

This zine is put out by John Caruso and Kathy Byrne 160-C2 43Ave Flushing, NY 11358 212 353-9695. Anyone calling after 11PM is instructed to ask for Phyllis, and play dumb, which is easy for most of you.

Lets see, whats in this issue- a couple of letters, a story, an actual rules discussion, DipDom, IK's insanity, the games a couple of rating systems and some other stuff. What isn't in here is a better item to discuss- loads of letters, profiles, important news, teh start of the Marco Poll/ Diplomacy Players Poll, both of which will be announced next month, the results of the Bourse game, because, quite frankly, I didn't get a complete record of the results. I still need IP's score to tally the winner. Without it, there can be no winner.

What, no more claims of being the #1 Fun-Zine? Hope- you people are still our Funnies, but no more claiming to be the #1 anything, just your #1 zine, I hope. Enough of this garbage, on with the show.

1982AB Demo/Showcase Draw vote fails lyes 2no Spring 1907

ENGLAND Woody: A Nwy-Stp; A Lon-Den; (F Nth C); A Edi-Nwy; (F Nwy C);

A Kie S Cer A Der NSU; F Swe-Bal; F Ska-Swe;

FRANCE Olson: A Bel-H; A Man-Sil; (A Der S); A Fic-Tyo; A Tus-H; F Tyr-Ion
F Mar-Iyo; F Wes-Tyr;

ITALY Crabar: F Ton, F Nap and F Apa S Fre F Tyr-Ion; A Boh S Fre A Pie-Tyo;
A Tri-Alb, dis ret Ven, OTB;

RUSSIA McCloud: NFR: A Bud-H; A Vic-H; A Gal-H; A War-H; A Pru-H; F Run-H;
A Sil-H dis ANU;

TURKEY Wilson: A Con-Bal; A Ser-Tri; (F Alb S); F Ion-H dis ret Adr, Gre, OTB;
F Aeg and F Eas S F Ion;

PRESS: Rome: The E-F-I steamroller has just begun. ((And Italy is under it))

Woody-GM: Thanks for trying to adjudicate this game each month. We're all so patient as we know you are a babbling idiot.

GM-Woody: Lets see, you can't spell correctly, you are an inept player, gee, the only thing you got going for you is Berch's promise to back you up no matter what you do wrong. I didn't know that you too hired him as your lawyer. Can Old Uncle Markie handle 2 clients at once? Can he juggle that many losing cases at the same time? And how can he justify defending a babbling player and a babbling GM?

A proposed E-F draw is up. Vote with your Fall 1907 moves due Aug. 27, 1983

#####

Thats about it for this issue. What? Signing off on the front page? I have to, no room at the end to do so. Poor planning you know. Like Mark Berch has always said about me, I'm a pisspoor pubber and an even worse planner.

SUBSEE \$5.00 for 10 issues

NO GAME OPENINGS

Article, pictures, etc are rewarded with sub credit.

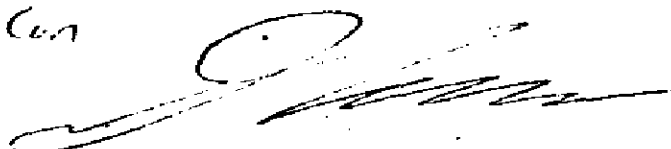
Just ask Pops Michalski how generous I am.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Mark Berch-"ECC, love it or leave it."

Don't forget - Byrne Can

Weekend Sept 11-12.

ALL FRIENDS are welcome.



EASTCON 1983 An affair not to be soon forgotten

It all started with the drive south. Kathy as the navigator and I as the pilot, we got lost in the suburbs, but not to be denied, we finally stumbled our way to Glassboro. Talk about hick-towns, the biggest attraction in this town was when Robert Sacks did a strip tease at a local disco on Saturday night. We didn't stay as we had enough laughs for the weekend to last us a month. Let me back up a bit.

Upon arriving, we headed for the registration area to pick up our room keys and prereg material. Needless to say, the jerk behind the desk was as incompetent as Bob Olsen. We asked the guy where ~~our~~ rooms were located, and it took him 1/2 hour to find them on his map. Actually Kathy found them and we showed him where we were staying. We asked him where we get the keys and he told us at the dorm. Talk all the way over to the dorm to find out the jerk at the registration area has the keys. Upon questioning him he said he had the keys. After getting the keys from the clown, I asked where we get our sheets and he said someone at the dorm will tell me. Back to the dorm to find out the ass at the registration has the sheets. By now I was ready to explode. When I get back to the reg area, the convention head tells me he's had complaints about the guy all day. That's comforting to know- he was screwing everyone evenly, not just me. The pity is that they allowed this whacko to stay there the entire day.

When we finally got to our dorm room, we find that there is no air-conditioning. Not too bad tho. The temperature only dropped into the 80's overnight, so it was tolerable, if you're a jungle native that is.

The tournament was a spectacle in itself. Not bad, just a spectacle. A diplomacy tournament under Robert Sacks is like a specimen under a microscope. You always feel violated. At any rate, we got to meet alot of old, very old friends, and some new ones. The hobby meeting was a bust, as was the variant tournament I understand. Dozens of players and only 1 board.

I had my satisfaction. I got to play on board 2 the 2nd round and play with some good players, Ben Zablocki, James Townsend, Stuart Schoenberg. I singlehandedly cleaned Ben's clock, only to change sides with him and then stab him again. It was great. In the end, Norris Hazelton and myself shared in a 2 way draw, and I had Jamie Townsend begging for his life.

During the weekend, I had time to walk around and on Sat bought the new Avalon Hill card game- Naval War. We played a game of it at Origins and it was fun. Also on Sat, Kathy and I went to the public auction. Have any of you ever gone to one? Let me tell you, its hard to sit there and not bid on anything. Needless to say, Kathy paid \$2.50 for a beat game called UFO. I played it with Francine and even she didn't like it. I sprung for \$4. There were 2 games for sale as a package and I wanted one of them so I could have an unfair advantage over the other players in a Civil War game I'll be playing soon. (shhh, don't tell Weinowski, he doesn't read this stuff so he won't read it, but please don't tell him). The games were the SPI Civil War Game and some 12th century beat game. I figure it this way, even if the game eat it, I will auction them back next year.

The best was Al Pearson- he sold more games than Avalon Hill owns, and he got top dollar. I mean, lets face it, 50¢ for Old Maid, 1.50 for Risk, 33¢ for a set of darts, 49¢ for a set of old, used wiffers, and other assorted paraphernalia.

There was one thing absent this year that is usually present at these cons. There were no clowns walking around in armour, or Nazi uniforms, or carrying bows and arrows. There was one winner camped outside the main building, living in a medieval tent, and another guy dressed up in kings garb. Then there was the 2 young ladies parading around in glass bathing suits. My my, they sure better not throw stones at anyone.

Anyway, for the most part, we had a good time, despite the fact that Woody was there.

Eastcon Report ((courtesy of Robert G. Gals))

The convention seemed small. There were reports of 25 hundred attendees. Don't ask me where they were: they weren't in open gaming and they weren't in Diplomacy. There were problems with the Program Book, disappearing facilities, and disappearing event givers. It was a mistake to try to put a veneer of SF on a wargaming convention.

The Hobby Seminar and Meeting was called for lack of audience, which is not to say I didn't have some interesting conversations with other hobby officials. I understand most seminars did poorly. Still, this was one of the few forums for the hobby. Arnawoodian, Byrne, Caruso, and Pearson did present a plaque to John Boardman for his 20 years of publishing; they spelt his name wrong. ((I assure you it was unintentional and will be corrected))

We had a small Empires of the Middle Ages tournament, won by Kevin McKenna who displayed an obnoxious and phenomenal memory for every table and chart. It reminds me of how I mastered Kingmaker.

We did have a problem with people not showing up on time for the second round of the Diplomacy tournament. Next year we will have a rule penalizing such conduct.

