STILL MORE KRI!!!!!!\*\*\*\*\*

Phil Cooper was the first to arrive for a game of FTF, and Phil Byrne took this chance to set him up for a game of Carrier Strike. She always leaves the box out in the open, in a place where it can't be missed. Big Phil picked it up to look at it and she started explaining the rules. I went in to dry my hair, but I had to come out fast, and explain all the rules that Little Phil conveniently forgot to tell Big Phil. I was official cheer leader, I would root for both sides and referee through out the game. Little Phil was in trouble as she had only one Carrier left and three planes, Big Phil was in trouble as he had 2 Carriers, but only one plane. At this crucial time in the game Tom Williams has managed to arrive and start learning the game real fast, as he watches on with me. Tom & I next saw the diplomacy expert at work. He convinces Little Phil that she should kamakazi against the wrong Carrier he sends her after the empty one. So now the battle is more even his one plane to her one plane and then the inevitable, a dog fight - the winner is the one whose plane survives, the suspense builds.....and then the final card is thrown and the winner is.....PHIL !!!

And your problem is now to figure out which one won???? Ah, the mystery of the game of Carrier Strike, so tell me WHICH PHIL WON??

BYRNE CON 4 - and the lineup is.....Jim Yerkey in France, Phil Cooper in Austria, Dan Mathias in England, Rod Chaney in Ger. Tom Williams in Italy, me, myself and I in Russia, and the nasty mean, horrible Norm Schwartz in Turkey.

Immediately Eng, Ger & Fra start into a huddle in the kitchen, with Ita., Aust., and Turk. heading for a secret meeting in the living room. I figure I might as well retreat to the bathroom and start talking to myself as no one else wants to talk to me. Well, instead I go into the den of iniquity to talk to the people surrounding me. I convince them of the obvious E/G/F alliance. And Tom pulls me aside to tell me that I probably just saved my hide. Phil talks everyone into the 4 of us sticking together and the fact that we must or E/G/F will creamate us. Norm is crying over the Black Sea, and I assure him I'll keep it neutral. Well El Stabbo comes fast - I pull a Marion Bates opening - I i move everything towards Ger, figuring that even Norm can see how stupid it is to attack me since I'm the only one who can stop England. Well guess what Norm opens to the Black Sea & Arm., guess where I am - Livonia. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned - ask Norm. Austria remained true to his word and actually helped to keep me in the game. Turkey, never really did get anywhere, but England managed to get Swe, St. Pete, Mos, and now you have the picture. We claimed a stalemate - we said that The three of them could not break us if we stuck together, however, no one bought the fact that Norm would stick with anyone. As a matter of fact we sent our attorney into present our case. Williams did a fine of job of confusing everyone. And the game wound up ending with no outcome, no vote was ever taken, and I was not out of it yet, I now owned London. With that ending, Williams had to leave - probably was on his way to the courthouse to interogate some poor witness, and then John sat down and we played a game of gunboat. Of course John attacked me immediately. Boo, hiss - I think he's related to Norm. All in all we had a good day, and usual a lot of stabs. Next Byrne Con who knows when. This was arranged about a week in advance when Dan called to say he was coming to visit me.

Well I think Kathy's Kornor is finally at an end for this month - but I will leave you with these parting words -

Be kind to your web footed friends - someday they may be playing Turkey on a dip board where you are Russia!

Bye, Me.

### HOBBY SERVICES

Diplomacy World: Jerry Jones 1854 Wagner St Pasadena, Cal 91107. Sub fee is \$5.00 for 4 issues in USA (a bit more outside US)

Boardman Number Custodian: Lee Kendler 4347 Benner St Phil, Pa 19137

Zine Directory: Michael Mills 1585 Quaker Rd Macedon, NY 14502. 50¢ for the publication which lists most of the zines of North America and Europe.

Orphan Game Service: John Daly Rt 2 Box 136-M5 Rockwell, NC 28138 and Dick Martin 26 Orchard Way No. Rockville, Md 20854.

Known Game Openings: Robert Sacks 4061 Bawv S-V NI, NY 10034

### OTHER IMPORTANT HOBBY ADDRESSES

Brutus Bulletin: John Michalski Rt 10 Box 520Q Moore, Okla 73165. Has sub-zines with game openings. BB generally contains the most recent hobby news and discussions, along with a lively letter column and an open forum.

Honest Injun Igloo Saleman: Mark Lew 3120 W79 Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99502. If you are moving to Alaska, look up Mark. He can find you a used igloo, or a new one for that matter at a good price.

Hobby Mascot Center: Mike Conner 3214 Beverly Rd Austin, Texas 78703. Mike also puts a fine zine called Lone Star Diplomat. Sub are \$6.00 for 10 issues. There are no game openings, but stand-bys are welcome, and rewarded if used.

### ZINE CLOSING

Well, I'm sorry to say, that 2 of the older zines, and in all 3 of the best zines in the hobby are winding down their games, and will be closing soon. Why Me? Lee Kendler is not starting any new games and is going to wind down his games. Lee says he'll keep his games until completion, but says, that once these games end, there will be no others. As most of you know, besides being the BNC, Lee is one of the finest, if not the finest GM in the hobby. When he does close shop, he will be missed. Next is Tony Watson and Rurātania. R has been around for 6 years. I know little about R as I don't get it, but I hear Tony is also winding down his games to completion and will bow out honorably. As one of the older zines and a mainstay, Tony and R will be missed. Next we have Bob Arnett and Volkerwanderung. Yep, a newer zine which is probably the best zine out is winding down its games. Bob says he's going to see all of his games to completion. Bonus Gaming is impeccable. I love his zine and I will be sorry to see him finally go. And lastly, we have Bill Lafosse and Toronto Telegram closing shop. TT closed up months ago and Bill, as of yet has not farmed his games out. Glad to see for every bad drop out like TT, there are 3 honorable people. The hobby will miss all of these stalworths.

### ZINE PLUGS

Born To Dip: Brad Wilson 302 Friendship Dr Paoli, Pa 19301 is a new and exciting zine with all sorts of letters and articles, etc. Sub fee is \$5.00 for 10 issue and there are game openings. BTD also has a sub(below par)-zine which is put out by Merk "Nanook of the North" Lew and it is called Igloo Icecapades. As you undoubtedly have guessed, anything that Nanook writes has to be weird. Send a stamp for a sample. ((Satisfied Nanny-ookie??))

Torpedo: Bernard Sampson (The worlds best NJ Dip player) 123 6 St Middlesex, NJ 08846. Bernie (no relation to Oaklyn) puts out a real good, entertaining zine. Sub fee is \$5.00 for 12 issues, game fees are \$4.00 with a \$2.00 NMR deposit. How bad can Torpedo be. He mentions me and # on almost every page.

Plague Times: Marion Bates, a Mediocre Seer, PO Box 381 Kelkaska, Mich 49646. Marion puts the only daily chronicle that comes out once a month. Sub fees are \$6.00 for 12 issues, game fees are \$3.00. There are plenty of game openings and plenty of room for participation. MB's zine is one of the better ones on the market, even with Nikitas sub-Zine and a Dead Letter Box. Send a stamp for a sample today.

