

Look! It's Not Centered, Again

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This is the last of the hobby FUN-zines, or is that the first of the last. Whatever. It is put out by me, John Caruso 160-02 43 Ave Flushing, NY 11358 212 353-9695. Kathys Kornor, the hobby's best sub-zine, appears here, and is done by none other than Bloodsucker, herself.

There is alot of stuff, to stuff into this issue, I hope it all gets in. Let me see, theres 1 letter, an article, a review, plugs and hobby events listed, KK of which this zine would only be $\frac{1}{2}$ complete, the 2nd Annual Diplomacy Players Poll, total results, and much more.

Magnificent-7 is the gamezine attached to W. Its put out by me. I have my final game start for a while, C-2, NH has ended, and all the games are in general, in full swing. Oh, I almost forgot, the Demo/Invitational Game has ended with this issue of W. It ended in a 6 way draw, with Ger being totally eliminated. More on that Inside. So lets get on with this issue.

We held ByrneCon 8, the 1st Stab of the New Year Con, this past weekend. All together, there were some 21 people present. Lets see if I remember everybody: 1st to arrive was Bruce Linsey, then came Mike Barno and Tom Swider, before long, in came Dick and Dave Martin, Julie Glass and Mark Larzelere, and by 6PM Tom Mainardi and Steve Arnawoodian rolled in. This was all on NY's eve. We played Family Feud (Bruce's favorite game), Old Maid, C&L's, and others and we drank up a storm. Woody brought a whole department store with him and we exchanged gifts, left over from Christmas. You should see the new game Woody got for Christmas.

Friday rolled in, and pancakes were served for breakfast, of which Dick Martin ate 37 or them. Victor Dupont, Dan Mathies, Drew McGee and Robert Sack's all showed up at different intervals. The Great Neck gang showed up in the midst of the action-Ken Halpern, Eric Kane, Brian and Sean Lorber and Glenn something-or-another. Of course, there was Kathy, Phylly and me. We gamed, and gamed and gamed. Guess who stabbed 1st? I wont tell you just yet. We played dip, D&D electronic style, pinball, chuckers, Nuke War, Fighter-Bomber, C&L's and others, including Agincourt. I played Woody in that, I took the French, Woody had the British. If you know history, it was a slaughter. Guess what, the French won. Take that you Woody!

A few people left on Friday, but we gamed on into Sat, early AM. The next day, the gang took Kathy and I out to lunch. It was really one of the best meals I have ever had. Thanks guys, and doll. We came back and said farewells to Bruce, Mike and Tom. That only left the Martin clones. At 9:45PM, with the clones still here, we decided to go over to Boardmans for the 1st Friday of the month meeting at his house. We called 1st and found out we were welcome.

We hopped over to Boardmans Lily pad. When we got there, we were greeted by 2 frogs and a worm, who promptly stole our cheese, crackers and fruit cake. Gee, this really was the home of "Toadies". Everyone had their own wart.

Anyway, believe it or not, we went there to get Robert Sacks into his 3rd dip game in 2 days, but he refused to play. We had 6 and still needed 1 more. Boardman refused to play but agreed to GM. They found us a 7th ~~player~~ player and we player, thro the interruptions of the toadies, and other assorted disturbances. After the game and some small talk, we left and headed back.

The following day, it was all we could do to scrounge up enough food to eat, and Dick was eating it all, again. After the meal, we sat down and wrote the weekend article, which appears in KK. Some of those which had left a day earlier, had left us with some ideads, not to mention plenty to write about.

All in all, I had a great weekend, as I'm sure everyone else did also. We may be using it again in Feb again, for anyone interested in attending. There will also be a surprize visitor then.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Why don't you wear glasses Gary?" "Take a good look around you Dick!"

18- Mainardi	5	2	1
18- Ragsdale	5	2	1
18- Rodriguez	5	2	1
24- Fassio	4	2	1
24- Stafford	4	2	1
24- Walters	4	2	1
24- Kevern	4	2	-
24- Osuch	4	2	-

Those with 3 or less votes, in no particular order are: Martin, Boggess McLendon, Dupont, Sampson, Barwick, Pearson, Kendter Jr, Sigwald, Arnett, Cusack, Marshall, Luedi, Verheiden, Mathias, Ripper, Kelly, Mazzer, Mant, Mills, Berch, Mercer, Kissner, Duke, Fuchs, St Germain, Williams, Haskew, Aucott, Sherwod, Cummings, LeBeau, Crockett, Sauve, Birsan, Albrecht, Claman, Jacobs, Goodrich, Hamlin, Daly, Lischett, Jarkowski, Linsey,

THOSE variants with 3 or less votes, in no particular order are: Olsen, Horn, Lew, Mathias, Charnæy, Brown(Can), Mercer, Jones, Arnett, Rauterberg, Marsden, Butcher, McDonald, Palter, Coughlan, Schilling, B Smith, Thornsens, Ansoff, Drackert, Verheiden, Barno, G Mathias, Taylor, Stafford, Prosnitz, Guilliman, Goodrich, Schaller, Bumpas, Masters, Byrne, Pyfrom, Austin, Kozlowski, Morgan, Cheek, G Overby, Osborne, Reed, Williams, Kuzinski, Stimmel, Walters

18- Sherwood 4 3 -
 Unlisted: Thurber 16 6 5
 Those with 3 or less votes, in no particular order are: P Hart, Stewart, Larzelere, Mazzer, Barno, Pack, Horton, Kador, G Overby, Daly, Guardjardo, Heinowski, Sacks, Glass, Lipscomb, McLendon, Carter, Arnett, Smyth, Boyle, Allen, Brown(Can), Lew, Walker, Bates, Sergeant, Gittleman, Manuel, Williams, D Buckalew, Austin, Langley

VARIANT

1- Hyatt	13	5	3
2- Grabar	7	3	2
2- Caruso	7	3	2
4- Heinowski	6	2	2
4- Davis	6	3	1
6- Schuetz	5	2	1
6- Schiwautz	5	2	1
6- McLendon	5	2	-
9- Arnett	4	3	-
9- Sundre	4	3	-

KATHY AND HER KLONES WRITE KATHY'S KORNOR, WE'BE #1!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Today ends four days straight of a house full of friends, fun and laughter, oh so some of you thought that yesterday was the end, well' it sure wasn't.....Dick & Dave Martin, Julie Glass & Mark Lazalereeo, all decided to stay through today, and I had them write Kathy's Kornor with me, oh yes, and John is responsible for this too, it was sought of a chip in session, I loved it. So this month KK is dedicated to my Klones for helping me get this written, in time for tonights deadline, and also for making my holidays very enjoyable and maybe a little strange.