Tournament results (* means one round only)

Best Austria	Fred Townsend	24.941	18 center win in 1908
Best England	Norris Hazelton	14.562	11 center 2-way draw in 1907
Best France	Eric Kane	16.333	13 center 2-way draw in 1909
Best Germany	Ben Zablocki	15.500	12 center 2-way draw in 1903
Best Italy	Kathy Byrne	12.958	11 center 3-way draw in 1907
Best Russia	Al Pearson	11.583	9 center 3-way draw in 1907
Best Turkey	Mike Cannon	15.250	12 center 2-way draw in 1907
1st	Eric Kane	28.291	
2nd	Fred Townsend	26.690	* Walt Kunz 7.333
3rd	Al Pearson	25.877	* Stu Schomburge 7.125
	Steve Arnawoodian	25.666	Tom Mainardi 6.866
	Norris Hazelton	24.609	Randy Cohen 5.863
	Kathy Byrne	24.505	Adam Benowitz 5.848
	Mike Cannon	24.015	* Michael Le'land 4.333
	Peter Robson	22.937	* Tom Zablocki 3.706
	James Townsend	20.529	Joel Goldstein 3.357
	Brian Lorber	19.661	* John Ferguson 3.312
	John Caruso	18.458	* Tim Murphy 2.889
	Ben Zablocki	16.187	* Stephen Myers 2.643
	Sam Rafel	15.770	Sean Lorber 2.525
	David Emdee	14.191	* John Hildebrand 2.167
	* Lyonel Reinhardt	12.708	* David Bonnezeze 1.647
	Tom Deutsch	12.701	Tim Crist 1.409
	* Michael Goetz +	12.133	* Fred Rauscher 1.400
	* Christopher Amiaga	11.333	* Ed Karlingki 1.375
	* Kevin Wasserman	11.294	* Ken Potts 1.333
	John Schools	11.107	Tom DeMarco 1.324
	Jeff Robertson	10.998	* Robert Goetz 1.250
	* Brian Shahan	10.708	* Robert Carl 1.125
	* Glen Taylor	9.214	* Paul Goetz 1.056
	* Jeff Power	9.143	* Scott Cinnamon 1.000
	* Paul Cuddy	9.000	* Bret Jones 1.000
	* Curt Wright	7.839	* 8 others

+ Frank SanMig 12.566

JULY 8, 1983: AN EVENING WITH TERRY TALLMAN, CATHY CUNNING,
AND THE DEADWOOD CLAN

We were in Seattle on vacation and decided to call Cathy to see if we could meet her and Terry Tallman. She's very nice to talk to on the phone. Sounds quite normal--makes you wonder what she's doing playing Diplomacy. Thursday at 8 p.m. was set as the date, with the place to be arranged later.

Thursday morning came and we--Deadwood, Samantha, me, brother Karl Deadwood and sister Ali Deadwood--decided to spend the day canoeing and hiking, returning in time for our engagement. Well, our excursion turned out to be more ambitious than we had planned and at 8 p.m. we were 60 miles from Seattle in the middle of a national forest.

After half an hour of driving through deserted ski resort towns with no people in sight, let alone phones, we found a telephone and Ken managed to get Tallman's number from information. Cathy had already called Terry, frantic that she hadn't been able to get in touch with us. Terry's comment to Ken was, "That just proves what I've been saying all along. Joan Extrom is a figment of Caruso's imagination. He's been writing letters to himself."

At 10 p.m. we finally got home and called Cathy. She apparently forgave us, because she arranged another meeting for the next night at Terry's. He had even offered to take a shower for the occasion.

So Friday night at 7:45 p.m. found us pulling up in front of Tallman's house, an average-looking older urban house in a quiet neighborhood. (Can't get much quieter--he lives next to a cemetery.)

Hearts beating wildly with anticipation, we trooped up the steps and knocked and--yes!--there he was! King Kong himself! Certainly not what I expected, but that's another story.

So we invaded his humble abode, armed with clean diapers and a bag of toys to keep the kid (Samantha, that is) occupied. We proceeded with introductions. Ken, Karl, and Ali all turned

sideways so Terry could see the profile of the famous Corbin nose. The family resemblance was obvious. (Luckily Samantha didn't inherit the nose. Ali says if she had, I wouldn't have been able to give birth normally. But--enough digression. On with the story!)

We seated ourselves in the tastefully decorated living room (surprisingly clean and uncluttered for a bachelor) and began a discussion of zinnies, feuds, gms, dip players, etc. Karl and Ali hadn't the slightest idea what we were talking about, but I think the conversation amused them, nonetheless.

After a while the doorbell rang and in walked the lovely (in spite of being a sorority girl) Cathy Cuning. I told her I was sure John would fall in love with her at Origins, so I was glad she was his daughter and not competing with me for his affections.

With Cathy there, talk turned to elves, unemployment (hers), and re-employment (Terry has just started work as a building inspector for the Navy.) Cathy is amazing-- spending \$400 she doesn't have and turning down two possible jobs through Kelly Girls in order to rendezvous at Origins with some stranger from Chicago (who's probably a gangster.) John--do you allow your daughter to do this?

At one point, we all watched, fascinated, while Ken changed a diaper. We offered Terry the opportunity but he politely declined and, since he has a 4-month-old nephew and will undoubtedly have other chances, we let him off the hook.

I proposed taking a picture of Terry to put in my wallet next to the photos of Caruso and Graber, but Terry would let me only if I would swear on my daughter's virtue that I would never show the picture to anyone from Flushing. I wasn't about to make any such promise, so there went that idea.

Later in the evening Terry received a phone call from a bored female friend. He told her he had a million people in his living room and he'd call her back. We know how to take a hint, so we thanked Cathy and Terry for the swell evening and left.

Accept no substitutes: This is the real version of what went on that evening!

DipCon Society Column: The final newsletter will be out in about 1-2 weeks. It will have the true story behind the scenes of DipCon and Origins, as told thru the eyes of the staff, and some of the shady characters who appeared. The cost is 50¢, in stamps, money, check, or if you are a W subber, you can ask me to take 1 issue off of your sub and send you the newsletter. It should be at least 24 pages long. Get full story as told by those who were there.

DipCon: Joyce Singer, from Ohio, of all the mediocre places in the world, won the DipCon, National Diplomacy Tournament, a first for a woman in this hobby. Mark Berch of Alexandria fame won the Gunboat Tournament, another 1st for similarly afflicted persons. Congratulations to both of them. The entire standings for both Dip and Gunboat can be found in the Last Newsletter.

Gee, with Joyce winning the DipCon, Kathy winning the Player poll 3 years in a row, the Beyerlein Poll a year ago, and the Nixon Award, plus the rise of female power and acceptance and their ability to lie with the best of them, he thinks the girls have made their presence known and carved a piece of hobby history for themselves, to never be forgotten or overlooked again.

The Shoruns Sword will be changing hands. Cathy Cuning, my daughter, will be taking over the reins from Mykey Barno, who just had to let go. Don't get me wrong, he wasn't forced out, he just lost interest in dipdom recently, and wants to relax his commitments. Mykey's absence will be missed, but we are sure the TSS will not suffer from the change in hands. But will we lose Cathy's Ramblings?

PudgeCon should be interesting this year. What with the Langley's going, the Martins, The Michalski's, the Olsen's, the Madison crowd, the Chicago connection, Kathy and a cameo appearance by Gary, "I'd rather hunt witches than play dip", Coughlan, it ought to be interesting. Hell, it's worth a few issues of W for some of the candid expressions, saved in photos, if any of you get my drift and bring a camera and snap some pix. Too bad I can't go too. I'm sure it will be fun.

Last month, Mark Berch sent me a letter, postage due, I might add, that cost me 6.00. To top it off, adding insult to injury, he tried to pay me off in funny money. You know, confederate dough, giving me 1 Jefferson Davis and 1 Stephen Douglas. What do I look like? Woody? Pudge? Toots? Either you give good old, American guaranteed greenbacks, or I'll take you to a higher authority. But who is higher than God?

Congrats to Gary Coughlan and Europa Express which finished #1 in this year's Runestone poll. Whitestonia finished #14 and KK finished #7 for subzines. Thank you for all of you all who took the time to vote. Only 77 people voted this year. The poll seems like it's going downhill and may not be around much longer, as last year 94 people voted and over 120 voted the year before. At any rate, VOD was the top vote getter with 54 (or 2/3's of those who voted), while DW the #1 in number of subbers only rec'd 48 votes. W rec'd 28 and KK 25. But there's more on that in the other zines. Again, congrats to all those who did well. Oh yes, EE is about the best zine in the hobby, and if you want a sample, write to Gary or Elsie Coughlan 4614 Martha Cole Lane Memphis, Tenn 38118

Eric Kane finally announced when KaneCon (Formerly Great Heck Con) was to be held, the weekend of August 5-7. Too late for you to be informed to make plans to go, I'm sure. Unless you're unemployed like John Michalski and all the time in the world is on your side.

Number 1 Summer 1983

STARS is the official publication of the STAR custodian, who is Bern Sampson, 5364 Red Lake, Columbia MD 21045. Phone:(301)995-0182. The subscription cost is \$2/4 issues, trades are welcome. STARS is published 4 times per year. When EVERYTHING is published, STARS are sure to follow.

First, a word of explanation. What the Diplomacy hobby needs is a rating system. Not just another rating system like the DTRS, CPC or MCPC systems, but one which is current, up-to-date and published in a timely manner. To this end I present the Sampsoni Totally Awesome Rating System, or STARS.

STARS is a cumulative point-count system, similar to the CPC and MCPC systems, only points are awarded on a decimal basis: 1 point for a win, .5 points for a share in a 2-way draw, .33 points for a share in a 3-way draw, etc. Points are awarded to individuals who win or draw in both original and standby positions. In order to be included in the STARS rating, a game must satisfy 4 criteria One, the game must be assigned a Boardman Number. Two, the results must be published in EVERYTHING, the official publication of the Boardman Number Custodian (BNC). Three, the results must not be noted as 'irregular' in any manner by the BNC. Lastly, at least 5 game years must have been completed (through F05).