Europa Express or Y'All: Gary Coughlon 4614 Martha Cole La. Memphis, Tenn 38118 I now have 2 issues of each, with 3 of them claiming to be the first issue. Sub fee is \$6.00 for 10 issues and there are game openings. This looks to be one of the best zines ever. Game openings too. Send a SASE today, & sub r Y'All

DIPLOMACY PLAYERS ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

After reading the article by Jerry Jones in the Diplomacy World last year concerning the need for a Diplomacy Players Association (DPA), I wrote Jerry to say I would help get this started in any way he saw fit to use me. After several letters with Jerry and conversations with several other hobby members, it resolved to a state where Jerry did not have the time he expected and needed to put into the development of the DPA, and Jerry asked that I take over organizing the DPA.

My position on all this is that a DPA is needed to solve a number of current problems that affect players and to respond to new problems that arise in the hobby that players should take an active interest in based on self-interest. I personally, as a publisher and player, see the need for such a group, but I feel that I should not take a major role in the group after it gets started. The following is some of my thoughts on a proposed DPA for your review.

The following are the proposed activities of the Diplomacy Players Association:

- 1) Operation of the Diplomacy Arbitration Board (discussion attached);
- 2) Sanction of various hobby-wide elections including the Diplomacy Players Poll started by John Caruso last year;
- 3) Establishment of a Player/GM Houserules Committee to develop a model set of play-by-mail houserules which are approved by the DPA for possible use or modification by new (and old if they desire) publishers;
- 4) Election of a DPA Ombudsman to represent the hobby-wide players in matters that they deem appropriate.

In addition to these areas, the DPA will serve as a group which can react to any major new problem that develops within the hobby and serve to be a voice for active players in matters of interest.

A governing body for the DPA would be selected by hobby-wide elections each year. Nominations for any position on the Council would be accepted in the month of September each year. In early October, all nominees would be contacted to verify that they would consent to serve if elected. In mid-October a ballot would be sent to all publishers with the request that the election be publicized; the ballot would contact the names of all those nominated plus space for write-in candidates. Voting would be open to all Diplomacy players, and votes would be accepted from November through December. The votes would be tabulated and certified, and the elected candidates would take office on January 1.

The Council would be made up of seven (7) members: DPA President, responsible for overseeing the council, appointing special committees, and general administrative duties; DPA Secretary, to handle all major correspondence, press releases, reports, and ballots; DPA Ombudsman, to serve as Ombudsman in an elected capacity as a general serve to the Diplomacy hobby; Head of the Diplomacy Arbitration Board (DAB), to coordinate the DAB services (as described elsewhere); DPA Elections Supervisor, to sanction any DPA approved elections and prepare all materials, count ballots, and other election supervision activities; and two General Council members. The offices of DPA President, Secretary, Ombudsman, and Elections Supervisor make be held only by Players. Publishers and GMs will be allowed to serve in the other three posts if elected. Term of office would be from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. The President and Elections Supervisor would not be allowed to succeed themselves.

There would be no fee associated with membership in the DPA. Anyone who cares to call themselves an active player would be allowed to participate.

Right now I need two things from hobby members. First is reaction and suggestions about the above and the attached materials on the DAB. The second is for some volunteers to assist in starting the DPA and serving until elections at the end of the year. Hopefully the DPA can get off the ground in the late Spring or Summer and be into smooth operations for the elections this fall.

## DIPLOMACY ARBITRATION BOARD

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1. Why? There have arisen in past years many conflicts between and among players, publishers, and game masters concerning matters of the game of Diplomacy. In the past, a large number have been settled to the satisfaction of the involved parties through such manners as writing Alan Calhauer, contacting Avalon Hill, using an ombudsman, selecting a disinterested party to review the matter, or just flipping a coin. Unfortunately, in many other cases, the issues were not resolved because there was not an established mechanism to help settle disputes; thus a number of hobby feuds were started, and most of these continue to the detriment of the hobby. To allow for another channel for parties interested in settling these and future disputes in an organized and impartial manner, a Diplomacy Arbitration Board (DAB) should be established.

2. When should the DAB be used? The DAB will be available to players, publishers, and game masters to settle any dispute that is mutually agreed to be submitted to the arbitration procedure. This includes, but is not limited to: rule interpretations, houserule conflicts, player/publisher/GM misconduct, and unethical practices. The major point is that all involved parties must agree in writing to have the matter settled by this procedure; the DAB has no desire to seek out conflicts nor accept questions presented by only one side. If the involved parties believe the issue is one which should be settled by the DAB, the DAB will accept the issue. If the involved parties are not agreed to the procedure, then the DAB has no desire to be contacted.

3. What is the procedure? Well, there are two major components to the arbitration system. The first component concerns the agreement to arbitration and submission of materials. Upon receiving a request to arbitrate, the DAB will contact the involved parties separately and ask for written confirmation that all parties agree to submit the question to arbitration and initiate the selection procedure. (discussed below). Upon receiving positive answers from each of the involved parties, each will be asked to summarize its position and furnish any materials or other data which should be reviewed by those selected for the decision panel. After these materials are received by the DAB, a total packet of information on the issue will be sent to the decision panel. The second major area concerns the composition of the decision panel. When the involved parties are first contacted concerning their agreement to the arbitration procedure, the DAB will randomly select from those on its rosters who have agreed to serve on decision panels four players and three GM/publishers. This list of seven individuals will be sent to each of the two sides, and each side will be allowed to remove two persons without cause. If the two sides do not take full advantage of the deletions or remove the same person, the resulting number of valid persons will be reduced to three by lot. These three individuals will make up the decision panel for the issue. The decision panel will review the materials submitted, be allowed to request additional information, and give a decision to the DAB in writing. The DAB will send the copies of the decision to the involved parties.

4. What is the make-up of the individuals who will serve on the decision panels? The DAB will seek out volunteers from throughout the hobby to serve on the decision panels. Publicity will be sought through all channels possible. Those individuals who are now publishing or have published a zine in the past as well as current and past GMs will be on the Publisher/GM list. Any person who plays postal Diplomacy and does not fall into the above group will be placed on the player list.

5. Is the DAB associated with any Diplomacy organization? The DAB is established to service the players of postal Diplomacy and as a framework is incorporated into the Diplomacy Players Association. The DAB is not associated with any other group. By seeking volunteers throughout the hobby, the DAB is hopefully to be non-political in nature as much as possible.

((As a concerned player and publisher, I see a need for such a association. I am in support of Al, and will lend any hand to him that he requests. May I ask fellow publishers to at least mention this in their zines. You need not be in agreement, or even support the ideas. It is just requested of you to inform your players and let them decide for themselves if they want to know more. All info requests should be directed to Al Pearson Rt 1 Box 177 B5 Kearneysville, W Va 25430. Hobby services are not for a choice few. They are for all. Please mention this in your zine. Thank you.))