This month no ?????? - hey, don't blame me, I only answer them, you are suppose to write them, so what happened? Get them in for next month or you will join Dave Grabar (for sending me a picture of this gorgeous guy and then trying to pass him off as an original Dave Grabar) & A. Rerun Moon in the #2 club!!!! The rest of us are #1!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Intellectual joke of the month borrowed from Mass Murders: What lies on the grass & goes ding dong?....A wounded Avon Lady!

send Dave Carter, for this cute remark, to the #2 club, he wrote me the following: "I'm glad that Kathy isn't completely leaving the hobby. I'd have a hard time explaining to my future grandchildren how I was the only one in the PBM Diplomacy hobby (circa 70's and 80's) who was not stabbed by the infamous KK." Thanks Dave I needed that, after seeing Lazalooseie play, I thought I was losing my touch!

Now a review of Byrne Con VIII or The First Stab of the Year Con, this time my Klones & I decided to review the Con by handing out awards that will help you get an idea of what went on. Quick analysis' - it was a huge success! We had more then enough people to keep three boards of dip going at one time, not to mention the Old Maid & Blarf games & numerous others, attendance - how do I know, all I know is that Lasareleze said "If the attendance gets any higher, you will have to have these cons by invitation." That might be due to the fact that no less then 10 people were sleep ins for the weekend, with our usual on slaught of victims arriving for the day session. So here we go.....

Sleeping Beauty Award - goes to Julie Glass who totally intrigued the Great Neckers, who had never seen anyone sleeping during the day before. Brian Lorber actually charged each Great Necker a nickel to come stare at Sleeping Julie.

Prince Charming Award - goes to Victor Dupont, who passionately kissed Julie to wake her up, only to find out that she immediately changed into a Boardman Toady.

Colossal Restraint Award - goes to Tom Mainardi for not mentioning Italy all weekend, maybe that explains the 14 cold showers in 2 days!!!

Most fashionable - goes to -----Barno was all the rage in his new V shirt! Julie immediatley borrowed a pair of scissors to cut her shirt so she could be in style.

Best Actor Award - goes to Scott Hanson for his phone appearance.

Art Award - goes to Tommy Turkey Swider for the best pillowcase. It had a picture of Marsha Brady, nude on a bear skin rug on it. The only problem was that every morning we had to run his pillowcase through the washer and dryer to get the drool stains off it.

Rip Van Winkle Award - goes to Dan Mathias for sleeping through the Blarf game and still being able to beat Woody, Mainardi and Vic Dupont!!!!

And still more from Kathy's Klones, The #1 group in America!!!!!!!

Woody gets the Fairy Godmother Award - for bringing 12 cans of coke, 11 lbs. of ham, 10 bags of rolls, 9 assorted cold cuts, 8 supply centers, 7 tubs of Jello, 6 different dips, and 5 cheese balls, 4 kitchen chairs, 3 boxes of crackers, 2 bowls of salad and a fruit cake on Mainardi's head!

Big Apple Tour Guide Award - goes to Brux who gave special rates to tours to Harlem at 4 a.m. Of course, a few lunatics actually went, Toad Julie who was looking for a ride to John Boardman's & a milkshake, Tom Swider who was expecting to find Marsha Brady in Harlem, Mike Barno who wanted to check out the Harlem Fashion Spots, and of course Mark Lousey who was looking to find Black Jack so he could beat him ~~up~~ in a game of craps.

Stubborn as a Mule Award - Eric Kane & Bruce Linseed for trying to convince Mark Loserellie with his 17 center Austria, that they had him stalmated with their 2 units and that they wanted DIAS! Mark stuck to his guns and with the help of Crud's France (Jack Masters' country), they blew them up in 1 turn (boy, that was a real good stalemate line) & then they imposed DIAS (just for Gary) and accepted a 2 way draw!!!

Most Creative Country - Dave Martin who as Italy owned Tun, St. P., & Lon. His pieces were in Syria, Nth Afr., and Clyde, John Boardman & Robert Sacks were truly impressed. John said he never saw anything like it in his 18 yrs. of GMing.

Mr. On Time - Ken Halpern & 5 other (oh, no, not those) Great Necker's got to the station and they never realized that Kenny had drifted away while ditching his stock of Erebers and so the train left without Kenny, and as usual life had passed him by again.

Most Inconspicuous Award - Stu Shoenberger, he was so quiet that it seemed as if he wasn't even there.

Consistency Award - Robert Sacks for being a true dip player, and doing nothing more then holding & supporting his 5 units for the entire game so as not to attack any of his allies, he had 6 of them!!!!

Best Russian Player (ho,ho,ho) - Crud Martin whose expertise in dip assured he had the best Russia out of the entire 4 day weekend. He accomplished this by having a fleet in Port. which had already been driven out of 17 other centers, on his way to becoming the only Russian of the weekend to survive a game even if it was with only one center.

Losers Award - After his 85 wins this weekend in Dip, Old Maid, Chutes & Ladders, D&D, Chuckers, Nuclear War & Family Peud, we figured even Mark Laserelli would lose the harder games. But pushing peanuts, and becoming King of the Blarfs were just 2 more easy victories, of course the competition wasn't too stiff, and as Lousey was qoted as saying "what did you expect, it was only you people". You know he'll pay for that!!!

1st Operation of the New Year - goes to Gary Coughlan who had to have his contact lens removed from his left ear after getting drunk (as usual) on New Years Eve. He tried to put it in his right eye before going to bed as he likes to be able to see his dreams clear and keep the dust out of his eyes, but lo and behold, he missed and it became lodged in his left ear!!!!