STARS is a current rating system. By that, I mean that only the most current 5 years worth of games will be included in the STARS system, the initial period being 1979-1983. Thus, all games designated 1979xx through 1983xx will be included. When the first 1984 game result is published in EVERYTHING, all 1979 games will be dropped from the STARS system. In this way, STARS will always represent current performances in the Diplomacy hobby.

One final word regarding STARS. This is not a fly-by-night rating system, here today and gone tomorrow. STARS is here to stay. It is without a doubt the most up-to-date rating system around, reflecting current performances in the hobby. STARS will always be published in a timely manner, following on the heels of EVERYTHING. This issue includes all games published in EVERYTHING through this summer's issue, #56. Publishers may feel free to reproduce the STARS Top 100 listing in any manner they see fit, I have presented it in a one page format to this end.



This is page 1 of KK, the zinnie that answers your question -

What Happened at Dip Con!!!!

To be woken up at the ungodly hour of 4:30 to drive to Newark to catch a plane to Detroit was just the beginning of an exhausting weekend. After having my usual stroke while in air transit, I have a half hour ride to the hotel. Now this is what I call CLASS - why they ever let Dip players in I'll never understand! Chandliers from the ceiling, crystal everywhere you looked, wall to wall carpeting, and the best dressed guests, well at least until the motley dip players got there - dressed just right for the occasion - what else T-shirts and Jeans. Boy, did we look out of place!

After checking in, we always walk around looking to see who is to be found - this includes finding people who you have no idea what they look like. So, I have a habit of checking out peoples name tags, which can be very embarrassing especially if the guy has it pinned to his belt - you should have seen some of the looks I got.

The first person we find, is none other than our very own Tom Swider - Tom must have been the welcoming committee as everyone said he was the first person they ran into. However, the first Canukie we ran into was even easier to spot - I mean how could anyone miss someone with a Blue Jay sitting on their head! No, I really don't think that even Julie missed Dave Carter. He kept us entertained for a while by telling us, how they had trouble crossing the border, as one of the kids with them decided to wear a leather belt around his head! When, I saw him I could understand why they had trouble at the border, we have enough undesirables of our own in this country, we certainly don't need to import any.

Everyone was trying to find Woody and Mainardi, there plane was suppose to arrive 1 1/2 hr. after ours, yet three hours later, there was still no sign of them. So finally Julie and I decided to take a sun bath and wait outside on the steps for everyone to find us. Now, that produced results, especially if you had seen the outfit Julie had on this year, she immediately managed to attract every wierdo in dipdom....Berch, Kador, Brawner, Ozog, Cunning, Wilson, Bohner, Wrightman, Conlon, and half a dozen others. We decided right then and there to hold a East Coast Clique meeting. First order of business was for Jeff Bohner and Brad Wilson to present me with a button to wear "The E.C.C. Love it or Leave it"...it was a very popular item, by the end of the weekend everyone was sporting one, well almost everyone, just like any other group we still have the trouble makers who refuse to conform, one of them being our illustrious Mark Berch. At this meeting we also discussed what I thought was a wrong answer on his trivia quiz - well, needless to say, God is never wrong!!!! And the minute he got home, he mailed me the question and answer proving to me that Pearson's name never was mentioned, so I now stand corrected. Also let me publicly apologize to Mark Berch for daring to state he was wrong, when as usual he was right. Disgusting isn't it!!!!

Well, it is hot out in that sun, and Pat Conlon suggests we go inside for an ice cold beer. Well, Pat and I volunteer to find a place to buy the beer, if someone else will supply the room. Woody is so stingy, that he says no one can use his room, but he has a great idea why not go wake up Don Swartz and hold the party there. (out of room, please turn over)

KK - and a few notes on Dip Con and some of our subbers!!!!

- 2 -

I thought that was a very nice gesture on Woody's part - wake up someone we've never met before and tell him that we are going to use his room to have a party - lucky for us, Don has a great sense of humor and didn't seem to mind at all, as a matter of fact he was downright friendly, but this may be because he is now the self appointed President of the "Mr. Potatoe Head Good Friends of Woody's" club. Anyone who has had the opportunity of being the unwilling victim of a dumb stab by Woody is invited to join, and Don used this opportunity to promote this very worthwhile group. I think he signed up 10 people!!!!

Friday night was the Gunboat tourney, and all I can say is, don't ever run one of these....first off it is virtually impossible for Woody, Dave Carter and myself to keep our mouths shut - hey, at least I'm honest. We weren't at the same table, but we kept finding things to say to each other across the room which brought the KGB officer - Ben Schilling breathing down our necks! No, sooner, did he shut us up, then Uncle Berch decides to take a stroll and visit with someone on a board four tables away from him....needless to say, he was immediately escorted back to his seat by the hands of Ben & John Caruso!

The second round was a blast - I couldn't do anything but laugh - neither could the guy playing Austria to my Italy. Chuck Kaplan and I found everything hysterical - my drawing Italy, my using the Byrne opening with Mainardi playing Germany & Kaplan waiting for my trip to Tyrolis to be bounced back - and no one bothering to bounce me back. Then Tom leaving Munich uncovered in fall 01 so that I could have it - I mean we were just having a good time - we really weren't talking - just laughing and the KGB officials had trouble dealing with this. They took turns watching us, but Chuck and I got rid of them one by one from Al Pearson thru John Caruso and right to Ben Schilling. When Caruso came over to babysit us, he made things worse - he said now please try and quiet down over here as there is a real problem on board 4 and Ben is getting upset. We agreed to try if he told us the problem - the problem was the fourth board was set up wrong and the players had already handed in orders. Well, the minute Chuck and I turned around to see Berch and Bozo on the board, we really couldn't stop laughing, I mean at least we knew where the pieces belonged. From there it was all down hill - next babysitter was poor Ben who said to us that if he wound up in a mental institution the next day it would be our fault, and we laughed even harder at that. All in all it was a well run gunboat tourney, but I'd never want to try and run one especially if there was a Kaplan & Byrne on the same board. Once I start laughing there is no stopping me, the next day Chuck and I couldn't remember half the stuff that we found so funny the night before!

The panel discussion was Sat. a.m., I managed to get Al Calhammer to be on the panel, along with Davis, Berch, Becker, Woody and myself. Alan answered a lot of questions on the play of the game and mis-written orders. Thw Wrobel situation according to our expert should have been allowed, it was just poorly written. We however, got to teach Mr. Calhammer a couple of things about the game, he could not believe it when Bill Becker and myself explained how we will intentionally disorder units and clearly mark them so the GM realizes that they are not intended to go. He said he

Page 3 and hopefully the end of my Dip Con review!!!!

never intended for anyone to do anything like that when he invented the game. Fred Davis told us about the guy in the AZ. state pen, who was now making and selling illegal wooden blocks while behind bars - write Fred and he'll be happy to pass on the guys address so you too can get more wooden blocks, unless the guards have caught on and put the guy out of business. Woody explained the usefulness of Violence in Diplomacy, I handled the BNC questions and female questions, while Mark Berch seemed to be the strategist end of the panel. All in all not too bad of a panel, but I tend to think, it would've been better if it had been headed with a more secure type in front of a group of people, a Mark Berch would have been much better than myself.

What can you say about the diplomacy part of the tournament - how about a few memorable moments and quotes. Jim Williams to John Caruso "You GM just like Bruce Linsey"... when a move crucial to him was declared illegal to ordering the same unit twice.

Mark Leudi to Woody: "Woody, you scumbag!!!!" Loud enough for the entire Midwest to hear, when Woody stole two of his centers - not nice Woody.

The funniest had to be listening to Woody beg Marc Peters for survival in Strange Doings, and then threatening to throw the game out of COA when Marc just laughed at his request. (By the way, if Woody throws you out, you can find a home right here.)

Meeting the most obnoxious person in the hobby, Russ Rusnack, only to find out that he has to be one of the nicest people I ever met. Out talking the clever Bill Becker and conning him into taking us to the airport.

Watching Fred Davis get all excited as he announced the winner of the Don Miller Memorial Award - Congrats to Rod Walker!!!! (By the way, Fred did a beautiful job on the plaque.)

Laughing as Marck Berch turned down a nomination for the Dip Con Committee as he said Mona would slit his throat, about forty people immediately seconded that motion!!

Seeing Dick Martin's face glow as he showed us his certificate for winning the Snit's Revenge Tourney.

A classic had to be listening to Woody badger Bill Placek into allying with him in a game, only to have Bill tell him he'd have to talk to his wife - his wife was at the airport and Woody did not miss this opportunity to tell her how beautiful she was!

Laughing as Dan Palter who was on my gunboat board, asked me if I was going to declare the game irregular due to mine and Kaplan's antics!

Taking a tour of the Renaissance Center, that means walking around in circles as Ben Schilling tried to remember where the best food could be found.

Wondering how I could possibly be on three out of four boards in the tourney with another female when the ratio of men to women was so high.