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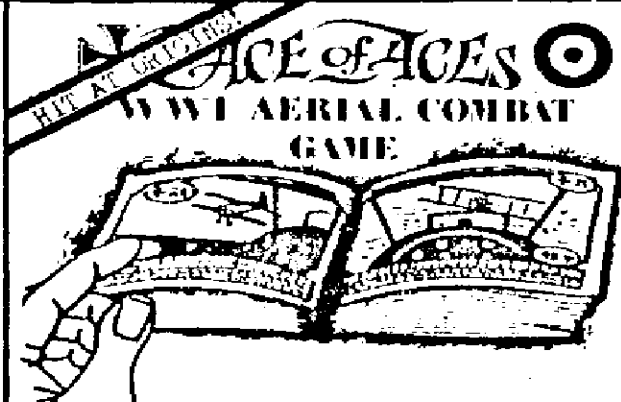
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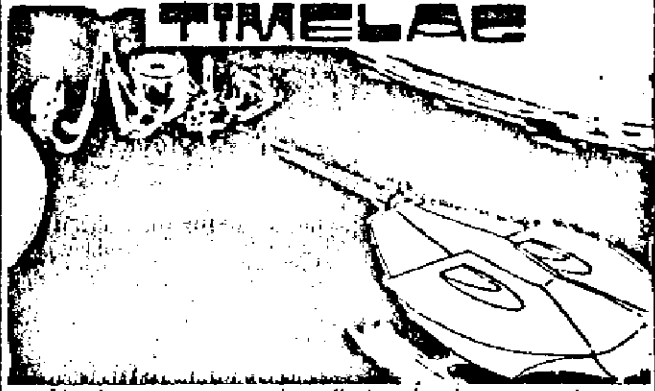
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MASTERMIND

Everyone is on the right track, but alas, the slow will perish and the swift afoot will benefit. Well, mastermind #2 is over, and the result is the same as game #1. Only this time, the drawees are John "Lucky Guess" Kevern and Gary "Y'All" Coughlan. The correct solution is Blue-Yellow-Blue-Green-Green. I will have to improvise in the next game to prevent draws. Congrats to the winners. Your subs are extended 2 issues each. Below are the final guesses;

Coughlan        x,x,x,x,x    WINNER(DRAW)  
 Kevern         x,x,x,x,x    WINNER(DRAW)  
 Wyatt          x,o,o,o,-  
 Grabar         x,x,x,x,-    close but no cigar!

PRESS: GRABAR: This is a tough one. The pressure is on. I must make an educated guess based on an unpredictable mind. I'm going for it all. ((You came up short. What do you mean unpredictable mind? And since when are you educated?))

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1980IR Fall 1903 Has been extended for 1 week. The moves results will be mailed out seperately. The 1 week extension is by CM imposed due to a HR oversight by one of the players. Ordinarily I wouldn't do this, but the player stated in his turn what he feels the ruling should be. I have explained the situation to him, and have greented him a week to submit his turn. If I get his turn earlier, I'll process it earlier. Thank you.

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1980AG Fall 1905 Italy blades Turkey and the Hun sells out England. Huummmmm

ITALY Grabar: A Gre-Smy; F Aeg C A Gre-Smy; F Ion-Gre; A Bud-Ser; A Alb S A Bud-Ser; F Adr-Ven; A Tri S F Adr-Ven; A Vie-Dud;  
 AUSTRIA Heinowski: No units, no centers, out!  
 FRANCE Leritte: F Lon-Eng; F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Wes; A Bur-H; A Mar-Pie; A Pie-Ven;  
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 RUSSIA Kevern: F StP(NC)-Nwy; A Fin-Swe; A Gal S F Rum; A War S A Gal; F Rum-H; A Ukr S F Rum; A Sev S F Rum;

AUSTRIA	OUT		
ENGLAND	Lvp,Edi,Lon	3	even
FRANCE	Par,Mar,Bre,Por,Spa	5	lose 1
GERMANY	Kie,Ber,Mun,Hol,Den,Bel	6	build 1
ITALY	Ven,Nap,Rom,Tri,Tun,Bud,Vie,Gre,Ser,Smy	10	build 2
RUSSIA	StP,Sev,Rum,War,Mos,Swe,Nwy	7	even
TURKEY	Ank,Con,Bul	3	even

PRESS:  
 Russia to Turkey: How much easier can I make it to write?  
 Russia to Italy: Once bitten etc.....  
 Russia to France: What do you mean England is your puppet?  
 Russia to Germany: I know you are a man of your word. Let peace continue.  
 Lvp to Par: We received your message in Lon, but to deliver it by Fleet; really  
 Lvp to Ber: Your offer of reconciliation couldnot have come at a better time. I hope we didn't make Russia angry.  
 Edi to StP: What can I say, maybe yes- maybe no...My foreign affairs are being handled outside the country. Oh! that's right, I never did hear from you.  
 Yor to Rom: What can I say, I tried.  
 A call for a combined Winter/Spring move has been made.  
 The due date for Winter retreats and builds and Spring 1906 moves MARCH 21,1981  
 A single player may request a seperation.

980CF Spring 1904 German/Russian duel and the Austrian/Italian try to cut it together as game livens up. GM routed!!!

- ENGLAND Fry: A Yor-Lvp; F Lon S F Nth; F Ska S F Nth; F Nth S F Ska;
- ITALY Lew: F Nap S A F Apu-Ion; F Tun S A F Apu-Ion; A Alb-Gre dis Ann;
- AUSTRIA Johnson: A Bud-Ser; A Tri S A Bud-Ser; A Ven-Tyo; F Apu-Ion;
- TURKEY Kevern: F Con-Bla; A Gre S A Ser-Alb; A Ser-Alb; F Bul(SG) S A Gre; F Ion-H; F Aeg S F Ion;
- FRANCE Sauve: F Iri S F Eng; F Eng C A Bel-Wal; A Bel-Wal; A Bur-H; A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tun;
- GERMANY Leritte: F Hel-Nth; F Den S F Hel-Nth; A Hol S F A Bel(NSO); A Ber-pru; A Mun-Sil;
- RUSSIA Grabar: A Ser-Sil; A Liv-Pru; A Gal-Boh; A Ukr-Gal; F Rum-Bla; F Swe S S F Ska-Den(NSO);

PRESS:

For sale; Prime British real estate. No reasonable offer refused. Hurry before French and German speculators gobble up these fine tracts of land. Free set of steak knives to all who stop by our offices before the fall. Act today. There has never been a sale like this before. RONCO REALTY WORLD

Moscow: I will not stab Turkey in this game. I'm just making sure he's not angry over 1980AG. The Black Sea fleet will return to Rum. ((it already did))

Turkey to Austria: Stan, you suddenly fell silent. Do you have a new found friend? ((only his hairdresser knows for sure))

Turkey to Russia: Why do I find it so hard to believe you? Had to close my back door, just in case. ((not a moment too soon))

Turkey to Italy: The end is at hand. ((in whose hand))

GM to Ita and Turkey and everyone: ((-)) are mine.