That's it for the awards, but now for the news of the year - Bruce baby laid his reputation on the line as if he had a reputation to lay on the line, as a doomie. Brux baby, said if we could stick him with the old maid, and he kept it at the end of the game, then he would relinquish his' claim to be a doomie,,,,, so guess what folks, no longer is Brux a doomie - he is now an OLD X MAID!!!!!!!

And still more from the #1 singing group Kathy & her Klones!!!!!!

Some people just don't have a sense of humor - I won't mention any names but one subber was not thrilled with his Christmas present. Well, guys, you know the motto here, if you can't take the heat, get out of KKI! And on that note, I will allow Dick Martin's quote, and if you still don't see the humor in this, well then MB, tough luck-----

Quote of the month by Dick Martin: "Boy, I bet Mark Berch sure will get alot of use out of the head shinning kit!"
Mark says: "His head shines enough already!"
Give me a break guys, what do you think it is a head or a halo.

Blooper of the New Year, goes to the large mouthed Brian Lorber who said to Robert Sacks: "Oh, your Rod Walkers' boy friend".

Nice Guy of the New Year: Drew McGee went out of his way to thank Dick & I for organizing an entire board against him and ruining his possible Russian win in a Demo Game. It's okay Drew, we'd do the same for anyone.

Best Sport of the Con, can best be described by J. Caruso's quote: "So what if Mark won every game of the weekend and everyone else sat around crying!"

Oh, we'd also like to mention that Bruce got a bottle of men's clone from Woody. He loved it so much, he immediately applied it, and to our surprise, right before our very eyes Dick Martin turned into a Brux clone. But lucky for him, Julie received a bottle of clone perfume from Alice, and right before ~~mk~~ our very eyes, she turned into a Woody Clone. So now Dick and Julie or is that Brux and Woody, can still live happily after all (that is if they ever find a way to get rid of the passionate kisser, Mr. Dupont, whose lips are still attached to Julie's or is that Woody's).

Thank you clones, the next page and a half, will belong all to me. So get ready, for whatever I feel like printing. I will start off with a serious statement, that should clear up the Fred Davis matter, once and for all. As far as I'm concerned Fred never said those words, as Masters has refused to show proof or answer any requests about it & Fred has denied it. CLOSE THE CASE!

The only entry to Dave Grabars contest, where the answers to the ???'s were, in this order: Kathy, Dick & John. Was from Dave himself, and since I didn't like the first question, he loses, too bad Dave. But if you'd like a laugh here they are:

1. What walks on 4 legs in the morning, 2 legs in the afternoon and 3 legs at night?
2. Hickery _____ery Dock.
3. What does Kathy Byrne, Richard Nixon, and Kennedy have in common? They all have a _____.

Uh, Oh, my honey Dave Grabar did get his question in, so here it is:

KK: I had a group over December 13 & 12. Do you know I lost 22 out of 31 games. The first thing everyone does is jump on me. Then they proceed with the game. Can you tell me why?.....Grussome

Dear Dave boy, I think you did much better than usual, either that or they are getting soft hearted. How decent of them to let you win 9 games. But have no fear, if you ever get to a Byrne Con, we'll make sure you lose 31 out of 31.....your friend, Bloodsucker

Dear Bloodsucker: Why do you hate me?....Frostie

Dear Eskimo: Bloodsuckers always hate cold things, because then you see people with a lot of clothes on, and it makes it very hard to find a juicy part of the neck to bite on, and suck the blood from.....me

1981FmmW And then there was 7. And 3 NMRed!

Schaller x,x,x,o,-,-
Wyatt o,o,-,-,-
Wilson o,-,-,-,-
Grabar o,ooo,o,o,o

Del Grande, Langley, Bates NMR! Due date is Jan.30,1982

BW to GC: NMRI Horrorst ((Gary Has stepped down))

***Game Openings: Abra-cadaver! has a game opening, but I don't know what it is. I'd be willing to gm one of the following games: Diplomacy, Final Conflict, Cosmic Encounter or Russian Civil War. Will also be willing to experiment with a pbm Down With The King game. It would have to have many rule changes, but should be fun. How 'bout you, Del Grande?
***If you'd like to see me run a game of one of the above mentioned ones, drop me a postcard. My gamefees are negotiable; you know, sorta like "Let's Make A Deal". Kathy should be very familiar with that show; she once appeared on it as a circus clown. I always thought she got along with Brad rather well...

A special congratulations to those who won this years Diplomacy Players Poll. Gary Coughlan is just one of many excellent writers in this hobby. He is a good guy and has an excellent eye for creating a story out of an experience, even if he does talk funny. Gary deserves the title of #1 writer.

Kathy Byrne is by far, one of the best (if I do say so myself), players in this hobby. She is an excellent player, as her victories and numerous draws and good positions show. Its not that she is in so many games, but it is a credit to her that she is doing so well in just about ALL of them. She is truly the #1 player, and rightfully deserves that title.

Finally we come to Fred Hyatt. Here too is one of the best variant players in this hobby. Freu has extended his scope to include NH now, and is doing very well, I understand. But then again, a good diplomat can play a very good game regardless what type of dip or dip related game it is. Fred, you are well deserved of this #1 variant rating.