Sitting next to Dale Bakken for an entire night and not having him spill one thing on me, but Marc Peters wasn't sitting down for 30 seconds when Dale ~~dumped~~ spilled a full glass of beer on him!

Listening to Lu Henry explain how to be a class a pain for the other players on the board to hate.

Listening to people argue for 45 mins. on the Sack's amendments, when he wasn't even there!

Snickering as the Texas reps. talked the society into going to Texas next year while explaining to me that it really wasn't that far from N.Y. - only 42 hours by CAR!!!!

Page 4 of KK, and the conclusion to my ramblings on Dip Con!!!!

Anyway, it was great fun just seeing everyone again, and getting to meet new people. I found out that John Kador's parents live about two miles away from me. I found out that dimmer Williams loves any female from the age of 1 day to 65 years - he says they are all cuddley!!! I had a lesson about computers from Chip Charnley and a lesson on how to lie from Bill Becker. I lost Steve Heinowski twice - once in a dark garage. I met the man who sends me all those nice cards - it's nice to have a face to put to your signature Don Swartz. I finally met my daughter, Cathy Cuning who spent most (all) of her time with some elf named Eric Ozog! And I had my last meal of the weekend with Bruce Linsey - somehow that seemed very appropriate.

Before I end this I just want to give my personal thanks to Al Pearson, Ben Schilling and my own John Caruso for a very well run convention. I know a lot of work went into pulling the actual convention off and I just want you to know that your effort did not go unnoticed.

Also a very special thanks to Steve Heinowski and Fred Davis who helped with the scoring and GMing of the Dip Tourney. I firmly believe that anyone who is going to run a convention should ask Fred to lend a hand as he really seems to enjoy what I look on as drudgery!!!

Enough on this - let's get back to the serious stuff around here - the real Kathy's Korner!!!!

Congrats to Jeff and Lisa Noto on the arrival of a big bundle, 9 lb. 6 oz. Jennifer Noto on July 20, 1983. Also the stork club has another new member - Dingleberry Daly and his wife Betty who are expecting (I believe) in Jan.

This month KK will be dedicated to Rod Walker, anyone who can win the Don Miller Award for his work in this hobby, deserves to have a little humor in his life!!!!!! So Rod this month - it is all yours!

Dear KK: Now that a woman has taken the DipCon honors, The Nixon Award, been rated as the top hobby player, when are you guys going to stop this equality nonsense?.....Steve Langley
Dear Mr. Inferior, What equality? Obviously we are SUPERIOR!!!..me

Dear KK, I've heard that you are handling your BNC duties with your left hand while carrying on your games commitment with your right hand. Is this a case of the right hand not letting the left hand know what it is doing?.....Flowerchild
Dear Confused, No this is a clear case of insanity! Anyone who can play in as many games as I am, publish a zine, be the BNC and write tons of letters - can't possibly know what they are doing!!!..me

Dear KK: What's this I hear about Phyllis putting on an X-rated show for Woody's neighbors?.....Flowerchild
Dear Steve, You would've loved it! You dirty old man! July 4th weekend, we went to Woody's and Woody decided to keep the children entertained by renting them movies to watch! I found it amazing that the kids didn't bother me all weekend, they wouldn't even go to Tom Mainardi's barbecue with us, well John finally watched one of the movies! He said no wonder they didn't bother us all weekend, that moron, Woody got all X rated movies. So, now Woody has to sneak in and out of his house, so he doesn't run into any of the parents of the kids, my kids invited to the movies!!!.....kk

Page 5 of the zinnie thá warns you, never let Woody babysit for you!!!!

Dear KK: Isn't that Don Swartz the Kentucky Kernal? Could just be Hog Slop ya know....Farm Pig

Dear Veggie, I think you have mush for brains! Picking on Don Swartz could get you into big trouble, but you never were too bright. You are suppose to pick on someone smaller then you (Mark Berch), or a real wimp (Caruso) or the hobby idiot (Woody)....KK

Dear KK: Does Bob Osuch have toe-nails?....Manic Manicurist

Dear Veggie, Now, you ought to be able to answer that one yourself - after all, you were the one sucking on his toes in Wichita last year..me

Dear Kathy, What am I trying to think of?...Mark

Dear Leudi, If I was you, I really wouldn't try to think, a new experience like that could throw your whole system out of whack, and who knows we might make sense of what you say.

Dear KK: Why didn't you tell me that raising kids could be so much agony. We are having a helluva time getting little Adam to clean his room up (not to mention other unmentionables). How do you get Phyllis to clean her room?.....Canuckie Carter

Dear Canuck, Please note that Phyllis, has 2 i's in it! Lucky for you and Langley, that I spelled it right for you, otherwise you both would've had to suffer the wrath of Phil, she hates when her name is spelled wrong! She also hates to be called Phil, maybe I better not show her this page! The only way to get Phyllis to clean her room, is to threaten her with starvation - she'd do anything for food!!!!.....me

Kathy, I should be able to go to an Eastern convention next summer, so I want to ask you where next year's DipCon will be held, and if you're thinking of leading a large eastern contingent (a lot of people) there. So I will: where will next year's DipCon be held, and will you be leading a lot of people from the east? signed I want to meet Dip Players Up Close and Personal

Dear Del Monte, Thank you for explaining what contingent meant, I always thought it was some form of social disease. DipCon will be in Texas next year and you would know that if you read page 3 of this zine, so stop making me repeat myself. No, I will not be attending, besides it being in Texas, it is also over the July 4th weekend, and I can not get time off from work then. I figure the big East Coast convention to be Mary Con in Va. in June - look for me there!..me

Del Monte also submitted this joke!

Q: What was Billy Carter doing in a video arcade?

A: Playing Six-Pac Man

Thank you Don, for not submitting anymore!

Dear KK: Need some pork waste?....Love Toots

Dear toots, all I need is YOU!.....Love me

Dear KK: Toots Michalski wrote and said I should buy a small nuclear device and mail it to Libya, also he says Jdy Winsome is Dan Falter in disguise, and there are tiny little robots in cream cheese. The letter was off the record but I've decided to let everybody know. By the way do you know anyone so gullible as to believe anything Michalski says?....Sign me but Do Not Quote me

Dear Honey, Woody believes everything that Michalski says, just the other day Toots wrote Woody and said - if you had half a brain, you'd be dangerous. So Woody called a Neurosurgeon to see if he could have half of his brain removed. Uncle Berchie believes everything that toots says alsosee next page

Page 6 of the zinnie that Uncle Berchie loved to hate, now we go again he is now saying to himself, I love this zinnie, it's so good, I made it up, just to get a rise out of him!!!

Toots wrote Berch and said - God, it's hot out here! Well, ever since then Berchie has really believed that he is God. Some people believe anything that Toots says, but I only believe him when he tells me how wonderful I am.....your muffin

KK: I just like to enter contests. It's not that you win, just have a good time while you are doing it. Who needs three free issues?
.....Cochise
Dear Cochise, Oh, good, a real sucker! you're right who needs the free issues - I'll remember that if you ever win a contest - you don't want the issues, you don't get 'em. So keep your checks coming. How's that for a true Berchian twist of words!.....me

Ta, Dah, time to stick my neck in a noose again. Everytime I say anything serious - I seem to get in trouble with a certain party, but that's okay I'll risk it one more time!

While reading Irksome yesterday, I came across an interesting point, one which I have also stated in the past! After a very poor showing in the Leader Poll, Scott made some comments which I will reprint here. I'm sure Scott won't mind, and it'll give me a chance to restate my feelings also.

Scott: "I'd like to cut my trades in about half. Of course, I don't want to cut trades with anyone that truly enjoys this zine. But judging from the Leader Poll, there are a few of you at least who are dissatisfied. This doesn't offend me at all, but if you don't enjoy my zine and are not interested in the zine, please let me know so we can cut trades or refund subs or something. Actually the people not interested in the zine are probably not reading this anyway, so it doesn't make a bit of difference...and so it goes." First I want to say, that I can understand why Scott is upset, I've had similar things happen with this zine. Scott's showing was a disgrace, and a very unfair rating of his zine, others obviously won't agree with that but that is my opinion. I like Irksome and I am one of the people who read it. Maybe Scott and I are crazy, but neither of us can understand why anyone would sub to a zine that they don't like or read! I sure as hell wouldn't waste my money, I only sub to the zines I like. Also, I ask everyone to consider this, to put out a zine takes time, and of course, we all lose money on each issue! So, if you don't like what you're getting - don't get it - don't waste your publishers time or money! Dave Grabar said a long time ago, when I first entered the hobby - I want my zine to be a family zine, I want us to know each other, that is why I keep my subber list low! Well, we try to do the same thing! That is why I don't bust my ass writing this zine - that is why I make you do the work, that is why I hate deadwood! If the subbers aren't interested, they shouldn't get the zine. I try and remember to drop my publishers lines now and then, play or write articles, so that they know I care! But, maybe that is because I demand so much of our subbers - I expect participation. And like I've always said KK will only be here as long as you write it! So, do your pubbers a favor - let them know you care. Don't be a name on a list, be a part of the zine. As for Scott, I would hope that he doesn't take the results too hard, I and many others do like and appreciate his zine. Another person who got a real sad showing was Herb Parents Boast (3.53), I play and sub there, is there any reason for a guy who comes out like clockwork to take that kind of beating. He also has reading material, and game reviews, I seriously think there is something wrong, when anyone makes a showing like that! A while

Page 7 of the zinnie that says support your publisher!!!!!! Me too!!!!

ago, probably about a year ago, a good friend and a publisher had to remind me that I was letting him down! He was trying to get his zine right back where it was, and he told me - you're one of the reasons, my zine was so good - you use to write (every month) and now you just don't bother anymore. Did I get insulted, ha, ha, you're wrong, I didn't I thought about what he said, and realized tht I had neglected to do my part. So, just like it was - It became, IEAFO was reborn! I appreciate the fact that Dick could be so honest with me, but then I'm pretty blunt too! Anyone reading this should realize by now that I feel, the rubber has a responsibility to the publisher. Is it really so hard to jot down a note to your pubber, write an occasional article, or send in a stupid question. I don't think so, I manage to do it, so does many other busy people, support the zines you sub to, instead of killing them in polls, help them out! Enough said!

