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- 1. This issue is going to be 9 pages long, an unusual number. You see, I only have 4 mimeo stencils; consequently, 5 pages will be offset, and I'll use the stencils to mimeo on the pack sides of 4 of those. I should get in another order of stencils by next issue, when we'll be back on our feet.
- 2. I have had a hell of a lot of work in the last few months. In addition of Urf, I'm taking three science courses (plus a history course---less work), I'm Secretary of the Game Designers' Guild, MNC, Capo of DNYMPA, games columnist for FANTASTIC magazine, book reviewer for ARES, contributing editor for MOVES and ARES, and am currently designing of developing four games. I am very much overcommitted, and am attempting to cut back on my commitments; consequently, I'm closing out the game openings in Urf. I intend to continue publishing Urf, but I really can't take on any more games at the moment. Those who've paid gamefees for Junta or Fiat Lux will receive a gamefee. The Youngstown game, however, will be starting this issue, since I've already organized the players for be starting this issue, since I've already organized the players for that game.
- 3. CONSPIRACY, the NYC Diplomacy & Fantasy Gaming Convention, will be held July 406 at the Prince George Hotel in New York, in conjunction with EMPIRICON II, the NYC Science Fiction Covention. There will be a tournmanet and panels on diplomatic and sfor gaming. Reigstration to \$7.50 until June 21, \$9 at the door, plus \$1 for the Diplomacy tournament. Write TESSFA, PO Box 682, Church Street Station, New York, NY, 10008.
- 4. Tom Swider, publisher of THE SHOGUN'S SOWRD, 1183 Robinson Hill Rd, Endwell, NY, 13760, is running a Machiavelli game, and needs a standby for the positions of Venice and Florence. Are any of our Machiavelli players interested? Write him if you area.

THE ILLUSION OF DEMOCRACY

In the minds of the American revolutionaries of the 18th century, the institution of democracy was to serve two functions. Firstly, it was a logical extention of the principle of equality before the law. Secondly, it placed the ultimate control of government in the hands of the people, rather than in the hands of an autocrat or court clique---and thus ensured that government could never---or never, for very long---take action opposied by the majority. The institution of democracy came about not because of a firm belief in "majority rule", but because of a firm belief in individual <u>liberty</u>; if the people controlled the government, the government would be less likely to violate the liberties of individuals. The key point here is that democracy was seen as good because it helped to protect liberty, not because it was abstractly "good" in its own right.

But, as time passed, democracy aquired a mystique all of its own. Democracy came to mean, simply, majority rule. In many nations, massive violations of the rights of individuals occurred because the government could claim that it had a support of the majority in its actions. The best example of this is Napoleon III, who based his claim to rulership on a popular vote---but whose regime was nonetheless autocratic and oppressive.

When socialism was in its infancy, its proponents made no bones about the fact that they had no regard for individual liberty. Their goal was to create a "fair" society ensuring happiness for as many as possible, regardless of the damage done to individual liberty. Saint-Simon, for instance, said that those who did not follow the orders of his proposed planning boards, would be "treated as cattle." Marx had nothing but contempt for the "bourgeois" liberties" by which the ruling classes justified their oppression of the masses.

But as time wore on, the proponents of socialism adopted a "human face", to coopt a phrase from the Prague Spring. Socialism became "democratic socialism". It pressed for state control of the economy---in a democratic framework. The people would control the government, so the government would use its control of the economy in the best interests of the people. Without democracy, state control of the economy could easily lead to oppression; with democratic control of the state, this could not come about.

But this argument ignores several fundamental facts. Firstly, the liberty to compete freely in a free market is as much a fundamental human right as the right to speak freely---and government control of the economy denies this right. Secondly, even a democratic government is not controlled "by the people"; in although the voters do, indeed, have a great say in the functioning of government, institutions with great financial or political power---such as big business, big labor, and vocal pressure groups such as the anti-abortionists, prohibitionists, and anti-nukers---have even more. Government might use its peconomic power to favor the interests of one or all of these special interest groups, rather than for the benefit of the people as a whole.

And lastly, democracy is a brutal and cruel sham <u>if</u> the rationale of "majority rule" is used to deny the rights of people. If democracy is the right of 51% of the people to vote the other 49% to death, it is nothing more than tyrrany---democratic though it may

So government control of the economy opens up new potentials for oppression---even if the control is "democratic". The majority of workers and farmers might, for instance, use its power, democratically, to oppress financiers and bankers----despite the fact that those bankers provide the capital and financial know-how to organize all of the vast agricultural and industrial efforts of the nation. Or conversely---and equally likely---the majority of white-collar workers might use its political power to oppress the minerity of blue-collar workers---by denying them the right to organize unions (right of free assembly) and by using the power of the state to brutally suppress strikes by those workers. Or even more likely, the majority of tenants might use their political power to oppress landlords, by passing rent control laws which bankrupt landlords, halt construction of housing, and cause deterioration in existing housing. Need I point out that, in the last century all three of these forms of economic oppression have been used by the state?