January 9 APA-Q collation at the Boardmans'
January 10 MENTAT collation & Annual Meeting at Braman's
January 14 New York Fandoms Calendar - February deadline
January 15-17 MIT-SGS WinterCon X - Game Con
\$6 less discounts MIT Student Center, Cambridge Ma
John Noun, 66 Sheppard Ave, Braintree Ma 02184
January 15-17 Chattacon 7 - SF Con
\$13 Read House, Chattanooga
PO Box 924, Hixon Tn 37343
January 15 The Other Friday at Sacks'
January 16 New Jersey Science Fiction Society
January 29 FISTFA (SF)
January 30 APA-Q collation at the Boardmans'
February 4 APA-NYU collation at Sirignano's
February 6 PANDEMONIUM collation at The Compleat Strategist
February 6 First Saturday at the Boardmans'
February 12-14 Boskone XIX - SF Con
\$12 before January 16 Boston Park Plaza Hotel
\$18 at door
NESFA, Box G, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge Ma 02139

CONTEST

This is another one of the W contests, and this one is a bit stranger, if possible, than usual. Below are a number of names, more or less. They are really nick-names. It is up to you to figure out the persons real name and submit it as a guess. There will be prizes given to the winners, as follows: The most correct will receive 6 free issues- sub extension, to W. The second finisher will get 3 issues and the third finisher will get 1 issue. I will print the results with the correct answers, next month. Good luck and have fun.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1- Bloodsucker | 18- Black Jack | 35- Main Minister |
| 2- Pops | 19- Fudge | 36- Brainless |
| 3- Crud | 20- Toots | 37- Luscious |
| 4- Tro | 21- Kissy Face | 38- Nanook |
| 5- Dippy Don | 22- Woody | 39- Fast Fingers |
| 6- Brux | 23- Y'all | 40- Slime |
| 7- Snake | 24- Gruesome | 41- Liar |
| 8- Sweetie | 25- The Saint | 42- Slick |
| 9- Dirty Dave | 26- Bozo | 43- Mr X |
| 10- Del Monty | 27- Hoss | 44- Nerun |
| 11- Smokey | 28- Grizzly | 45- Sin |
| 12- Philly | 29- Ralph The Gnome | 46- Mistress |
| 13- Nukem | 30- Wild Bill | 47- Cuddles |
| 14- Bear | 31- Phydoux | 48- Fazwho |
| 15- The Desperate One | 32- Smiley | 49- Poison Ivy |
| 16- Sleeze | 33- Lucky Legs | 50- The Blace |
| 17- White shoes | 34- Glup | 51- Louay |

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If this issue looks unorganized, it is. We are having a houseful of guests this weekend for 1st stab of the Year Con. As I type this page, we the 30th we expect 20+ people showing up with about 12-14 staying over Thurs, Fri and Sat. Talk about full house beating a flush.....

Did you see the new Europa Express? Gary has gone to reduced digest format and guess what, except for smaller print, its the same ole, excellent EE. His reduce is even clear. Ask for a sample of \$10 as its a great issue. But send him 2 stamps please. Address elsewhere in this issue.

Also, Irksome has gone to reduced, digest format. This seems the thing to do now. Scotts zine is very good as usual, and the Byrney/Woody production article is excellent as always. Write to Scott at 701 15Ave SE Minneapolis, Minn 55414, and send a couple of stamps for a sample.

Here comes a prediction- you are going to see more and more zines change over to reduced print in the near future. Why? Because of the rising costs of materials, the postal rate and printing costs. About 30% of the zines in North America now are using reduced print. I expect by summer 1982 that 50% of the hobby zines will be of that design. I can't blame anyone tho. We all want to give the readers their monies worth, while not going broke. Unless you steal the stamps, postage costs you 20¢ for 6 sheets of paper. Every additional 6 sheets costs 17¢. EE usually comes with 8-12 sheets. His sub fee is 60¢ per. See my point. Also, some of us, yours truly included, actually HAVE TO PAY a commercial printer to copy this for me, as I don't have a copier and have none at my disposal. So if anyone wants to buy me a present for Christmas next year, or just for the fun of it, you know what I need.

Back to the subject, look for such zines as Retaliation, Give Me A Weapon, Coat Of Arms, and some others to change to reduce. My prediction.

Before I go, I thought I'd give everyone some clues as to the names of some of the people(?????) above. L guy is out of the hobby, I think, a few are from NH, and some of the answers are repeats. A couple don't sub to W, but for the most part, W is the key ingredient. If you check your back issues you should be able to come up with all the answers, except maybe 1.

Gary Coughlan and I have had a bit of a difference of opinion lately. Call it a "tuff". You see, I'm mad at Gary for not selecting me as one of his "Group Leaders". Gary is mad at me for not sending my laundry to him. You see, I sent my last batch to Woody, Garys arch enemy, and Woodys cleaners has removed the spots and dirt, French stlye, for 1/2 Garys normal price.

1981 II Demo/Invitational Game Spring 1902 Action gets hot and heavy as all of a sudden, Germany has 4 allies!!!

AUSTRIA Michalski: A Tri-Ven; A Ser-Tri; A Boh S Ger A Mun; F Ion-Bul(SC) ill;
ENGLAND Langley: A Den-Swe; F Nth-Hel; F Edi-Nwg; F Lon-Nth; F Nth-Ska;
FRANCE Osuch: F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur; A Bur-Ruh; A Bel S A Bur-Ruh; F Spa(SC)-Mid
GERMANY Woody: A Mun S A Ber; A Ber S A Mun; A Kie S A Ber; F Hol-H (and curse at the board);

ITALY Martin: F Nap-Tyr; A Pie-Mar; A Tyo S Ger A Mun; F Tun-Wes;

RUSSIA Linsey: A Mos-Sev; A Pru S A Sil; A Sil S Ger A Mun; F Swe-Den;
F Con-Bul(SC) dis ret Aeg, Bla, OTB;

TURKEY Baumeister: F Smy S A Ank-Con; A Ank-Con; F Bul(SC) S A Ank-Con;
A Rum-Gal; A Sev-Rum;

NOTE: Last turn I made a mistake- Turkey's build was in Ank, not Con. The players concerned were notified. Also, KB is going away for a while. I have fall and winter moves on file for him tho, so the game should not be interrupted any, and should go on as scheduled. Boy, did KB have conditional orders.

PRESS: KB to Eng: It's not exactly the same thing buddy. And don't try talking tough to me. It only gets the wrong results.

GM to KB: Them's sounds lika fightin' words there partna!!!

Pops to Woody: Now you will die you sufficting bag of worthless meat.

Osuch to Langley: The move to Eng Ch is necessary to eliminate the fuddybucker in Ger. If you get in my way, you will meet with my wrath.