Serious moods, don't exactly turn me on, but as long as I've gone this far, here is more hobby stuff for you.... then back to the gossipy silliness!

To every publisher who received this zine (and reads it), please note in your zines that I am the new BNC...it will make mine and Don Ditter's life a lot easier! Don is still forwarding letters to me! Turn around time is much faster if I get the stuff direct. So please publish my address! And if you could be so nice as to note on the outside of your zines where I can find game starts and finishes it would really make my life easier. It also reduces the chance that I will not see something that I should! Thanks. Also, I would like to state here and now, that any complaint, questioning or anything on BNC matters will be held in the strictest of confidence, in spite of what you may have read in DD! I intend to do the BNC job as well and as efficiently as I did the Orphan Service. I never had confidentiality problems then, and I won't now! My policy on OJR letters, has one pubber upset with me. For the record, I never believe in breaking a confidence, and never have, many people can bear me out on this...let me tell you, you should know some of the stuff, I know. I take hobby services serious and always will, I believe in them 100%, and would do nothing to mess them up! I will, once again, have to prove that I can handle the job, someone has to do this stuff and I feel that it might as well be me, cause I know it will be done! I thank Don Ditter for having enough faith in me to give me this custodianship, and I won't let him or the past BnC's down. I am lucky enough to have a great relationship with Lee Kendter, Don Ditter, Doug Meyerlein, Rod Walker, and even John Boardman. I will not hesitate to ask their advice or help. As a matter of fact, I've already hit on everyone of them. All pubbers and players will be treated fairly, and that I will guarantee! You have my word, I know that means nothing to the two publishers, who have attacked me as the BNC, but to the rest of you I know it is enough!

Scott Hanson has taken over the Orphan Service, page 8 of kk is a flier that he mailed to me. His name and address and phone number are listed at the top - be sure to contact Scott if you are having a problem. Scott is looking for two assistants, one from the East Coast and one from the West Coast - if you are interested please contact Scott! If I really like the idea of three people, one from each coast and one in the middle of the country. It will make the orphan service an easier job. Scott is going to gain his first chance to prove himself from me! I have two games which are virtually abandoned, and Scott is going to get the records from the GM's - aren't you Scott????

I believe that Steve Hutton is in charge of the CDO, but don't quote me until it becomes official.

Kinder, Küche, und Kirche

CHILDREN, KITCHEN, AND CHURCH

no. 1

JULY 19

KKK is an intermittent newsletter of the US Orphan Service, which is now under the direction of Scott Hanson, 233 Oak Grove #306, Minneapolis MN 55403; phone (612)874-0032.

***Yes, the USOS has moved. A sudden wave of insanity struck me while reading in Diplomacy Digest that John Daly was looking for a replacement. I figured that as long as someone has to do the job, it might as well be someone like me, who could do the job right. Well, one thing led to another, and Kathy Byrne told me it was a good idea, and I volunteered for the job. Next thing I know I get a phone call from John Daly and the file in the mail. So I guess I can't back out now. But if things go wrong, I'll blame Mark Serch and Kathy Byrne for getting me into this.

***All inquiries about folded lines and orphaned games should now be directed to me. John will be forwarding anything he receives on the USOS to me.

***I do not want to do this job alone. I would like two associates, hopefully one on each coast with the leg work. They wouldn't have to do any dirty work unless they wanted to (ie, you don't have to badger late GIs). I would prefer someone who has been in the hobby a couple years and is friendly with quite a few people in the hobby. Let me know if you're interested.

***KKK won't be the official publication of the US Orphan Service-We will send in reports to go in Everything. If you have received this, you 1) are in the In-6 and need to be informed of such things; 2) you toady to 90% of the hobby and can publicize that the USOS has moved; 3) you are the BIC; 4) you are on the DipCon committee and can post a copy of this somewhere in Detroit (the can, the local McDonalds, Kathy Byrne's motel room, the nearest de-tor center) where everyone at the Diplomacy Tournament can see it; 5) I think you should help me out with the job; 6) you offered to help John Daly with the orphan serv and I hope offer will be good for me as well; or 7) I am writing to you and have no other writing paper handy. I'll let you decide which category you are in for yourself.

***Speaking of DipCon, I'm supposed to tell them how much money the orphan service will need for the next year. Being completely new at this, I will ask for the same amount the USOS asked for last year; \$50.00.

***I've been lucky enough not to have had to find a new home for any games I've played in since I've joined the hobby. From those who have I've heard many good things about the work John Daly has done the past 3 years. I hope the hobby will take this opportunity to thank him for doing a thankless job so well for so long.

***I have a few ideas for the orphan service. The easy part of the job is when a GI comes to the USOS to place his games; that's just a matter of going to the list of GIs willing to take orphans. It is those GIs that are defunct or continually late and won't give up the games that cause the problems. I hope the orphan service can develop a procedure for what to do with these GIs, perhaps a series of letters and actions like a collection agency. It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it...Also a letter or flyer to go to new publishers informing them of the services of the USOS, or perhaps an article for the new publisher's handbook that I hear Mark Laedi is working on.

***And yes, I plan to work closely with Kathy Byrne (the BIC), Andy Lischett (who places orphans for the Canadian Diplomacy Organization), Rod Walker (Diplomacy World), and etc. I see possibilities in the computer files that Bill Quinn is keeping of Everything seats. And in light of the current "Not For Print" controversy, all correspondence with the USOS will be treated in the strictest confidence if requested.

***Good night.

Page 9 of KK, the zinnie with all the information, you could want!!!

Next up.....Why is mark Leudi oh, so senile???

First up, our very own John Caruso - yes, I know a real loser!!!!

Mark Leudi is so senile

....that he must keep everything he owns in the pack on his back.

....he forgets to get haircuts once a year!

....he lost his dirty laundry.

.... CENSORED by me!!!!!!!!!!!!

Woody's entry Mark Leudi is so senile that when he was an infant the lice ate his brain! ((KK: Another loser!!!))

Mark Leudi is so senile that he helped abuse himself!!!!

Mark Leudi so senile that he doesn't know he's not supposed to enter a why is Mark L. so senile contest.

...When Kathy says she's not moving to Burgundy, he actually believes her!

.... He even gets stabbed by Woody.

....Hey, I don't know why I'm senile. Is that a sign of senility?

Dave Grabar: Mark Luedi so so senile

....that he wrote me the other day and asked my opinion on the Italian opening. I told him a Roman army is the best. So, he had all his armies roam everywhere. His Fleet sat still.

....he moved A Venice-Yugoslavia.

Bob Olsen, Mark Leudi is so senile because he wrote and asked Dave Grabar's advice on how to play Italy!!!!!!

Cochise: Mark Luedi is so senile.....

..... he plays Diplomacy thinking he can travel to Europe free if he wins the game.

..... he holds a funeral service every time someone harvests their garden.

But, the winners are.....first runner up and one free issue to Jim Bob Burgess for the following.....anyone who would go through this deserves to get a free issue!

Mark Leudi is so senile...he is a walking disaster area. He has been known to send out self addressed copies of his zine and then is shocked when they come pouring out of his mailbox. He's so senile he forgets where his mailbox is anyway, so it hardly matters/ Even Al Pearson got so tired of Leudi's mailing delays that he folded JAF rather than trying to get a hold of Leudi long enough to make him understand his subzine was no longer welcome. One wonders if Mark would ever have realized that JAF had folded if it hadn't been for Paul Rauterberg's persistent efforts (eg. Rauterberg, "But Mark, Al doesn't publish JAF any more!" Luedi: "Gee Paul, but I send it out to Al every month like clockwork and after a couple of tries I always get it addressed right so I don't get it back."

Rauterberg: "But do you ever receive JAF back in the mail?"

Luedi: "Well....no...should I?"