Turkey to France: OK, its a deal.((such a deal))

Due date for the summer retreats and Fall 1904 moves is MARCH 21, 1981

980IT Spring 1902 England and Germany coordinate for 1 turn and Russia looks to be hibernating while Rome burns

- TURKEY Hyatt: A Arm-Sny; A Con S A Bul; A Bul S R A Ukr-Rum(NSO); F Bla S R A Ukr-Rum(NSO)
- FRANCE Schoenberger: A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Bur; F Por-Mid; F Bre-Eng; A Spa-Gae;
- GERMANY Mathias: F Den-Swe; F Kie-Bal; A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Mun; A Hol S E F Nth-Bel
- ITALY Schwartz: A Tri-Alb; A Tyo-Pie; F Tun-Wes; F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Ion;
- RUSSIA Wilson: F Bot-Swe; A War-Gal; F Sev S patatroops to Bklyn (NSO,NSU); A Ukr S F Sev;
- ENGLAND Kainardi: F Nth-Bel; F Nwy-StP(NG); F Edi-Nth; A Yor-Lon;
- AUSTRIA Shapiro: F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Bul; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Vie-Gal;

PRESS:

Lon to Par: support you into Bel? Not after you built F Brest. If you want to the Eng Gh, you shall surely die.

Lon to Rom: Commence Operation Squeeze Francais!

Par to Ank: I hear you calling. Expect my reply this month.

Par to GM: My moves are paranoid, I admit. What if Ger and Eng decided to take out Rus, and neither Ger Eng or Rus decided to write you? I personally would start praying for a bomb shelter. And You?

M to Par: So would I, my friend, so would I.

StPete: Never have I had all my moves fail. Sh..!

M to StP: Now you know how I felt at Freds. Rus is no picnic.

Sev: Blow the yellow bast...s away!

Par: Blow the red bast...s away!

Wolf of Bot: Blow the black bast...s away!

Los: And I wonder why I'm lossing?

M to Rus: Well the rest of us know why you're lossing.

Pol: Atop a windmill-"Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore"

More press on next page. Turn over..... Due Date March 21, 1981

1980IT more press

Man: Following the passage of a very strange tornado through the countryside of Deutschland, hordes of dwarvish creatures appeared and began rapid construction of a cobblestone pathway of a shiny yellow substance. Analysis is still incomplete, since the stones defy all attempts to break them up or pry them up, but they seem not to be gold. The builders scattered in all directions with their constructions and military police pursued them. All that could be discerned from their strange cries was an often repeated phrase "Vizero Foz". Rumor has it that one group somehow built across the waters to Britain, but this is not yet confirmed. There were some unexplained movements of bobbies in London.

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WSIM 2 On 2 Kevern/Bakich vs Heinowski/Leritte

1102 at 2102 4h,c; 1104 at 2101 4R; 2102 at 1102 3h,2r,c; 2301/2302 unfoul attempt-fails(again). 1101 collided with 2201 no foul; 1301 collided with 1104 no foul;

Kevern/Bakich (British)	Heinowski/Leritte (French)
1101 V25-1 D will sink or explode	2301 DD12-2 D F2302
1102 U28-2 D	2201 V23-1 FS
1103 W28-3 FS	2202 Z28-1 D
1201 T24-1	2101 U2C-6 FS
1104 Q26-3 D	2102 X26-6 D
1105 Q27-3 FS	2203 S17-1 FS
1106 L20-1	2204 T18-6 FS
1107 N18-2 FS	2205 AA32-6
1301 R25-1	2206 W32-5 FS
	2302 CC14-3 D F2301

Due date is MARCH 21,1981

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WSIM 2 on 1 Heinowski/Grabar vs Brophy/????

1101 at 2203 4r; 1102 at 2102 8r,c; 1102 at 2104 8h,4r,2g both carr; 1201 at 2105 g lt car; 1202 at 2104 h,g lt gun; 1102 collided with 2301 no foul

Heinowski/Grabar (British)	Brophy (French)
1211 CC8-6	2101 AA10-1 STRUCK 2103 Z16-6 STRUCK
1104 Z14-2 STRUCK	2301 II20-6 D STRUCK 1212 BB18-2 STRUCK
1105 CC17-3 STRUCK	2102 HH15-3 D 2104 HH21-1 D
1101 CC21-2	2201 II4-3 2105 HH23-1 D
1102 HH19-3 D	2202 JJ22-2 D 2203 DD28-5 D
1201 FF19-2	1106 EE16-2 D
1202 JJ16-2 FS	

Due date is MARCH 21,1981

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WSIM I will be running a new game of WSIM as soon as I get enough interest. I have a request by Cliff for a 1 on 1 game. If I get someone for him, I will GM it. Also, I'm looking for captains to play in a 2 on 2 or a 3 on 3 game of 100 points, design your own ships from the Napoleonic tables in the back of the book. Anyone interested, please contact me immediately.

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NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST new game

I have 32 names of people who want to play NH. I can only carry 25-27. If your name is on this list and you want to play, you must inform me by March 21 or your name will be taken off the list. The names are as follows; Overby, Mills, Swider, Grabar, St Germain, Bates M, Bates T, Hyatt, Wilson, Del Grande, Schuetz, Norman, Fruman, Polley, Schwartz, Shapiro, Bakich, Kevern, Austin, Smith P, Werder, Hansen, Haffey, Ayres, Smith B, Johnson, Yago T, Yago S, Grailey, Leritte, Sherwoo I will accept no new names, unless I don't get enough response from the above mentioned people. Thank you.

**DIPLMACY FINALLY: New Game Start (Number Please)**

Well, I finally ~~finally~~ got the 7th player for this game. I'm sorry it took me so long to get this game started. Due to the fact it took so long to start this game, I've appropriately named it "Finally", for obvious reasons. Below are the players names, addresses and the counties. Rather than rush the start of this game, I will give all of you time for diplomacy. The 1st turn, Spring 1901 will be due March 21, 1981. March 21, 1981 March 21, 1981

- GERMANY: Stephen Arnowoodian 602 Hemlock Circle Lansdale, Pa 19446
- ENGLAND: Rod Chaney 40 Long Pond Rd So. Ledyard, Conn 06339
- TURKEY: Dan Stafford 2013 Gloucester Columbus, Ohio 43229
- AUSTRIA: Pam Overby 23096 Tawas Hazel Pk, Mich 48030
- ITALY: Fred Hyatt 400 State St Bklyn, NY 11217
- RUSSIA: John Michalski Rt 10 Box 526-Q Moore, Okla 73165
- FRANCE: Neil Daly 2307 Rockwood Ave Baldwin, NY 11510

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**COLONIA 1981afn (I think)**

Well, the game is started. I don't know the country placement as I picked up the last player on Friday. Only Karl Schuetz has paid me the game fee and about 1/2 of you owe me a sub check. Bob Kluge will mail the starting positions out to you sometime in the next week. I have no idea when the due date will be. If you don't have rules or a map, contact Bob Kluge 8513 Valdez SL, Mo 63123. You will be playing Colonia #5, I guess an adapted updated version. Good luck to all the players.