Toots to Woody: This is conditional on whether you are still an a..hole. If you're reading it, guess what? Oh, how do you like my moves? Never expected me to help you, did you fuddybucker?

Eng to Ger: Hold on, I'm coming to help you. I will stab Russia.

Guest commentator, will as usual, be in the Jan issue of W. She will recap the 1902 spring and fall. Look for her words of unbiased, wisdom. A-E-F-I-R-T
Due date for Fall 1902 moves and the lone retreat is Jan.2,1982 Draw Proposed

1981 II Demo/Invitational Game Fall 1902 Russia ret F Con-Aeg;

Look at what happened! All roads lead to Germany, as the Reich has bitten the bullet.

AUSTRIA Michalski: A Boh-Mun; A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven; F Ion C Tur A Con-Kie;

ENGLAND: Langley: A Den S Tur A Con-Kie; F Hel and F Nth C Tur A Con-Kie;
F Nwg-Bar; F Ska-Swe;

FRANCE: Osuch: A Ruh-Hol; A Bel S A Ruh-Hol; A Bur-Ruh; F Eng and F Mid C Tur
A Con-Kie;

GERMANY Woody: F Hol S A Kie dis ANN; A Mun S A Ber dis ANN; A Kie S F Hol dis ANN
A Ber S A Mun dis ANN;

ITALY Martin: A Tyo A Aus A Boh-Mun; A Mar-H; F Tyr and F Wes C Tur A Con-Kie;

RUSSIA Linsey: A Pru S A Sil-Ber; A Sil-Ber; A Sev-H; F Swe-Nwy; F Aeg C Tur
A Con-Kie;

TURKEY Baumeister: F Smy-Eas; A Con-Kie; F Bul(SC)-Gre; A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Gal;

AUSTRIA: Tri, Bud, Vie, Ven, Mun, Ser, 6 +2

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lvp, Swe, Den, Bst 5 even

FRANCE: Par, Spa, Bre, Bel, Hol 5 even

GERMANY: Out-hahahahahahahaha 0 too bad!

ITALY: Rom, Nap, Mar, Tun 4 even

RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP, Sev, Con, Ber, Nwy 7 +2

TURKEY: Smy, Ank, Bul, Gre, Rum, Kie 6 +1

PRESS: Press and game commentary will be on the next page. Due date for the Winter 1902/ is Jan.16,1982 and for Spring 1903 is Jan.30,1982

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Woody is so simple that if his life depended on it- he could not make a good move or a right decision.

1981 II Press and Commentators remarks

Woody to Toots: This is conditional if the contents of Toots head is of the same substance that is in an intestine. Thanks for supporting A Mun. Keep up the good work.

GM to Woody: If that is good work, I'd hate to see what an enemy can do to you

A 6 way draw has been proposed between A,E,F,I,R,T Vote was 6 'yes' 1 'not' voting. Draw passes. Congrats to the 6(?????) winners.

GERMANY BREAKS RECORD ---FIRST TIME IN DIP HISTORY THAT GERMANY DIES BY 02!!! Can you believe this even the Turk was allowed to help in the destruction of the German. I do feel however that this would not have occurred if someone else was playing Germany. Woody's tendency to cross game has definitely gotten him murdered. Russ. & Turk. were allied as I suspected, and the English player probably would have allied with Woody, if Woody hadn't given him an open invitation into his country, by offering him Den. in 01, and then telling him to convoy over. This put Eng. in the perfect position to knock on Germany's home centers, so why not throw in with the other side. Crud on the other hand has just found out, why it does not pay to be nice to Toots. After supporting Toots into Mun., Toots stabs him for Ven., that was not very nice, but I think he wanted to finish as high as possible at game end. Crud was just satisfied in knowing that Woody would not be part of any draw. Pops Osuch was only interested in making sure that Woody died at his hands, and therefore he just left Mars in the Italian hands. Bob always swore that he'd get Woody for stealing his woodpecker. Bob does not believe in anyone stealing anything of his.

There is not really much else to say about this game, but the cooperation between 6 of the players made for a very interesting game, and Konrad did a great job of convincing everyone to add insult to injury by convoying and supporting him into Kiel. Maybe Konrad owes Woody one also. Woody certainly has not made many friends, either that or he just is a really poor player. Well, the draw by the remaining six countries seems to indicate that the object of this game was to teach Woody how allies work together for one goal and when it is achieved they might as well take a draw and get some Calhanmer points. Looks like Woody is the only player without a share of the points, but that really doesn't matter as he doesn't have any anyway, and he'll probably never get one.

With any luck at all, Woody will realize all the mistakes he made in this game and not make them again. I bet next time he plays Ger., he opens to Den., and skips the trip to Tyr to attack the Ita. I think he might even consider giving up his cross gaming attitude, it might be worth a try.

Congrats to everyone for a well played game, well almost everyone!!!!

G-2 Nuclear Holocaust has ended. The 2 way draw between Arg and Rus passed. Congrats to Steve Heinowski and Gerald Austin. More on this will appear in M-7.

GENCON EAST 1982: Is being held June 24-27, somewhere in NJ, I believe Cherry Hill. Now we have 2 East Coast Cohs, this year. For more info, please contact Robert Sacks 4861 Broadway 5-V NY, NY 10034. We will be there, scheduling permitted. I will try to have more info for you next issue.

And now for the final page of the best part of this zine - my stuff:

Mark Berch Dept.: Mark Lew Submitted this weather report: It was about 0° Fahrenheit here, though it's since warmed up to about 20 degrees F.

Doug Beyerlein Player Poll: you may vote for anyone playing postally, and he'd like you to vote for the 14 players you feel are the best, but if you get desperate like I did, you need only send in for at least 7. All votes are due in Feb. 15, but knowing you guys, send it in now, or you'll never do it. Write Doug at 640 College, Menlo Park, Calif. 94025.