Rauterberg: (x345#%&&@(...!\$%&:)).

Anyway Paul finally gave up and snatched a copy of TM of DR before Mark sent it to Al and published it with his fledgling zine Midlife Crisis. Now Paul (erratically:) publishes TMofDR for Luedi whenever he manages to get a hold of a copy. Amazingly,.....it works! If you doubt me....just ask Mark some time. He's still convinced he's a JAF subzine, most of the time. Now that's senile!

Thank you Jim, but the winner is the guy who doesn't want the free issues - take it away Cochise!!!!

Page 1;0 of the crazy, junk that our subbers submit!!!!!!

Well, who would you like me to send your two free issues too, since you have stated that you like paying for this xyn!

Mark Leudi is so senile that when he builds a fleet in Diplomacy, he thinks he can take the family out sailing with it!!!!!!

Now for next month's contest....no one volunteered, what a bunch of chickens.....so, I had to decide who to abuse! Well, since I couldn't - I asked Phyllis to make a choice....now she already knew that people spelled her name wrong....so she had a choice! Either a Canuckie or a Californian - yeah, I know not much difference! Well, Phyllis said she could understand the poor Canuk's problem on not being able to speak English, so she'd give him a break! But she said Langley had no excuse! So, here is the next contest, courtesy of Phyllis "Why is Steve Langley such a Jerk!" And she said - other than the fact that he can't spell Phyllis! So, if you want free issues - join Phyllis abuse contest!!!!!!

A quote from Cochise, written by Elizabeth Heinman (Sp???):
"instead of griping when you get up in the morning, be grateful that you can."
Think about it - I know I will!!!!!!

Now for our letter column!!!! And to start it off... a real young hobby member! Take it away Samantha!
Dear Kathy, My father is not pathetic! - After all, He's not the one with the bright idea to sell his kids to the Arabs. Now that's pathetic!.....love Samantha
Dear Samantha: It's nice to see you stick up for a piece of Dead-Wood!!!!!! Someday, your father will realize that you are more than a tax deduction - I hope.....Aunt Kathy

Dear Kathy: This is an open letter to Woody.
Mr. Arnawoodian: In light of the vicious attacks you have made against me and ~~Deed~~ Ken, I have but one response - GO MOLEST YOUR HASSER...Ms. Extrom
F.B. No fair abusing me until Kathy declares open season. Then you can compete with everyone else for the free issues!

Dear Kathy: I have nothing to say this time. So you want me to "Eat My Heart Out." Fine. I'll just make a pass at Kathy Cunning. She's more accessible than you are anyway. After all, we allied successfully at the "St. Valentines Day Massacre" tourney....Dave Grabar
Dear Hot Shot: I hope that Cathy doesn't get as offended as Phil when someone spells her name wrong, but aside from that you already lost out!!!!. She's very happy with Eric....look I'll do you a favor maybe I can get you a date with Woody!!!!!!.....Me

From Ron Brown:Re: the money I bet: gambling debts are of the highest priority, else a man's not worth_____. (you fill in the blanks). It's a matter of honor and trust. In any case, things aren't so bad here. There were times when we'd have a temporary cash shortage, but, it's all working out. I'm glad to be working, even if I'm not too crazy about the work. Good luck with your hospital bills!
This was written to me, when he sent me the \$10 for the hockey pool, and I said he really didn't have to worry about it! He was unemployed at the time, and I didn't want him to think twice about the bet! He has a point, I don't bet unless I can pay either!!!!!!
here is still 2 people who have not paid up one dime on the hockey pool - pay up or I will publish your names next issue!

Page 11 of the zinnie, that says stick with me Kid!!!!!! KK!

From Rod Walker:

Kathy, I want you to know how deeply I regret that some other people have chosen to drag the BNC into some personal disagreements they have with you. I want to state publically that I feel you are doing an excellent job. Furthermore, your qualifications for the job are well known. Your performance as part of the U.S. Orphan Service was outstanding; quite the best and most effective work we have seen in that post for a decade. How can we forget that you saw to it that all orphan games possible found homes, without delay and without favoritism, and yet at the same time without public squabbling and carrying on. You worked quietly and efficiently and did a great job. I know that John Daly, your co-director of the project, greatly valued your contribution and your hard work and your impressive results. It is the tradition of the BNC that the Custodian serves all hobby members equally, without favor or discrimination. I know that you will do that, regardless of some individual problems or grievances you may have with others. Calling your qualifications into question is out of place in view of your record. Furthermore, in view of work I have already seen you perform in office, I am delighted to observe that you are living up to your excellent past record. Please do not feel badly about the temporarily poor judgement of others in the "heat of battle". I'm sure they will think better of their comments in time.

((KK: Thank you for your support, somehow I knew I could count on you. This section is probably going to be a mess, but I originally had a different answer written here, and then abhorred the idea to give anyone more fuel to use vs. me. I will try to regain calm, and keep my big mouth shut. Thanks to you for all your help and advice.

Jim Bob next: I don't have any time to keep up with things these days. Hang in there with the BNC job. It's really nice to see you willing to take it on. I have only the greatest respect for those of you who work to hold the hobby together.

((KK: Like, Rod, I also appreciate your support - the BNC is a tough job, but because of people like you it is worthwhile!!!!))

From Honey Olsen: A certain person and I are having an argument which I'd like you to clear up for me. The question is, was Caruso born a wimp, or did he have to take lessons? ((KK: Yes, he did take lessons, he studies diligently under Uncle Berch for two years!)) I feel that Caruso is Richard Simmons' long lost brother and that his wimpiness is natural. The other person, on the other hand, feels that John was once normal but later fell into a vat of quiche. What's the true story? By the way does quiche come in vats? And is Caruso as wimpily boring in real life as he is in print? Or what?

((KK: Caruso is not too much of a wimp - he is just Italian! Besides, he really tries to pretend he's normal! Give him a chance, and you might like him! But, don't hold your breath!!!))

Not much new here. All the big newsmakers, you, Langley and Cary, are pretty quiet lately. Must be the summer heat or something.

((KK: No, I think that eventually everyone realizes how stupid it is to respond,

Page 12 of the zine that is always in trouble!!!!!!

assinine attacks. Hey, we might as well let them pull us apart - at lease that way they are leaving someone with thinner skin alone!!!)

Dear Kathy, Terry Tallman won't let us sub to his zinnie unless I write to you and say he's 6'8" and blond. So, here it is. Are you listening, Terry?

"Terry Tallman is 6'8" and blond!"

I'm also suppose to drool all over this. I was going to get Samantha to help, but she's asleep!"

((KK: I can't believe that you would stoop this low!!!!))

Next up DEADWOOD himself!!!!!! Take it away Ken.....

Kathy, I'm sorry to say this, but it looks like John is going to have to find a new female groupie. Fver since we spent a casual evening visiting Terry Tallman last week, Joan has been walking around with Glazed Eyes and muttering "What a man" every 30 seconds. I think she's in love! She has been trying to pull herself together and has even managed to write a few normal looking letters. But she soon falls back into her empty eyed catatonic state, I'm afraid their is no hope. Tell John, not to take it too hard, I'm sure he will find someone else eventually.

.....Ken Corbin

F.S. She has even thrown away the picture of Dave Grabar. This is getting real serious!

((KK: Throwing away Dave's picture is serious, I mean everyone likes to look at his body!!!! This looks like a job for Honey Olsen - check this out and let me know what you think - imagine throwing over Dave Grabar for Terry shortman!))

And now for the memorial corner - take it away Phyllis' admirers!

PS: Deadwood Review Nov 13 Sept. 10th d 11E !!!