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**NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST C-2 summer 1984 bids**

Hok	China 3	3,000	0	3,000	9,000	winner
	Egypt 1	0	0	0	0	
PG	Arg 48	5,000	0	5,000	240,000	winner
	Cuba 1.5	0	0	0	0	
Hai	Fron 31.5	126,000	50,000	176,000	5,544,000	winner
	Cuba 21.5	252,000	0	252,000	5,428,000	
Bye	Cer 24	20,000	0	20,000	480,000	winner
	Rus 5	0	0	0	0	
Ukr	Ger 8	80,000	0	80,000	640,000	winner
	Rus 3.5	0	0	0	0	

France gains a big gold island in a close battle. Another \$5,000 and cuba would have won. Now Cuba is all but dead. No oil, no gold, an enemy advancing down thru Mexico, another advancing up thru Col and France just an ocean away. Germany taking both Ukr and Bye puts added pressure on Russia. Argentinas win sealed Cubas fate. Chinas win is negligible. Lets see what the players built.

GERMANY	son 5X	Dur 10X	Ukr 10X	Bye 10X	summer 1984 builds	CHINA	Tkm 5X, 20S	Hok 2X
					CANADA	Phi 100S	SW 5X, 30S	Dur 10X
					ARGENTINA	INDIA		
					Cuc 10X	Sind L		
					FRANCE			
					Hai 15X			
AUSTRALIA	id 3X, 20S	WA X, 20S	NZ 3X					No builds
								BALKENS, CUBA, JAPAN, S APR, BRAZIL, RUSSIA
								due date for Fall 1984 is MARCH 21, 1981
								YOU HAVE _____

**CONTRACTS**

G-2 Economic Standings with the unit listings- Guess who is #1.

1- RUSSIA Dolsen: Mos 550U, 317F, 35X, 2A, 6F, 5B, L, 12N, 8G Sib 9X, A, 10S, 4H Yugo  
Oms 9X, 7A, 10S Vla 15X, 6S, 8A StP 12X, 2A, 10S Koz 8X, 4A, 9T Arm 550U, 28X, L, 4T,  
Ice 30X, 4%, C/30s, 5T Bul 2A Hun 2A Liv 6B Art 8N/14X Rum 10X, L, 11A 55W

2- ARGENTINA Heinowski (surprizer!): SC 50U, 120F, 51X, L, 11%, 4F, 10H, 4B, A, 3C, 27N, 8G  
SJ 120P, 15X, L, 2A, 13F, 20S Juj 10X, L, A, 7T RN 5X SH 7X, 3%, C, T, 40S Chi 14X, A  
Ura A Bol 630U, 26X, 63W, L SPO II 3N/9X NFO I 6N/18X Ant 3C, 7N/22X, 2%, 80s, 2H  
Yor X Liv 15P, 12X, 2A Edi 31X, 20N, 3B, 6% Lon 2X Mel X Mad 11X, C/9F, 3%  
WIO C, 17N/18X Bom 44X, 16T, 4A, 10H, 3%, 18B, 112S, 34F, 20N, 36G Am L, T, 3F, 200s, 2A  
Uto 150U, 15P, 10X, 15W, L, T, A FG 48A Cue 10X, %, 11F, 6B, 39S, 2H forget SC 132S

3- CHINA St Germain: Pek 6X, L, 4B, 4H, 86s, 3A, 8% sha 15P, 13X, L, 2s, 5% Gue 9X  
Tib 10X, L, 11A Lia 6X, 12A Kor 10X, A, 2B, 4%, 14S Nep A, T Jav 7X, C, 21s, 18B  
Phi 12X, %, B, 178s, 36G The T SOJ 2N/6X Bur 230U, 21X, 23V, L, 4A Vie Cam L, Loo T  
Tok 2s Hon Fuj 2H, 19s Hir H Hok 2X, N/3X SW 40P, 5X, 2B, 3F, 30s, 2% Tim 5X, 3F,

4- GERMANY Byrne (Bloodsucker): Bon 13X, T, 2A, 11B Kie 98F, 16X, L, 34s, 2%, 3F, 3A  
Mun 9X, 3A, 4%, 4B, 38s Ham 16X, 2A Fkf X, T Ber 7X Bel T, X Net A, X Cze Swe 5X  
Nwy 9X, 6W, N, Loo Lon 3F, 46s, 2H Yor F, 20s, 2H Liv F, 20S, 2H Tex 15X, 29F, L, 6%, 4T  
Nge 3X, L, 60U, 6W, 2T, 2A NFO I 2N/2X Cal 5X, 2H, 3s, 2A Tur 2A Gal A NFO I 2N/2X  
Nth C/2X, 2F, 4s Ind 2%, 5F, 6s ss 319P, 6X, L, 5A, 2H, 45s, 2B, 10P NY 2X, 4A, T GP A  
Son 5X, 2A Dur L, 10X, 30S, 2A, 2T Ukr L, 10X, 4T Rye 10X, 12T

5- CANADA Grabar (Gruesome): Que 32X, 41A, 19B, 38F, 90s, 5%, 38G, 38H?? Ont 5X  
Sas 143P, 33X, L, 41A, 14S Man 10X, 11A BC 5X, 5A, L, 70s, 15F Alb 10X, 50A Vic 5X  
NWT 44X, 27W, L, 20U Gre 8X, C, %, 10s Ala 10X, 6A NY 5X NE 5X, 5s Ind 5X

6- CUBA Brophy: Cub 50X, 5T, 10%, 85s, 22", 5F, 20D, 2C Pen 25X, L, 6T, 2H, 50s, 10E  
Cea 10X, 5T, 4N/4X Par 10X, 14A, N/X Ven 21X, L, 40F, 3H/5T NL CA L Onx L, 6s

7- BRAZIL Luitje: Bah P, 8X, 2A EG P, 4X Per 2X Bop 3X

8- FRANCE F Smith: Par 8P, 12X, 7T Lyo 8P Mor 2K, 4T Dij 8P, 4X, 2T Bre 5X, A, 10V  
Mau 73P, 18X, L, 4B, %, A, 5F, 27S, 2H, T, 2G Swi Spa 5X, T Por 5F, T Mor 100U, 11X, L, T  
MAO II C Hai 15X, 6N/15X, 3T

9- AUSTRALIA Yost: Sid 4X, 9A, 9F, 2B, 32S WA X, A, 4F, 20S Eli 7X, 2H, 2A NY 2X, A  
Bus 5X, 3A Tas 40U, 7X, 4W, %, C/B, 3S NZ 23P, 12X, %, B, 2H, 16S SPO I N/2X Cor C/X  
EIO N/2X, A

10- JAPAN Sante: Haw 10P, 9X, C, N, B, 32S NG 80U, 7X, %, 4W

11- INDIA B Smith: Cal L, 25X, 16A, 5S Del Dec X sin L, X, 3A, 2T Pak L, 2X Sum  
Afg L, T ME 20U, X, L, T, 2W

12- S AFRICA Ziemann: Joh 14X, 8A, 7T, 7B, 5F, 10S Gep 122P, 13X, 10A, L, 14S, 4T  
Kim 2X, 3A PN 5X, 7A Tan 4X, 3A Zai 4X, 3A, L

13- BALKENS Petris: Gre 26X, 3A, 16T, 6F, 30s, 4N Bul 25P, 11X, L, 2A, 5T, 2s Hun 4X  
SA 3X, % Tky 7X, L