Personals: Thanks to all of you for the Christmas Cards, and of course that includes Dick Martin's - Happy New Year Card. As for the seriousness last issue, thanks to so many of you for the phone calls and letters of support, don't worry I plan to stick around for a while, I mean after all if I left, who would take over all my positions! Besides I don't want Woody or Dick walking into any of my good positions, and God help those poor stand by's who took over my messes! Don Ditter: Whew, I thought I was going to be the last stab of the yr. for you, thanks, the plan worked, Woody wound up as the last stab of the yr! Dave Grabar: Was that really your picture, no one at Byrne Con believed it! If it was you, I now know why you can't publish right, you are not fat, balding and you don't have a mustache - as a matter of fact, if that's the way they raise him in Calif., I might just move out there! Canuck Columbo: What's the matter chicken - afraid to write - I'll even take letters now, look at what you started! A. Rerun Moon: Do I dish out more then you can take, or are you busy with your exciting dates! Don Del Grande: Everyone said to tell you that you spelt Kornor wrong on the T-shirts you sent! Ha - we finally got you!

Now boys and girls put your thinking caps on, as Co-Orphan proj. director, I've run across a very strange situation, and I'd really like to see what everyone thinks of this situation. This is serious, and I'd esp. like to hear from the old timers in the hobby, but everyone is welcome to give me there views. We recently placed an orphan, where the original GM had a policy of the position is yours till the game dies - in plain English no standby's. Well the game was orphaned in 1901, before the winter. The game had response from 6 players, with the 7th not responding and this has caused a real problem. The new GM went by his houserules and called a standby, as he was not going to put a 5 center position into CD in 1901. Also I don't feel he should use two different set of HR's for his zine. Well one player is insisting that no standby be called. The GM wants to return the game to the orphan service as he feels no game should start with 6 players. What do you think? Esp. Doug Beyerlein, who also has taken a game from that zine, will you call standby's? This may or may not be published, and I will not state opinions with a name unless you say I can quote you or give your views. This may just be for my curiosity. I'd like to know how GM's feel about this, and how a player would if it was his game. Thanks guys.

Chutes and Ladders - all games end - and here are the winners, all were determined by a roll of the dice, I may have forgot to tell you that! Game #1: Dave Grabar - yeah team.....Game #2: Aunt Tillie, booooo! Game #3: Tom Swider - had a lot of practice! Game #4: Dan Mathias All end of game statements will be printed next issue, if you dare to gloat about this.

Now I want you to confess! Who do I want to confess - I have no ideal Tell me who sent me Modern Sect. magazine, was it you Toots - it was from a company out of Ok. I loved the cartoons.

And for all you guys who laughed when Woody gave me those red & white striped Dr. Dentons - I love them - they're warm!!!!!!

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NOTHING

This is the INC (Intellectual Number Custodian) zine for the results of the INC games. The name of the zine is Nothing You Ever Wanted To Know About Intellectual Games And Are Still Afraid To Ask, better known as Nothing for short.

Since the last few games of Mastermind have ended, only 1 has started, one is about to start, and I've received one inquiry about info. However, I will give a total updated report for all the games run thus far.

1981 AnnPT	GM: Marion Bates	Still in progress
1981 B mmW	GM: John Caruso	Winner Draw: Grabar and Leritte
1981 CmmW	GM: John Caruso	Winner Draw: Coughlan and Kavern
1981 DmmW	GM: John Caruso	Winner: Rhonda Wyatt
1981 EmmE	GM: Roy Henricks	Winner: D Mathias
1981 FmmW	GM: John Caruso	Still in progress

All of the above games were in Mastermind, that's why the mm numbers.

KEITH SHERWOOD: THE OPTICAL MAN

I'm sure by the time you've read the first part of this "Tro" roast, you're completely bored with people telling you how bad Tro was for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ or perhaps some other reason they've unearthed. Well, since Keith is a ~~my~~ friend, I'll try to avoid telling you bad things you've already heard in this issue. In fact, I might even try to say something nice, if I can find something.

Once upon a time ago, some year and a half ago, Keith Sherwood, the optical man of Nottingham notoriety, made the previous error that some of us have made (and to boot, some of us don't even think it's an error), that is, he fell to Bruce Lindsey's ~~trick~~ ~~trick~~ ~~trick~~ conscription techniques and caught VO from him. As soon as this disease caught hold, our hero, that's Keith if you couldn't guess, was forever enslaved, doomed by his own simple request. For Bruce, Keith was a damn corker, at last, someone to put the crux of his controversy² had appeared. In the ideal target for an ambiguous order, a novice unexperienced with a high school reading capability and thus unable to interpret some of the tougher words in VoD's House-rules like ambiguous, Bruce made sure that Keith received a ~~game~~ ~~game~~ ~~game~~ right away with, of course, everyone's favorite country, Austria. Despite the fact that Bruce was prepared to die in and wait for an order which could be interpreted as ambiguous, Keith surprised everyone by solving Bruce's problem of uncontroversiality (is that a word?) by ordering the ambiguous A Vic - Tro right away. What more could a GM ask? Can Keith read minds? Now that Bruce thinks he's got Keith tied to the railroad tracks with his game coming crashing down around him, what will our hero (Keith, remember?) do? Stay tuned for the exciting conclusion...

Exciting Conclusion. Well, of course you know that heroes never die because the good guy on the white horse arrives. Naturally, half the hobby goes to avenge Keith because he's just such a great hero type, and of course, because you never know who the man in the black cape will tie to the tracks next. "This guy", says Bruce, "You guys never let me have any fun." With that his buddies came to his defence (that is, the other half of the hobby). And, of course, since this is a modern fairy tale, the bad guy won, but just so you won't go out of this article feeling gyped, Keith didn't completely lose either. His game didn't crash on him and he's doing quite well (I now I'd find something good to say!). But, we all remember the effect of the battle and its escalation: VoD's 32 - 52 lay dead or wounded on the battle field, while countless pages from other zines lie scattered about. And while the two contestants emerged as winners with some improvements (like a reduction of the reading level of VoD's house rules to Keith's level), several readers fell unnoticed as casualties in the decreasing sub rates to the various things.

Well, since I've scrounged up a coke and a bag of dorritos, I think I'll stop writing and go have some fun...