But even more brutal than this sort of iclassi oppression by the majority, is the use of economic power to effect less subtle oppressions. The miserable status of blacks in the South before the 1960s was not primarily caused by social ostracization of blacks by whites---such ostracization exceted, of course, but was not the primary cause of black poverty. The primary cause was a whole slew of laws and regulations which prohibited blacks from entering numerous occupations---or which put them at a distince disadvantage inthose occupations---and which ensured that black education would be inferior to white. The economic circumstance of blacks was caused by governments misuse of its control of the economy.

The point is that the same government domination of the economy which socialists advocate can be used either for the Igood! which they advocate --- or for evil. And making socialism Idemocratic! is no guarantee that it will not be used for evil---because the Imajority! can be as evil as any other group.

Democracy was created as a way of partially guaranteeing the rights of individuals. There is no other possible justification for democracy. Some may use democracy to justify violations of liberty; democracy can certainly be used to effect oppression, just as any other system of government can be. But we cannot and must not complacently accept oppression because it is democratic. Nor should we allocate to the state control over the economy under the belieft that that power will be used benighly---because the state is democratic. Liberty is important; democracy is important only to the extent that it protects liberty.

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5. Michael Mills (publisher of EMHAIN MACHA) has recently published the 1980 ZINE DIRECTORY, a compendium of all the Diplomacy and gaming magazines published in North America and Europe that Michael gas information about. It is an invaluable guide to anyone interested in the postal hobby; you can get a copy by sending Michael 75¢ in check, money order, or stamps (US currency only).

THE GAMES

80Icv (Youngstown IV) GM: Greg Costikyan W00
YOUNGSTOWN IV GAME STARTS
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I will be your gamesmaster. Deadlines are printed on the last page of each issue. The following people have not yet paid their \$3 deposit: Fred Hyatt, Glen Taylor, Paul Stevens, Brian Gister, Ralph Montonaro.* Please get it in as soon as possible. Country assignments were made by preference list (tho only five players sent in preference lists).

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I'll be sending copies of the map and rules to those of you who I am not sure have copies. If you don't get a copy with this issue and want one, send me a stamped, addressed envelope and I'll send one to you.

77Ags (Excommunication!)

GM: Greg Costikyán

W1108/S1109

Errors: HRE f nat could retreat to nth as well as otb. Abassids lost North Africa (because Tunis was converted), and thus must remove 2 units.

W1108

Cairo (Strain) NDR! GM Disbands f aeg.

France (Gruen) a bloi r-NMDY.

HRE (Brockington) f nat r-NTH. b f GENO.

Rus (Schwartz) NBR! owed one.

Seljuks (Wileman) owed one.

Albigensis (MexerC.D.) NDR! GM disbands m brgs, m salz, m ches. Abassid Islam (Gister) m chal r-ANGO. d m bagd, m tyn. Eastern Orthodoxy (Stimmel) b m NOVG, m KIEV, m TREB.

S1109

f HAMM-tyn.

EASTERN ORTHODOXY EXCOMMUNICATES LEON&CASTILE AND HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE ABASSIDS LIFT BAN ON SELJUK TURKS

Byzantium (ZrøssmænC.D.) a CHAL, f SICI /h/.

Cairo (Strain) NMR! f CBYN, f CAIR, f EAS, a JERU /h/.

France (Gruen) f SCOT & hre f nth-nat (nso), a PAR s a mmdy-BLOI.
Leon&Castile (Gould) EXCOMMUNICATED! a CORD & f to E.B., a UCLE-sara, a TUN h, a BARC & a AVIG & a bloi (r-bord, brit, reim, otb) & a BRIT-nmdy, a ARAG-bord, f SATL & f MID & f NAT-scot, f NAVR-bobi, f BALE &

HRE (Brockington) EXCOMMUNICATED! a ROM-nopr, a PISA-vero, a POLA & a BOH-hung, f DEN-saxo, a MAYE-frie, f MASS & a BUR-avig, f NTH, f GENO, a SALZ, a CHES /h/.