TOP 100 STARS TOP 100 STARS TOP 100 STARS TOP 100 STARS TOP

1	8.53	Kathy Byrne	52	1.53	George Cunningham
2	7.50	Jack Masters			Garry Hamlin
3	5.53	Dave Carter	54	1.50	Kevin Tighe
4	3.75	Don Ditter			Dave Claman
5	3.67	Bob Osuch			Bryan Jurkowski
		Dan Stafford			George Leritte
7	3.50	Greg Haskew			Bruce Linsey
		Fred Townsend			Steve McLendon
9	3.37	Dick Martin	60	1.33	Don Blasland
10	3.33	Bill Becker			Bob Bragdon
11	3.16	Walter Blank			Vic Carpenter
12	3.08	Lee Kendter Sr.			John Daly
13	2.98	Keith Sherwood			Dave Grabar
14	2.92	Ron Brown (USA)			Ken Iverdson
		Bill Hart			John Kevern
16	2.83	Al Pearson			Eric Kirchner
17	2.75	Arturo Guajardo			Vern Schaller
		Paul Rauterberg			Don Swartz
19	2.58	John Horn			Eric Verheiden
		Doug Landon	71	1.25	Dave Bunke
21	2.50	Tim Burton			Gary Coughlan
22	2.40	Ron Kelly			Steve Langley
23	2.33	Gordon Argyle			Terry Tallman
		Jack Frost	75	1.20	Larry Chafetz
		Tim Haffey			Bob Olsen
26	2.28	Bern Sampson			Tom Thorsen
27	2.25	Doug Beyerlein	78	1.17	Gene Boggess
		David Ezzio			Mark Fassio
		Jack Fleming			Mike Mazzer
		Peter Fuchs			Glenn Sherrill
		Robert Kraus	82	1.00	Mike Brophy, Bill
		Tom Ripper			Bryg, Robert Cheek,
33	2.16	Bob Sergeant			Gary Carson, Mark Cummings,
34	2.08	Gary Howe			Blair Cusack, Johan DeKleer,
35	2.00	Kerry Blant			Al Dudderar, Roger Dunnell,
		Russ Rusnak			Bill Gosvenor, Tom Graessle,
		John Stewart			Jim Grosch, Rick Griffin,
		Tom Swider			Tom Henthorn, Al Hoffman,
		Tom Williams			Tom Hurst, Art Italo, Stan
40	1.83	Kevin Kozlowski			Johnson, Doug Karnes, Rick
		Jim Lawniczak			Kassel, Dan Kuszynski,
		Bill Schiwautz			Peter LaRocco, Walter Loy,
		Jim Williams			Russell MacKechnie, Bernie
44	1.75	John Kador			Oaklyn, Peter Odo, Bill
45	1.67	Uli Baumeister			Radonich, Ira Rosen,
		Jim Meinel			Steve Rose, Hector Roybal,
47	1.58	Russel Blau			Jack Schneider, David
		Phil Cooper			Smith, Darrell Stevens,
		Paul Goodrich			John Strain, Pierre
		Stephen Lee			Touchette, Dave Weatherhead,
		Rick Ragsdale			Constantine Xanthos, Richard
					Young, Bill Young,
					John Zipper.

- 11 -
INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

Update - - 6/9/83

Rank	Name	IPR	# of Wins and Draws	Latest	# of Wins	# of 32/83 Game Starts
1.	Lee Kendter Sr	9.1	16	'80 HE	7	1
2.	Kathy Byrne	8.4	12	'81 HP	6	10
3.	Jack Masters	7.3	10	'80 KZ	6	1
4.	Don Ditter	6.2	11	'81 X	4	2
5.	Dave Carter	5.3	11	'81 AO	2	1
6.	John Caruso	5.0	10	'80 LE	2	1
7.	Ron Brown USA	5.0	8	'80 KV	4	3
8.	Bill Hart	4.8	7	'80 HS	4	1
9.	Eric Verheiden	4.7	13	'79 IK	2	1
10.	Dan Stafford	4.6	7	'81 K	3	6
11.	Ron Kelly	4.5	10	'80 CW	3	1
12.	Stan Johnson	4.5	7	'80 IO	3	1
13.	Arturo Guadardo	4.4	8	'81 J	2	1
14.	Bob Sergeant	4.4	7	'80 IZ	4	2
15.	Dick Martin	4.3	8	'81 HP	3	2
16.	Rick Kassel	4.1	6	'79 HX	3	1
17.	Dave Ditter	4.0	8	'81 HQ	2	3
18.	Eric Kirchner	4.0	8	'80 CX	2	1
19.	Bob Osuch	3.9	6	'82 C	3	1
20.	Tom Thornsén	3.9	6	'81 S	3	1
21.	Bill Becker	3.8	6	'81 CN	2	5
22.	Tom Ripper	3.8	6	'81 CY	3	1
23.	Blair Cusack	3.8	5	'79 K	3	6
24.	Steve McLendon	3.7	7	'80 AN	3	1
25.	John Kador	3.5	6	'80 KB	2	2
26.	Walter Blank	3.5	5	'80 CI	3	1
27.	Greg Haskew	3.5	4	'81 ID	3	2
28.	H D Bassett	3.5	4	'78 AZ	3	1
29.	John Michalski	3.4	9	'82 C	1	17
30.	Paul Rauterberg	3.4	7	'80 HG	2	8
31.	Fred Townsend	3.3	5	'81 K	3	3
32.	John Kevern	3.2	7	'80 CF	1	1
33.	Gene Boggess	3.0	5	'81 AA	1	1
34.	Dan MacLellan	3.0	6	'78 R	1	1
35.	Bill Bryg	3.0	3	'79 HR	3	1
36.	Eldon Nichol	3.0	3	'78 U	3	1
37.	Dave Crockett	3.0	3	'77 HT	3	1
38.	Mark Berch	2.9	5	'80 AY	2	1
39.	Keith Sherwood	2.8	10	'81 IN	0	2
40.	Al Pearson	2.8	4	'80 LL	2	7

This is a Calhmer-type rating that is kept current by only rating the last 4-5 years of games, by Boardman number. This update includes only BNEd games 1977-1982, taken from Everything's #42 to #56.

As you can see from the additional information I have added that there are alot of inactive players on the list inspite of the limited time frame involved. So there is lots of room for you!

Win = 1.0
 2-way draw = .5
 3-way draw = .3
 4-way draw = .2
 5-way draw = .1
 6-way draw = .0 (tie breaker)

Dan Stafford
 1643 Graniteway Ln
 Columbus, OH 43229
 (614) 431-9334

John, ((from Don Swartz))

I really enjoyed getting to see you and Kathy at DipCon. You are definitely the sort of person that could be used as a model of what an Outdoorsman should be like. Hope to see you all at Mary(?)Con next year, that shouldn't be too much further away then Detroit was.

((Good chance you will see us at MaryCon. Its at a bad time of year, early June while school is still on, but if we can find someplace to dump the kids, we will definitely be there. It was good to finally meet you too. You are the perfect example of what a Kentucky, backwoodsman should look like too.))

JOKE TIME

1- There's a guy running around town naked and the police stop him and ask what he thinks he's going. He explains that he was at a big party and the host suddenly said, "OK, everybody take off your clothes". So everyone took off their clothes. Then the host turned off the lights and said "OK, everybody, lets go to town!" The naked guy says, "I guess I'm the 1st one here!"

2- There are 4 men at a brothel. One is sitting in his car on the street in front of the house. One man is hurrying in the front door. One is lying in the bed upstairs. The 4th is walking out the back door. What are the nationalities of the 4 men? ((Answer on the last page))

You can thank Little Piggy from Oregon for those beauties. Next up we have a couple of JR submissions. The way things look now, 2 days before printing day, I have but 1 letter and these couple of jokes and JR. Oh, I almost forgot, I misplaced a short note from Rod Walker for print. I'll find it and add it after the JR section. Gee, 3 sections on 1 page.

JR (aka John's Retaliation)

Will you adopt me? I've got to get out of this family! Love Samantha
Dear Sammie Sweetie, Yes, I'll adopt you, but only if you let me adopt your Mom too. She's not the pathetic one. Its you old man- DEADWOOD.

Dear JR, Whats the difference between a dog and a fox? About 3 drinks.
Signed Funny Lady PS I still love you! I'll write soon. PPS you have a lovely daughter.

Dear Carol Burnett, This is not a joke column, but a serious question column. You should be asking questions like- why is Woody a mindless drone? Or- Will Bob Olsen ever see 250 lbs again?

Dear John, ((from Rod Walker))

I cannot praise your editorial in WHITESTONIA #73 too highly. It was a very generous gesture. Having had to make my share of apologies in this hobby, I know how hard it is...and how good it feels once it's done. Although I was not one of the parties involved in the situation, please accept my gratitude for your act of courage and good will.

((Accepted and thank you.))

John, ((From Blimpy Olsen))

Too bad you wimped out and can't come to Wichita, but just send Kathy and I'll overlook the matter.

((I didn't wimp out. I don't have the money, nor can I get the time off. Yes, I will send Kathy, you can keep her, if you forward Joan to me. You know how to get possession of her, you know, you beg, wimper, cry; plead you'd do anything for a real man, like Michalski))

"A NICE DILEMMA"

...Trial By Jury

by Rod Walker

((This article is being simultaneously...more or less...submitted to WHITESTONIA, VOICE OF DOOM, DIPLOMACY DIGEST, and several other 'zines..))

It's a simple question with a not-so-simple answer: "Can you order a unit to do two things at once?" Most GMs, I imagine, would instantly answer, "Yes". In a ruling in 1982X last year, that's what Bruce Linsey answered. And the ombudsman selected for the subsequent appeal, Mark Berch, agreed. My answer is, "It depends."

The specific case involves these orders, given first in the normal Rulebook notation, then in the standard notation used in DIPLOMACY WORLD, and then in the notation used in VOICE OF DOOM (and in which the original orders were written):

- 1. A Ser H
A Gre S A Ser
A Gre H
A Ser S A Gre
- 2. A Ser H S by A Gre
A Gre H S by A Ser
- 3. A Ser H (A Gre S)
A Gre H (A Ser S)

Any of these notation systems makes it clear that each unit has been given two orders: one to hold and another to support the other unit in holding. The very extensive Houserules for VoD provide that if a unit is double-ordered, it is shown as unordered (but the question as to whether this is really double-ordering will arise momentarily). This HR is to some extent redundant: the Rules provide that an order which admits of two meanings is not followed, and most GMs subsume double-ordering under that provision.