((Thank you John Pack for this article on Tro. It arrived too late for last issue, but alas, at least someone, finally, wrote a "Roast" Tro Article.))

For a long time, Gary Coughlan has been gloating over the fact that he said this of me, and I quote, "John Caruso doesn't have the brains God gave a retarded goose". Well, Gary ought to know, he is a retarded goose.

MINI-REVIEW: ARNIEM ((by Stuart Schoenberger))

If you were wondering what to get for yourself this holiday season, look no further than the new game put out by Avalon Hill. If you remember the movie "A Bridge Too Far", or the book, its predecessor, under the same title, you are prepared psychologically to play this exciting little game. Unlike other games on this subject, (ex- Highway to the Reich by SPI) Arnhem concentrates simply on the fight by the German forces to recover the Rhine bridge in Arnhem. Unlike many tactical games, the game uses diplomacy-like area movement. The pace is hot and furious because of overlapping movement and defensive fire. The German player is more numerous and better armed, but the allied player has the advantage of interior line and time. If the German player does not move quickly, he will find himself losing in accordance with the victory conditions. The allied player can not afford to be complacent, as the German player can always mass his forces at a weak point in the Allied line. I

In conclusion, this is truly one of the most exciting games to come out in a long time. Play will never be stereotyped because of the many available strategies on both sides, suitable to any personalities, plus the ever present random luck factor. Playing time is not much longer than the projected 3 hours. Setting up the pieces, (a chore in most games), is merely a matter of sorting the few pieces because of the generally allowed free setup. In one word, this game is FUN! Unfortunately, not many games for the price of \$15.00 qualify under that term these days.

((Thank you Stu for the review, and your sub is extended 2 issues. Sounds like a good game. I may pick one up, and try to adapt it to PEM.))

UNMEDIocrecon: Tom Swider 1183 Robinson Hill Rd Endwell, NY 13760. We will probably be there. Write to Tom for directions and come and meet your favorite hobbyists from the "sticks". Con will be sometime in Feb or March.

FREDdiecon: From what I hear, FreddieCon is off. It was to be held in Feb.

DIPCON/ORIGINS 1982: Will be held at U of Maryland campus on the weekend of July 23-25. This proves to be one of the biggest and best conventions ever. As far as I know, this will be the only major East Coast convention. We will of course, be attending, and we are giving any help to those running and tournament, that is, if we can be of help. I suggest that all of you out there who intend to go, contact Origins 82 PO Box 15405 Balt, Md 21220 or write to Mark Berch 492 Naylor Pl Alexandria, Va 22304. One last thing, lets try to make this the best diplomacy convention ever. Lets give all out help and support to Mark and his staff and let us realize that they have a tough enough job. No more tournament disruptions like there were last year, OK? Send a SASE with all of your info requests. ((you can also write to Fred Davis- whose address I don't have anymore, or Herb Barents- whose address I never had. I'm too lazy to look them up in the ZD. You can look them up under Boast, and Bushwacker.

ZINE OF LISTS: Al Pearson PO Box 898 Charlestown, WVa 25414. This is like the title says- there are lists for everything. This zine is just one of many Just Among Friends, Als zine and one of the hobbies best. Write Al today.

THE BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL: Doug Beyerlein 640 College Ave Menlo Park, Cal 94025 This is a poll of reg dip players. You vote for your top 14 in order. The due date for the poll is Feb, 15, 1982.

HOBBY QUEEN POLL: The unanimous winner was- of course, Blackie Jacqueline Masters. Lets hear it for Jackie- hiphip, hooray!

LETTERS

Dear John,

I got your nice letter for print, and to return the favor, here's one for you. I thought your #42 was pretty good, but it did not have the friendly tone that earlier issues have. However, you have good reason to be disgusted as you are. But there is one question that I had: Ain't I a good guy too???

Geez; remind me never to call you when you're upset. I spend \$5 for a conversation that goes "Yes...no...yes, and...but don't you think...of course...well really...no, but...sure, but...have to...it's been...yes, it's been...but...bye John. I mean really. Me having to endure that Yankee accent. I like Kathy's voice. She talks like we do down here. She sounds like a real Southern ~~Bronx~~ Belle.

I'm not suprised that you won the best player thing. If I had to rate the best player, you'd have my vote ~~right after~~ ~~the~~ hands down. You also guessed correctly on what I want for X-mas. Seriously, I really want a Dukes of Hazzard set with the police car that wrecks when it goes over the jump. I think yall just associate me with the show because of my name and my residence, but I really do love the show. It's not much on plot (oh, it has one plot and you see it every week) but it's funny and clean and you don't find much of that on tv any more. And I think Daisy is one of THE most beautiful girls I've ever seen. Enough of that.

I read the little article by Brad Wilson. I think it was nice how he worded it; I'm glad he stuck around, but maybe he could have stuck a little better if he did things a little differently. We'll see.

I'm glad you like The Schemer. Maybe you'll remember me in the Freshman Poll? This poll will be my first major test since I joined the hobby, and I'm hoping to do well. I think Gary will take first, which I think is sensational. He puts out a very good product, and he's a southerner, so he can't lose.

Well, I guess that's it John. I've enjoyed writing. Maybe next time I can come up with something funny. How about my Austria in your Alias, huh? Woops, that's how the south began the civil war! Take care.

((Yes Steve, you too are a good guy. So is Bern Sampson, Don Ditter, Glenn Overby, and numerous others. So many in fact that I can't name Y'all. Did I really not let you get a word in

edgewise? I'm sorry! I should not have let you say anything. I did remember you in the freshman poll, did you remember Magnificent-7? Bet no one bothers to vote on it. EE is the best or 2nd best zine to come out in 1981, the other being, of course, The Schemer. Take care and enjoy your present.))

Best regards,

Steven Duke
Steven Duke

Speaking of which:

EUROPA EXPRESS: Gary Coughlan 4614 Martha Cole Lane Memphis, Tenn 38118. Like I said above, this is the prototype. Gary has just switched over to reduced print. His repro is still excellent, and now you get more for your money, if that's possible. Gary runs a name that picture, type contest every other issue, as well as printing different peoples ROOTS. All kidding aside, this is one of the best zines. Drop Gary a line with a couple of stamps, ask for a sample and say that I sent you.