Rus (Schwartz) NMR! f ENG, f BAL, a CROA, a HUNG, a EPIR, a CON, a KHAZ, a TREB, a ANTI, a MOSU, a NEJD. Seljuk Turks (Wileman) NMR! f GRE, a ICON /h/. Albigensis (C.D.) m CORD, m AVIG /h/. Abassids (Gister) m MOSU & m ango-treb & don'y aba (r-arm, otb), m cbyn-ICON & conv aba, m ION s m gre-AEG, m nopr-TYN. Eastern Orthodoxy (Stimmel) m CON & m EPIR s m adr-GRE & conv eo, m novg-NWY & conv eo, m kiev-HUNG & conv eo, m CHAL s m pont-ANGO & conv eo, m TREB & m GEOR-mosu & døny eo, m khaz-PERS & conv eo. 78Nix (Partition) GM: Greg Costikyan W24/S25 W1924 Armenia (Wileman) ba YEREVAN France (Gould) d f lebanon, f cyprus Great Britain (Linden) NMR! owed 1. Greece (Elliott) b a SALONIKA, f PELOPENNESUS, a thrace (impossible). owed1 RSFSR (Gister) b f krasnodr (imp.--occupied), f UZHBEKHISTAN. owed 1. Turkey (C.D.) d a nevsehir. OUT! S1925 Armenia (Wileman) a YOZGAT & f WESTERN BLACK s a ANK-uskudar, a adana-ALEPPO, a aleppo-MOSUL, f EASTERN BLACK-georgia, a malatya (r-van, urfa, maras, otb) & a maras-TREBIZOND, a YEREVAN /h/. France (Gould) f persian gulf-QUWAIT (sf france), a DRUZE s a PALESTINE h (sf armenia). Great Britain (Linden) NMR! a TRANSJORDAN, a BAGHDAD, f ne med (radalia, gulf of adalia, lebanon, latakia, cyprus) /h/. Greece (Elliott) f pelopennesus-AEG, a salonika-BUL, a thrace h (nsu), f CRETE s f dodecanese-NE MED, a RUM h, a ATHENS h, a CON & a ESKEHÍR s f USKUDAR h. Italy (Strain) f SE MED s f SINAI-palestine, a ALEXANDRI s a ASWAN-cairo (\$\$ italy), a KASSALA-aswan, a SUDAN-kassala, a CAIRO-sinai. RSFSR (Gister) f KRASNODR Ogeorgia, a ERZURUM s a trebizond-MALATYA, a AZERBAIJAN-yerevan (# rsfsr), f uzhbekhistan-CASPIAN SEA. (PAW Game) GM: Greg Costikyan F03 Error: England has F pic, not A pic. Austria (Baillie) a BUD & f ALB s a ser-TRI, a gal-VIE. England (Hyatt) f NWY h, a stp-MOS, f ENG s f pic-BRE, f NTH-den, f LVP h. France (Kopel?) NMR! f LYO, a SPA, f IRI, f tyn (r-ion, otb), a GAS /h/. Germany (Dupont) fSWE-den, a sil-WAR, a ruh-BUR, a MUN-kie, a BER-kie. Italy (Schulz) a ven-ROM, f TUN s f nap-TYN, a tri-VEN, f WES-lyo. Russia (Kelly) NMR! f BAL /h/. Turkey (Strain) a UKR, f BLA, a RUM, f AEG, a GRE, a BUL /h/. Austria: TRI, vie, bud, ser, gre, rum 4 even England: lvp, lon, edi, nwy, stp, bel, MOS, BRE B2

D1/even

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France: par, mar, bre, spa, por

Italy: nap, rom, ven, tun, *x**

Germany: ber, kie, mun, hol, swe, WAR

DINNER WITH THE HINTONS by Evan Jones

I received an invitation from Mr. Hinton to dine with him and cordially accepted. I was looking forward to an evening of pleasant conversation and quiet dining, and was consequently quite surprised to find the house brilliantly lit and blaring with the sound of KISS's latest album. I rang the doorbell and adjusted my bow-tie as I waited for the door to open. Shortly, it swung open to reveal a teen-age girl in a magenta halter top, electric orange hot pants and yellow spikes. She looked me up and down suspiciously and said "Oh, you must be Mister Jones. Quite an, ah, outfit you have there." She opened the door to let me in, and I stepped into a Day-Glo Red foyer decorated with slashes of Fuzzy Pink. 'In poor taste', was all I could think.

She led me through the foyer into the living room, a garishly-painted byt large room scattered with bean-bag chairs and plastic tables. It was quite crowded when I arrived, and so I did not immediately notice the profusion of empty beer cans which were strewn about. I had difficulty finding Elmer through the press of guests. When I finally succeeded in locating him, he stood before a dual turntable, quadrophonic stereo. He was removing the KISS album, while the latest of Cheap Trick blared out from the other table, and hunting through a pile of records for another. "Quite a collection of guests you have here, Mr. Hinton," I ventured.