14- EGYPT Johnson: Dam 8X, 4A, 14S Asw Nat Cai 4X, 2T, 2A sud X Gue Mai 4X, L, T  
Ngr 14P, 8X, L, 3T Alg 70U, 6X, L, T, A, 7W Aus 3X, L Ita 6X, B, 22S, 2H, 2T, A Tun X, A  
IC 3X, L, 6T, 10F, 26S

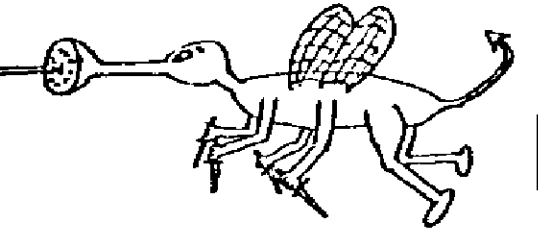
NEUTRALS: Ire A, 5P

GOLD ISLANDS: Hai 140G Jav 50G Ice 0G Gre 32G Mad 134G SH 2G

PRESS:  
China to Russia: The loss of your gold and the loss of my air force, we can both  
thank the same guy. I lost less because he paid for the air force. Write to me  
this time to prevent further bloodshed, except for his blood.  
AUST to Arg: I am awaiting your letter.  
Quebec: Sol! The foolish Chinese think they will step on Gruesome's toes. I will  
not tolerate this! You shall die along with BLOODSUCKER  
?? to Russia: Nice job, on Ger and China. Even st P to I they failed. ((I think  
Bloodsucker to all: Gruesome told me and "The point" out as we tried to blow  
down the Russian. Gruesome is a -10 rated player. Germany sings songs of the  
cowardice of Canada. We praise the Chinese and we ask Argentine to come to our  
side. Germany wants it known that IP Freeley sucks Gruesome's toes.  
Bloodsucker to Gruesome: DEATH TO CANADA. Be Forewarned!

CONTESTS

First of all, the Bloodsucker picture contest. Well, only 7 people voted in the contest. 5 of the votes went to the same entry, and all those that voted for the winning entry are pubbers and can't get their trade extended. They can however, contribute their prize to the next contest. Anyway, picture 2 received 1 vote, and was drawn by Dave Craber. Picture 6 was done by Mike Barno and also received one vote. But the winning picture received 5 votes and was done by Al Pearson.



Bloodsucker-



J. Bloodsucker

Thank you Al for the winning entry. If any of the winners would like a credit towards a game start, let me know. Yes Don, you were a big winner too, for a change.

THE FULMUS RESULTS OF TOMMY'S 21 WORD ESSAY CONTEST

At least I got two entries this time! The following were the two entries I received.

Don't get me wrong, John is the most respected name in the hobbie. His silver-tongued words became surpassed only by John's outstanding game moves.

John gave me this one, saying it was "written on the back of Dave's orders" and later found out that he (John-boy) did it. Well, he was dumb enough to include a hyphenated word, which only counts as one word. God, Caruso can't even win a contest when he cheats! That's why Mark Lew won the 3 free issues with the following submission (which John sent in for him)

Mark Lew: John Caruso is some dumb jerk who puts Whitestonia (in which he sticks the many needles), there she was stupid contests.

I'm, you're deserving of my membership! Congrats, fellow ESM'er! Now, all you have to do is to learn to be nice to my "buddy", Dickey.

No more of my throat in other contest later... then again, who cares? (JG here: I fooled you twice swidey, spiedie lover. I submitted both entries saying they were from my subbers, so it looks like I won anyway. Now I don't have to give away 3 issues, and I've taken 3 back from you. Very clever of me h fellow ESM member? Maybe I'm not all that Mediocre after all. Maybe I'm SUPER EDIOCREMAN!!! Oh what the heck, I'll give 3 issues to Mark Lew anyway.))

And here's a contest for next issue. This is an easy one. If an igloo could be made and kept in NY, how many sides would it require to be able to stand? (Figured I throw in a northern contest for a change. No way Gary Coughlan will ever get this one right. He doesn't even know what an igloo is let alone how many sides they can have. Jerry, George, Jennifer, Bob, John, Betty, Robert, Rhonda, Liar, Crud, even you too deadmen. What are your guesses. You're excluded Mark as you know the answer. First correct answer wins a free game start.

GARY COUGHLAN DEPARTMENT

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Howdie, y'all! This is going to be a regular (I hope) column in W from now on. In the column, fun will be poked at one of our hobby personalities, either at him/her or at what that person says or does. This month's personality is none other than Gary Y'all Coughlan. Below is a simulation and reproduction of the events as they occurred in the past 7 weeks, done the way that our resident Southerner enumerates them.

- January 4 - Jerry Austin calls to say he didn't receive Byrne Syndrome, or W. You're right Jerry. W was mailed last week, and BS is still on the typewriter.
- January 9 - Y'All appears in my mail box. A Coughlan original, no doubt. Earlier in the week, a phone call from Al Pearson and a letter from Mike Mills claim to have received Gary's new zine.
- January 10- Tom Swider calls. He too received a Y'all. Says his zine was faked last issue and warns of a possible coup against the Mediocre Zines.
- January 15- Peek arrives. A Jane Proskin specialty. We all wish we could see more of Jane. She is well endowed with talents beyond belief.
- January 17- Gary Coughlan calls. Obviously, the dictionary did him no good as he still keeps talking in that broken English of his. He didn't receive a Y'all, but did get Peek. Says the MO is BL's. Claims he sent presents here. HMMMMMMMM
- January 20- A fake Diplomacy Digest arrives. Jerry Austin calls again, for the fourth time in 3 days. Gee, he must be rich. A Gary Coughlan nasty letter appears, something about getting even for not publishing anything about fakes. Jerry Austin calls back, again.
- January 21- Gary Coughlan's presents arrive to W, KK, PP. They will come postage due, as we all know how cheap southerners are.
- January 23- Europa Express arrives. Another fake? Another zine by Gary Coughlan or not? Gee, one of them has to be a fake. EE says Y'all is a fake. Fred Hyatt calls and Jerry Austin.
- January 24- Jack Masters calls to see if we received Y'All, EE, Peek. Says he knows for a fact that Rodriguez did the Peek issue. Fred Hyatt calls again, so does Jerry Austin.
- January 25- Gary Coughlan calls again Collie, he says. They sure are faking my zine. I said, hey Gary, one has to be the real one. He denies both.
- January 29- Another Y'All arrives claiming the EE to be a fake. Gary sure knows how to outdo himself. He fakes his own zine then denies it, prints a real one then another fake. Numerous phone calls arrive to find out about the moves and all the fakes.
- January 30- Jack Masters calls, again. Bruce Linsey postcard arrives and more good mail. Find out Gary didn't do TSS fake, Jack Masters did. Jack also did the Retaliation.
- February 5- Another Europa Express comes, this one claiming to be the real one and all the others the phonies. Gary is really outdoing himself. He not only fakes his own zine, now he disclaims the disclaimers.
- February 12- EM comes and praises Y'All as the first sequel to a non-existent zine. Mills issue a big score in my book. Finally decide to join a real game in EE and send Gary a sub/game check, despite the fact Gary has yet to answer my last request for a trade.
- February 14- Before going to Fred Hyatt's St Valentine's Day Massacre, I decide to mail check to Gary.
- February 15- Gary calls up, irate as usual. I'm gonna git you damned yankeeeees. You and Linsey and Martin and Arnett, and Masters, all y'all who think y'all my friends.