Accordingly, Bruce Linsey ruled that the units were double-ordered, and recorded them as unordered. The player, Ed Wrobel (Turkey), protested this ruling, but the selected ombudsman, Mark Berch, upheld it. Ultimately, although not immediately, this led to Ed's resignation from the game. He felt he had been shafted by a too-precise application of Houserules without proper appreciation for his intent. This latter was, he said, to issue a single order to each unit: to hold and support the other.

It should not be necessary to point out that the most correct way to submit the orders Ed wanted would have been A Ser S A Gre, A Gre S A Ser. That is the way most players would submit those orders and the way most GMs would expect to see them. Nor is it necessary to point out that the GM cannot really consider what a player intended by his orders; that's pure guesswork. He can only consider what the orders mean (not what the player may have meant by them, but what they actually mean when viewed by the GM).

To show the pitfalls of this business of intent, let's take a look at the possible intents of a player who submits the orders in notation #1 (a couple of these would not apply in cases 2 &/or 3 because of their different construction).

- a. The player remembers that a unit must be holding in order to receive support, so writes the H order as well as the S order in order to be sure.
- b. The player is deliberately double-ordering his units in an attempt to blame the HRs for his failure to deliver a promised support. In other words, it's a ploy.
- c. The player wanted to hold, then decided to support and forgot to cross off the superceded order.
- d. Ditto, support orders changed to holds.
- e. Player is testing GM.
- f. Player wants an excuse to resign from the game.
- g. Who knows? It's a screwy hobby.

No, you can't base a decision on intent; the GM can't read minds and shouldn't have to. However, I hope you will keep these possible intents in mind, since we will return to them later.

The real question here is, is this a double order? The knee-jerk answer is, as I've indicated, "yes". But there is far more to it than that. We must first consider what the Rulebook has to say.

Rule VII.4, last sentence: "A badly written order, which nevertheless have only one meaning, must be followed."

Rule IX.6, first sentence: "A unit not ordered to move (i.e., one that ordered to hold, ordered to convoy, ordered to support, or not ordered at all may receive support in holding." (Emphasis added.) The pre-1971 Rules contain similar language.

The first and most important thing we must note is that a unit which not ordered to move is in fact holding, regardless of whatever else it may be ordered to do. This statement, and concept, has from the earliest days of the hobby led to some confusion. There were players who thought a unit had to be ordered to hold (as well as support or convoy, if desired) in order to be eligible to be supported in its turn. In the late 1960s it was not uncommon for a GM, to receive an order such as "A Ser H and S A Gre". I printed it as "A Ser S A Gre", and the redundancy soon dawned on the player, who then stopped doing the unnecessary writing. But it was no big deal; the meaning of the order as sent was crystal clear.

It is equally clear, from both his orders and from his subsequent letter that Ed Wrobel was doing the same thing, under the same misconstruction of the Rules actually require. He made a mistake. He was punished for it (one of his units was dislodged and annihilated, which would not have happened had his supports been ruled valid). We're coming back to that point, too.

In the context of Rule IX.6, and of this little snippet of hobby history we now turn to Rule VII.4. Can there be any real doubt that if a unit is ordered to hold and also to support, the meaning (and I don't mean intent) of this apparent double order is clear? No; the order to hold is redundant...the unit is already doing that. The hold order must be regarded as unnecessary, not as a second, contradictory order. There is no possible contradiction between hold and support (or convoy) in terms of meaning (although the player may have intended it otherwise). My own ruling in this case, therefore, is that the hold order is redundant and disregarded, and the support (or convoy) order is valid.

This brings us back to the list of possible intents. If we ignore the more arcane motives e-g, where do the rewards and penalties fall? The rule which voids the support order rewards the ploy (b) and a careless error (d). The ruling I recommend, which regards the hold order as redundant, rewards the honest mistake (a) and another careless error (c). Well, the careless errors cancel each other out. That leaves us with making a GM decision which will reward either the Sneaky Pete tactic or the honest player who's just trying to do the best. Which one is more deserving? Of course the latter player is...after all, the guy with the ploy can just figure out another way to miswrite his order. But the guy who's just trying to do the best job he can of writing his orders will otherwise get the shaft every time. (Besides, you can call the redundancy to his attention, and he won't repeat it.)

I suppose it comes down to this: are we, as GMs, running a game or are we running a reformatory for bad kids who can't write their orders correctly? Are we really in the business of punishing those who can't turn in perfect orders time after time? I don't think so; GMs can be human too, or should be. In any case, as a ruling can be applied consistently and without favoritism, it should be applied for the occasional human error (and if it voids out a popular deceptive ploy as well, aw shucks). The rule is simple, and in accordance with the Rulebook: a dual order to hold and support (or convoy), the hold order is redundant and the convoy (or support) order is valid. What could be simpler? What could be fairer? Oh, ye rigid taskmasters, it's time to get a little flexibility. Those badly-written orders fly when possible (the Rulebook says you must). After all, when it comes right down to it, fellow GMs, are we here to hinder or to help?

((Thank you Rod. This is something you usually wouldn't see in W, a more detailed discussion, but it is of importance. Following this is Mark Berch's response to this, with my comments after Mr Berch's. Do any of you have an opinion you wish to add?))

A Response to "A Nice Dilemma"

The core question here is the nature of the independent order? If so, a unit ordered to both is merely an aspect of the S and C orders, then adding redundancy. To answer this, we go back to definition.

"A Unit may be ordered to do only one thing: move, hold, or support; a fleet may be ordered to move.

Hold here seems to be a separate and independent a fleet can do. And a fleet can only do one of these.

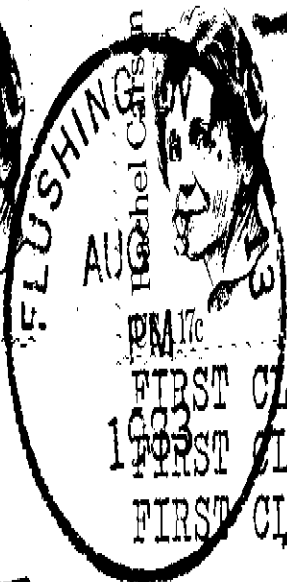
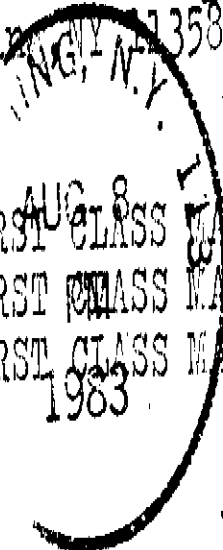
quote. The last two words seem to imply that holding is an order other than a move. The problem is, what action can we look at IX.6 as a somewhat truncated rule, which more precisely would have read, "...any receive support in holding, in conveying, or in supporting."

I think Rod sticks the question a bit open, in viewing the possible intent of the player, he writes, "The player reserves that a unit must be holding in order to receive support....." What the rule says is that the unit not be ordered to move.

I wanted to comment briefly on the Ombudsmans role. I believe he should only overrule the GM when the GM is clearly wrong, or has violated his own HRs. He's not there to say how he would have ruled, i.e. to substitute himself in the place of the GM. If I received an appeal from a player protesting that the GM had ruled the support as Grace (i.e. that the support was erroneous valid, I would have upheld that too. A perfectly reasonable argument can be made on either side, and thus neither ruling is clearly wrong. Its like the situation where a player mislabels an army for a fleet. There's plenty of happy precedent on both sides of the question. In certain areas (such as treatment of deadlines, or draw votes), I think variation in house rules practices is good. In other areas, we might well be better off with some "standard adjudications". This, I think, is one of those areas.

((Thank you Mark. Now to address the problem myself- I would rule, myself as a GM, that the orders were poorly written, but none-the-less, legal. Its like writing F Mar-Spn. It isn't illegally written, just poorly written. For me to read anything more into Spn than to mean Spain is interference in the game. However, Linsey saw Wrobel's orders as double orders. Assuming the GM is correct in his interpretation, the ombudsman's decision in this case, Berch's, is also correct. What the problem comes down to is this- how the individual views a double order. Be that as it may, if I were Linsey, I'd add another amendment to my HR's for this problem, hell what another rule when you have 716 worth anyway. He should make it equally clear as to what he considers a double order, just as he has made all the other "rulebook ambiguities" clear to his players. I'm glad tho that I am not the only GM who looks at the entire move and writing of the units, before judging what the units are doing. I salute you Rod. As for Mark's ruling, I too would not overturn the GM's decision unless the GM was proven wrong. The ombudsmans position is one to judge facts, not create them. But, I still feel if the GM is going to rule something such as these poorly written orders as double-ordered, he should clarify that to his players, and not surprise them.))

John Caruso
160-02 43Ave
Flushing, NY 11358



Rod Walker 75
1273 Crest Dr
Encinitas, Cal 92024