"Oh, Evan, quite nice to see you have arrived. Make yourself comfortable, take off that ridiculous outfit, grab yourself a beer, they're in the fridge," blurted Hinton, glancing up from his albums to me.

"When is dinner," I interjected, as he flipped on by Ohio Express and the Ramones. "I'm famished".

Picking out Shaun Cassidy's new release, Hinton said "Oh, fifteen minutes. My wife, Bunny, is making us all some Chef Boy Ar Dee Spaghetti, quite good if I say so myself. Have you met my wife?"

"Umm, actually I didn't know you were married. But if you mean the young lady who answered the door..." I ventured.

"No, no, no. That's Ginger," he responded enthusiastically. "She only sleeps with me on Wednesdays. You should really meet Bunny. We met down at the Moose Burger Drive-in. She was in..." Before he could finish, I headed for the kitchen. I would need a beer, this was gonna be a hell of a long night. I waded through the crowd of what I now realised were mostly young teen-age girls, a few teen-age boys and a number of people I had last seen hanging around Len Lakofka's in Chicago.

At the kitchen door, I was met by a buxom red-head, dressed in an overlytight Shaun T-shirt, torn blue-jeans and sneakers, bearing a plate of spaghetti. "Bunny?" I asked.

She turned to look at me and said "Yes. You must be Mr. Jones". I slipped by into the kitchen. There I salvaged a beer from the refrigerator and sat in a corner to drink it. From outside came noises reminiscent of a Carpenters' concert as the food was served. After a six-pack or so, I staggered up, "Yummy, yummy, yummy, I got love in my tummy" ringing in my ears.

I wandered into the living room, and was cronfronted with a massive game of spin-the-bottle. Before I could retreat to the safety of my kitchen abode, I was grabbed by Bunny and made to sit next to her as the bottle spun round. After this had gone on for several rounds, Elmer stood up and yelled over the Jackson Five "OK Kids, time for strip Diplomacy!"

NEVER TO BE CONTINUED if I have anything to say about it

THE DEATH OF RAY HEUER #6 by Raymond E. Heuer

Thrimble Games hadn't been doing too well, it was kind of depressing, and I was willing to sell my soul for success. I was finished L. Ron Hubbard's Dianetics when my mother called from the kitchen. We were out of RC and cigarettes, minor disasters for the two of us. Feeling the usual sense of urgency I get when there is no RC in the house, I put on my coat, patted the dog on the head and headed for the door, Shotze dodging between my legs, tail wagging. We went out into the freezing rain. Heading for the avenue, we attempted to negotiate the treacherous hillside, Shotze with more success than I. Lying on my back, I contemplated a late-model snowmobile parked in front of me, keys dangling innocently from the ignition. And what a pretty shade of red. I couldn't resist, even considering a possible charge of grand larceny. Placing Shotze carefully in front oe me, I pulled myself up onto the engine. Turning the ignition was I greeted by its lawn-mower sound, which excited my imagination. As I inched the machin forward, thoughts of chasing meadow creatures through snow-covered fields passed through my adrenaline-soaked brain. I gunnad the engine up to full throttle, zipping between stalled cars on Hillside Avenue. I ran the Yamaha past the corner store, all thoughts of RC gone from me at 65 MPH. I ran on, towards the open spaces of the island, knowing that only beyond the city limits could I fulfill my sadistic cravings. To crush small animals, I thought, a pleasant occupation for a Sunday evening.

The police caught on quickly. I was nearing the edge of Jamaica, going east on Hillside when the first came in pursuit. The ice, brought about by the rain-melted snow, made for treacherous going but I gunned up the engine anyhow, the wind blowing Shotze's ears. I knew exactly what was going to happen; fortunately, the cop did not. Suddenly loosening up on the throttle and throwing all my weight to the right, I made a 90° turn at 188th Street, heading for Jamaica Avenue and the wilds of the island. Only my expert slowing of speed saved me from skidding uncontrollably off the road, and the law had no such skill. Rounding the corner at high speed, the blue-and-white went careening off the road and into a Dunkin Donuts, where the care burst into flame, immolating the two officers within.

A second car began tailing me at Jamaica Avenue. He gained ground steadily; it looked like only another sharp turn would save me. Flawlessly, I executed the manouvre, only to find the police still on my tail with another car coming straight at me. Bad news, I thought looking for a way out. Either I swerve or face 5 to 10. I approached the next intersection; which way, right or left? Right, I chose, and went roaring up the alley towards an embankment. I hit the breaks and went skidding up the embankment, over the ice log fence, and in front of the on-rushing LIRR. I was killed instantly.