THE SCHEMER: Steven Duke RT 3 Fairfield Pike Shelbyville, Tenn 37160 is also another excellent zine to come out of "The Hills". Coincidence or a gift of God that 2 excellent zines originate from the same area. Steve deals in fun, fun and more fun. He also believes in the rights of others and will always give a sucker an even break. This zine is also worth a look at for a stamp, and I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Steve is young, eager and fair. He will go a long way.

A number of you have asked me why I have cut trades lately, without advance warning, and with basically no explanation given. The explanation is here- I am no longer employed. I hope to remedy this soon, but until I do, things will be a bit tight and tough for me. If you know of anyone who did have a trade cut and I forgot to mention it to him, please do so for me. Thanks to all of you.

MORE NEWS ABOUT ZINES

It appears that The Chamber, done by Dave Manuel hasn't appeared in a long time. Does anyone know anything about whether it is active or caputi Ace in the Hole, the subzine to Black Frog, Jack Masters zine has folded. Aith was done by Buckalew, and will be missed. I only saw 2 issues, but both were very entertaining. I aslo understand that BF will be winding down and may also go under soon. BF and Jack will be missed.

The other late breaking news is the consumption of Erebor by Ken Halpern into Anduin by Eric Kane. Due to outside influences beyond his contol, Ken found it impossible to be able to keep up with the work load of pubbing, however, Eric will include E as a subzine to A. Transfer complete, the reading shpuld be even better than it was before with 2 good guys doing one zine. A proper way (one of many), in which to transfer responsibility, or to shut down. Those who pub or who may, should take note of this.

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PROFILE

Kathleen Schilling

Hi there! My name is Kathleen Schilling. My friends call me Kate. You clowns can call me Ms Schilling.

Don't ask me what I'm doing here. Unlike you people who saw this thing and subbed, I received this zine as a Christmas gift. Talk about cheap brothers. Didn't you know, Ben is my older, and much cheaper brother. He is my elder by about 30 years. I'm single, unattached, and love to play games. You name it, and I'll play it. Hey, watch those evil minds out there. I'm not that kind of girl. I'm a good girl, not a nice girl.

I was born and grew up in Wisc. My brother ran away from home when I was born- he didn't want to babysit. I still occassionally need a babysitter, and just last week, Bruce Jenner watched me. My brother, thoughtful guy that he is, bought me this Diplomacy game for Christmas, and signed me up for a game. You see, where I live, there are no people around to play PTF, and last year, I complained I couldn't use the game he bought me due to lack of opponents to play with. So this year, he gets me a game, opponents and a dirty rag to read. And such small print. God only knows I need visine after reading one issue. My brother was so thoughtful, he got me a 50 issue sub.

Was that enough for you Mr Caruso? If not, I can add to it for your next issue. Let me know what you think and what you think your readers will think. Bye,bye

((What I think is that you should stop calling me Mr. We're all friendly here, just call me ~~Mr. Caruso~~ John, cuddly as a "Teddy Bear". Feel free to write any addition you wish to that lovely profile. Be careful of the evil minded ones that will undoubtably try to know you better. Glad to have you aboard.))

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I guess thats about it for another issue of W, your favorite zine. Before I go, I wish to thank all of you for your kind words and well wishes for the holiday season, and all your help and participation over the past year. We here hope this year brings you all the health and happiness you hope for. Take care.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "sometimes, the way Mark Lew talks, one must wonder if his brain isn't frost-bitten, or just plain out to lunch."



1981 Diplomacy Players Poll Results

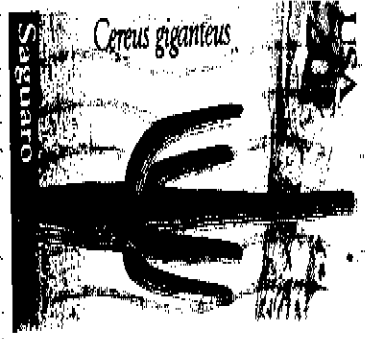
I finally had the time to do the entire list. A little bit more work than last year, as this year I took the top-3 in each category, and there was 55 ballots cast, compared to last years 26. Now we're getting somewhere. I will leave all the stat figuring, and special comments about the poll to each pubbers own discretion. The key is as follows: Name; Total pts; # of votes; # of 1st place votes; I'll leave the figuring out the averages to you folk, if you want to. I also left out last years placing, basically because of the small amount of votes last year. For those who forgot, the winners last year were- Smyth player; Hyatt variant; Masters writer;

PLAYER

WRITER

1- Byrne	40	21	8	1- Coughlan	37	18	6
2- Brown(Cal)	24	10	5	2- K Byrne	29	13	5
3- Masters	16	9	2	3- Masters	22	10	3
4- Ditter	13	5	3	4- Wells	19	9	2
4- Caruso	13	6	2	5- Arnawoodian	16	6	4
6- Kendter Sr	10	4	2	6- Pearson	13	5	4
7- Guardjardo	9	4	2	7- Michalski	12	7	2
8- Lee	7	3	2	8- Martin	11	6	1
8- Zipper	7	4	1	9- Baumeister	10	5	2
8- Connor	7	3	1	9- Caruso	10	5	2
8- Fleming	7	3	1	11- Linsey	9	5	2
8- Smyth	7	3	1	12- Berch	8	4	1
13- Hart	6	2	2	13- Olsen	6	2	2
13- Wells	6	2	2	13- Del Grande	6	3	1
13- Carter	6	3	1	15- P Byrne	5	2	1
13- Heinowski	6	3	1	15- Connor	5	2	1
13- Olsen	6	3	1	15- Perlmutter	5	2	1
18- Kuzinski	5	3	1	18- Fassio	4	2	1
18- Langley	5	3	1	18- Brown(Cal)	4	3	-
18- Grabar	5	2	1	18- Shenwood	4	3	-

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