Last time, I let you in on some of Lykey's episodes with his Barno-mobile, but I bet that winter has made things harder on Mike, which is fortunate for me since it gives me more material to send into John-Joy in hopes of earning a free pass fee into Nuclear Holocaust.

Christmas gives us rather eventful. With both of us having off from our respective school (Lykey goes to John Duwell, I go to Johnson City High), we decided to arrange a get-together with one or two FBI members to try out a race called Railway Rivals (which, by the way, is reviewed in my supergreat zine, ZSS, which has yet to earn the Kathy Byrne seal of approval.). Before this week, we and Lykey made a trip to the post office/Fat Cat Book store (Johnson City's shopping capital) and make some purchases. On our way back, Mike Bamood, he forgot to fill us his clunker with gas, so we had to walk a few blocks to a gas station. We found out that they didn't sell gas cans, which was one of a Lykey's car didn't come with. So walk to another gas station; no luck. Walk to a third station. Its manager said that the first gas station would lend us one on deposit. So, we go back to the station and borrowed one. At this point, one of Lykey's talents comes through; he buys the gas at another gas station, just to save a few pennies. Eventually, we get back just in time; everyone that was there was ready to leave since nobody was home. After our Railway Rivals race ended, Lykey started Homebound Bound. Unfortunately, the car wouldn't start since the gas line was frozen. So, for about 20 mins, he had an eyeful in its driveway. In picture #1, Lykey poses with his favorite Confederate flag and his famous crash helmet for passengers to use when jumping out of his car (as explained last storytime.)

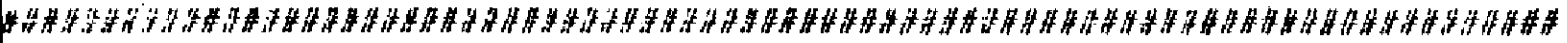
In mid-January, Lykey also had more fun with his car. On another trip to 1183 Robby Hill Road, Mike came crawling to my door, and moaned that he was forced off the road by a snowplow. A call to the local state motor vehicle office, of course, and the state would not compensate. So, we called a plow truck and sent down to supervise; bit (we taking a camera along to get this candid shot of this little scene.) In picture #2 is the famous car stuck! Mike's pocket money, and all my money was in the form of un-cashed checks, so Lykey took a \$10 off my mother, which he did repay.

Probably Mike's writing this up. I can't find FBI game credit at Lykey's expense!

Everyone is encouraged to write me in concern of MEDIOCRISON I. One of the strongest activities is the Barno-Caruso drag race down our driveway. Who will win? Will either car make it? From what John has told me, his car isn't no chance in getting out either.

From John Duwell and Lykey's articles later.

Mediocrly,  
J.S.S.  
Tom Swider



((Below is a profile sent in by a person calling himself Joe Smith. Read it and enjoy and see if you can guess who it really is.))

Hi! My name's Joe Smith. I'm the stupidest person in the world (Ha,Ha,Ha, I'm really a neat guy). Gee, I love Whitestonia(boy am I a really crazy guy). Gee golly, whiz-bang, this is so much fun. Dippo is a real swell game. Oh I love it. I love to read you guys' stuff, especially the profiles. I just can't believe how witty you are! I'm a Republican and I like to watch TV, and have 2 dogs who are really smart because they do whatever I tell them to do. Gee, wow, this is really exciting. I can't wait for my next fun-filled issue of Whitestonia.

(Oh, thank you, whoever, I think. You sure do know how to write a very coherent and funny profile. To your sub- I credit one issue.



Mark Beron Dept: This is what you call a true space filler. Mark will be mostly funny today, whether or not he eats his oatmeal or not. As for his temperature it is a balmy 98.6. He will rain upon receiving a whipping in the next 48 hours.



LETTERS

((from Mark Lew))

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Dear Johnny Caruso, ((Johnny????))

Did you know Whitestonias are dangerous? W#30 bit me. One of the staples poked me in the finger, when I tried to take it out, and it drew blood too. Why can't you staple W liked civilized zines?((because W isn't a civilized zine is it?)) I think the way you staple W has alot to do with W being such a suck-o-zine.

How did Michalski, Pearson, Boardman, McLendon and Overby get to be important addresses? I can almost understand Boardman and Michalski. Why don't I get to be printed as an important address too?

As for Kathy's Korner; Davey D Perlmutter is most admired by me. And tell that Don guy, hes almost as screwed up as that Tom guy. A pyramid has 5 sides and a tetrahedron has 4.

In 1980CF: Why would anyone want a seperation? How stupid! Since I'm the only one who did anything, I guess theres no reason to change my orders. Probably some press later on.

How did I get on a Nuclear Holocaust list? I don't even know how to play the stupid game. Mind you, if you really went to put me into the game, I'd be glad to turn in orders, but don't expect me to pay money. This means I'll stand by if you lack the players.

Why didn't Brad Wilson's Born To Dip get plugged? I'm in BTB now as you probably already know. PLUG, PLUG, PLUG, PLUG(redundent-hint)((Obviously)). I want to try to suck in a whole bunch of subbers this month so I can tell Bradley that people like me better than him.

Are you and Kathy married? I always assumed you were shacking up, but it occurred to me you could be married with different names. Or perhaps you're simply roommates with no relationship at all.(Ha, Ha, Ha)

The Jerry Austin profile: What is "I'm 5ft 5 inches married(my pardon to Mark Lew)" supposed to mean? Sorry Jerry Dear, I couldn't live with 4 dogs (or children either).

I hope I didn't offend anybody(Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha)

Contrary to popular belief, I don't hate Johnny Caruso, nor Kathy Byrne, or even W, even though I do think(know) that its dumb, stupid and boring(seriously) And my address label still says St. Remember its Ave or nothing, stupid.

(( Guess its nothing, because I had these labels made up a long time ago. I am very sorry about the NH game start. Dave Graber gave me your name and said you contacted him and that you were interested in playing NH. No sweat though, I'll just throw out you name, forever. Also, sorry about the staples. I can imagine how much a staple wound must hurt in sub-zero weather. Send the bill to my doctor, Dr. Ben Casey. In the future, I'll send all my zines to Dick Martins to be taped shut. OK, you win. I'll list your address as an important hobby address(to be avoided) and plug BTB by Brad Wilson. As for the relationship between Kathy and myself, we are brother and sister. Your concern is much appreciated, but our situation is a convenient one, and its "cool". As for the Jerry Austin profile-??? What did you mean Jerry?))

((Jane Proskin))

Note

Hi John

If you ever get tired of that silly smile of Kathy's, come look me up! now about giving me and my zine a good plug in Whitestonia.