Wax Russia: O OUT! Turkey: con, smy, ank, bul, sev, nos, PUM, GRE В1 Will Glen Taylor, 443 O'Shaughnessy, Virginia Polythechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA, 24061 please stand by for France? 790jb (Machiavelli) GM: Greg Costikyan W1454 Expenditures: Austria (Elliott) maintains g MILAN, a CARIN, a CARNI. builds a TYROL, a AUSTR, a HUNGA. total expenditures: 18d. Florence (Sulsberger) maintains a LUCCA, a MODEN, a FLORE. total expenditures: 9d. France (Arrigo) maintains f CORSI, a SAVOY, a SALUZ, a TURIN. builds a AVIGN. total expenditures: 15d. Milan (Montonaro) NMR! GM maintains a MONTF, a PAVIA, a PIACE. total expenditures: 9d. Naples (Stevens) Maintains f WTS, f ETS, a AQUIL. (disbands a sardi). builds f PALER, a NAPLE. total expenditures: 15 d. Ottomans (Gister) maintains f LA, f WM, a RAGUS. builds f TUNIS, a ALBAN, a DURAZ. total expenditures: 18d. Papacy (Fields) maintains a ANCON, a TIVOL, a BRESC. (disbands f ua). builds a BOLOG, a PERUG, g ANCON. total expenditures: 18d. Venice (Polsky) maintains f DALMA, f L, a FERRA, a PADUA, a TRENT. builds a VENIC, a TREVI, total expenditures: 21d. You have _____ ducats. You owe ____ d payable on ____. 77? *Dudlo's Game) GM: Greg Costikyan F06 England (Crabill) f BAR h, f LVN s french a war h, f bot-SWE, f bal-BER, a mun-BOH, a stp-MOS, f LON /h/.France (Gannon) f NAF s f wes-TUN, f LYO-tyn, a MAR-pie, a BUR s a ruh-MUN, f SPA(sc) s f mid-WES, a WAR s english a stp-mos, a WAL h. Italy (Verheiden) f NAP s & f TYN & f tun-ion (r-otb), a VEN s a TRI s a bud-SER, a TUS-pie. Russia (Taylor) NMR! a lvn r-otb. a mos /h/ (r-ukr, otb).
Turkey (Divver) f AEG s f ION s french f wes-tun, a ser ø (r-gre, bul, otb) & a GAL s a rum-BUD, a ALB & a rum (impossible), a ukr-SEV, f bla-CON. England: edi, LON, nwy, swe, den, stp, ber, kie, MOS В2 France: parm, mar, bre, spa, por, bel, hol, lvp, mun, //ø/, TUN, WAR 11 В1 ven, rom, nap, tan, tri, vie, bud, SER 6 even Italy: Russia: ndøst, votskyt O OUT! 8 even/B1 smy, ank, con, bul, rum, sev, gre, & f, BUD

76JJ (PDL-6) GM: Greg Costikyan F09
Errors: Both th English and German moves to Hol should have been listed as failing, leaving an English f NTH and a German a KIE.

The Turkish f apu should have been listed as retreating otb; its move to adr failed, resulting in annihilation.

England (Stimmel) f ENG & f NTH s a pic-BEL, f ion-TUN, f TYN-rom, f ADR s f apu-VEN.

France (Strain) a pic r-otb. a GAS h, f ROM h, f IRI h, a bel h (r-bur, otb), a ven h (r-tus, pie, otb).

Germany (Hinton) a UKR & a GAL & a BUD s a RUM h, a MOS-sev, a VIE s a TRI h, a RUH s a kie-HOL, f bal-DEN, a mun-TYO.

Italy (Gould) f NAP & english f tyn h (nso).

Turkey (Taylor) NMR! a tri r-otb. a BUL, a SER, a GRE, f BLA, a ARM, a SEV /h/.

England: lvp, edi, lon, bel, nwy, por, tun, VEN 8 B1
France: bre, mar, par, spa, yen, rom 5 even
Germany: kie, mun, ber, bud, den, hol, mos, rum, stp, swe,
war, vie, TRI 13 B2
Italy: nap
Turkey: smy, con, ank, bul, gre, ser, sev, */*/ 7 B1

Vote on the two draw proposals that were printed last issue again; if you have any preference, please state which draw proposal you would prefer if you vote for both. The two proposals are: 1) a concession to Germany, and 2) a draw among England, France, and Germany.

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