(( I already did give your zine a good plug last issue, but if i have the room I'll plug your zine again. As for plugging you, the first chance I get, I will. How could I ever get rid of Kathy's silly smile, or her bedroom eyes, or that dumb expression on ner face, or ner puppy dog coooos.(ouch) Its easy. When are you coming to NY?))

Well, there you have 2 letters recently received. If you have anything you want to say, you can mail it into me and I will print it, space permitting. It has been suggested to me to start a letter column. Well if I get enough responce for a letter column, I will print one. So get your letters into me. Remember, if you don't state its for print, it may not be printed. This is another big chance, brought to you by W, to let you see your name in print.

- Varion Bates, PO Box 381, Kalkaska MI 46946 USA  
 PLAGUE TIMES, \$3 + 12/\$6 (( Dec ))  
 Deadman, DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, THIRD REICH
- John Boardman, 234 E 19th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA  
 GRAUSTARK, 3w, \$15 (( Jan ))  
 DIPLOMACY
- John Caruso, 42-34 Saull St, Flushing NY 11355 USA  
 WHITESTONIA, 4w, \$2 + \$4/10 (( Dec ))  
 DIPLOMACY, Nuclear Holocaust: World War III, WSEEM, ...
- Don DelGrande, 2400 Durant Av 208, Berkeley Ca 94720 USA  
 LIFE OF MONTY, m, 55¢/issue (( Jan ))  
 CRUSADES, DALLAS, DIPLOMACY, EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES,  
 KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, Pythonic, THIRD REICH
- David Grabar, 1583 Truman St, Chowchilla Ca 93610 USA  
 ITALIANO PRIBE, 3w, \$6 (( Dec ))  
 Nuclear Holocaust: World War III
- Steve Heinowski, 1630 W 28th St, Lorain Oh 44052 USA  
 TER-RAN, 4w, 33¢/issue (( Jan ))  
 DIPLOMACY, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN
- Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Dr, Pittsburgh Pa 15235 USA  
 ENVOY, m, \$2 + \$5 @ 3/8¢/pg + postage (( Dec ))  
 AFTER THE HOLOCAUST, Deadman (\$3 Game fee), DIPLOMACY (\$4 Game fee,  
 no Game fee for Diestaff game), Grand Tournament, KINGMAKER (\$2 to  
 \$3.50 Game fee), SAMURAI (\$4 Game fee), WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MAN:  
 Corsair
- Dave Marshall, 1547 Maplegrove Rd, South Euclid Oh 44121 USA  
 DOWN 'N' DIRTY, 3w, \$3.50 (( Jan ))  
 DIPLOMACY
- Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon NY 14502 USA  
 EMHAIN MACHA, 4w, \$3 + \$2 Dep + 12/\$5.60 (( Jan ))  
 Deadman, DIPLOMACY
- Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park MI 48030 USA  
 JIHAD!, m, \$4 + 12/\$6 (( Jan ))  
 A MIGHTY FORTRESS, Crypto II, DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, Mercator III,  
 North America: 2020, The Song of the Night
- Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034 USA  
 HANSARD, \$3 + sub (( Feb ))  
 Parlement (w rules amendment rule)
- Bruce Schneier, 455 E 17th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA  
 INVASION, \$3 + 12/\$5 (( Jan ))  
 Bourse, DIPLOMACY, DIVINE RIGHT (replacement players, no Game fee),  
 KINGMAKER (Game fee \$4), MACHIAVELLI (Game fee \$4)
- 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 (( Dec ))  
 DIPLOMACY
- Fred Winter, 400 W Madison St 2400, Chicago Il 60606 USA  
 PROSPECTUS, 7w International/3+w USA, \$5 + 2¢/pg + postage (( Jan ))  
 Colonialism (Winter's), DIPLOMACY, Third Age

From: Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034

29 January 1981

To:

Convention Activities

- 1. Lunacon - the New York science fiction convention  
March 20-22, 1981, Sheraton Hts Hotel, Hasbrouck Hts NJ

Fantasy Role Playing Clearing House

we need 2 or 3 shift supervisors to staff the wargaming room.

we need a staff of dungeonmasters

note: conflicts with Princecon

- 2. Gen Con East - the east coast Game convention  
July 23-26, 1981, Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill NJ

Diplomacy Tournament

Robert Sacks assisted by John Boardman  
we need 1 additional assistant

Fantasy Role Playing Clearing House

we need a manager and 2 assistants to staff the sign-in area

we could use a staff of dungeonmasters in advance

note: Atlanticon has been cancelled

(( You forgot a convention in April, or should I say a mini-convention. And that convention is .....))

- 3. MediocreCon: Will be held on Saturday April 25, 1981 at Tommy Swider's Mediocre home. Should be a small, informal, exciting and mediocre gathering of people for dip and other assorted games. This could be your 1st chance this year to get stoned by the dreaded Kathy Byrne. Your 2nd chance will come at GenCon. If interested in attending MediocreCon, contact Tom Swider 1183 Robinson Hill Rd Endwell, NY 13760 for directions.

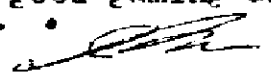
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Well, as of today, we haven't found another place to live yet, so I can't give you a new address. If we do move by next due date, phoned in orders will be useless, as we may not have a new phone hooked up by then. So try to get your orders in as early as possible. If you mail them at the last minute, you can mail them to my brothers address with my name on it. 147-01 12 Ave White-Whitestone, NY 11357. I will pick them up on the due date.

Let me see, what else is there. Oh yes, there is no Phyllis' Pyramid this month, and no change of address listings. Oh yes, 1 last thing. A comment mailed to me by 1 of my subbers.

"Bring it to the attention of the readers, that John Beamer is a rip off GM. He sponsored a dip game in Buzzard's Breath. On the excuse that the game was going slowly, he transferred it to another zine. Despite several replies, I never received my zine sub, my deposit or any reply. He sounded like a nice person! Oh, sucker!!!" (sic) All I can say is if this is true, it is a sad thing. Where did JB place the game. What zine? Lets try

Well, another one bites the dust. Have a good month, good gaming and a Happy St. Patricks Day!!! You too Gary. See ya next month.



John Caruso

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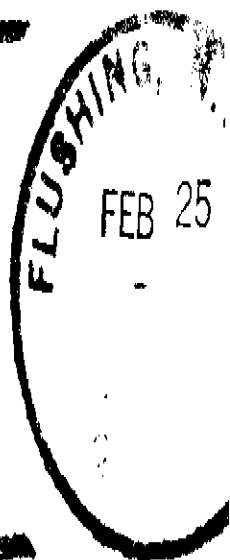
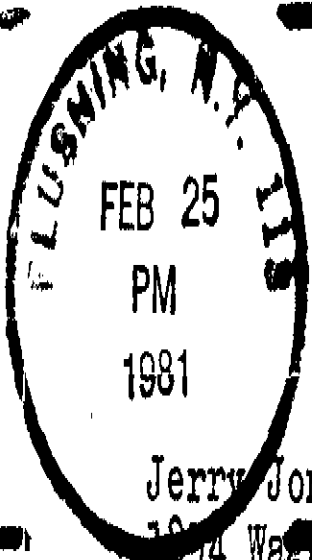
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