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REMARKS

Welcome to the late April issue of STARBURST. Once more I am extremely pleased to announce the joining of several new members, both in Australia and New Zooland.

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As you all know 1992 is a year of great change for Traveller. GDW is finally bringing out **n** official newsletter for Traveller, the release of Star Viking and Traveller the New Era is due later in the year and so is the 70 year jump. Indeed this will be a most interesting year for our favorite RPG. However, with so much going on many HIWGers have been frozen to near inactivity for fear that their work will come to nothing. While this is understandable it is unnecessary. One of HIWGs major goals is to influence the future of Traveller. With the 70 year jump coming up there's alot of future to be influenced. Now is the time for HIWG members to be frantically writing and sending stuff to one another. Something is going to happen to the Imperia during the 70 years and I for one would like to know what.

When GDW sit down to figure out what happens to the Imperia during those years they'll find it really useful to_A^{AV} pile of HIWG does or correspondence to work from. If it's not available as a HIWG doe the official press aren't going to see it.

For those who fear being overwritten or having their material become obsolete, don't worry, chances are that in 70 years time something similar to what you are working on will turn up, so with a little reworking your material can be updated. Don't be left waiting.



DON'T FORGET TO SHUT THE CARGO BAY DOOR.

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Sinclair, Grant; UWP 5867A8; Age 30.

Skills: Computer-3, Admin 2, Wheeled Vehicle 1, Physics-1, Zero G Environ-1.

Profile: Originally born in the city of Adelaide on the world of Regina, Grant is a stereotype bachelor. This led to his discovery of a simple process to simulate zero-G conditions (called "getting drunk") and his belief that a vacuum cleaner is something that gets rid of space junk. He worked for the Regina government (a civil service bureaucracy) until his disregard for authority caused Duke Norris to exile him to a then uninhabited nearby world (Spinward Marches 1607). Grant's current activities are a mystery, due to the piles of dirty clothes, books, pizza cartons and papers that fill his primitive living unit and defy even TL 16 densitometer scans. Even some of the junk can't stand the smell any more (overloading sniffer bioscanners up to 1 parsec away) and spontaneously achieve escape velocity from the planet, causing a navigation hazard that made the entire system a red zone.

Possessions: Junk, books and CDs, various TLs; TL 6 living unit (mortaged to Hortalez et Cie); TL 7 wheeled vehicle (bicycle); TL 8 wheeled vehicle (ground car); TL 9 computer (Macintosh).

KNOW YOUR HIWGER

As you can see from above this month we looked at Grant Sinclair the HIWG Australia Regional Data Co-ordinator. Remember everyone, I plan to do this for all of you. So send in two or more good photos of yourself as well as a blurb about yourself in Traveller style. All officers of HIWG, particularly those who hail from overseas should consider this to be compulsorary.

Getting an idea as to what we all look like will help our cooperation and is fun. So I expect to start recieveing your photos, etc very soon. All photos will be returned at the carliest opportunity, so act now.

TERRA TRAVELLER TILES

Terra Traveller Times is a fanzine produced by HIWGer 'Geo' Gelinas for Traveller and other games produced by Game Designers Workshop. This is a great fanzine full of all sorts of interesting things. All old subscriptions expired with issue 37. Subscritions are now available for \$10. Each subscription is for six issues. Send monies to David Schneider.

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Issue 9 (12 pages), Issue 10 (4 pages), Issue 11 (4 pages), Issue 12 (4 pages),
Issue 13 (4 pages), Issue 14 (4 pages), Issue 15 (6 pages), Issue 16 (4 pages),
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Issue 25 (12 pages), Issue 20 (10 pages), Issue 27 (2 pages), Issue 22 (1 pages),
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YIKLENZDANZH AND ZHODANI

Page three contains a map of the various Zhodani provences into which their space is divided. This map is based on the information in the Zhodani Alien Module and is as accurate as I am able to make it. As you can see Zhodani controlled space is divided into eight provinces (preqlianz). These provinces presumably also act as military districts. Since Yiklerzdanzh is about a third Zhodani it is of interest to us to define the Zhodani military command structure.

The Zhodani Alien Module suggests that there are many parrells between the Imperium and the Consulate. Like the Imperium the Consulate probably operates operates on the subsector and sector level, however the Imperium places the greatest importance on the sector level of operations. The reintroduction of Domain level operations and planning having only recently been added to the chain of command, and which had not been fully installed at the start of the Rebellion. Zhodani military planning and defence is probably based at province level for a better appreciation of the overall strategic situation. Such a structure, however, limits quick reaction time to threats so I would suggest that each province would be divided into two or more military districts. This would allow a much greater amount of flexibility. Working on this premise the chain of command for Ladr Nsobl province (the one including Yiklerzdanzh)



it is useful for us to gain an idea of how the Zhodani military is structured.

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YIILERZDANZH DEVELOPHENTS

Grant Sinclair has asked a few questions that he would like to have resolved before he continues with the work on his subsectors. He would like to know if Zuchai Crystals occur naturally or are the produced artificially. He also wishes to know if the Zhodani are able to read alien minds. To start with Zuchai crystals do occur naturally in numerous systems and I believe that they can be created artificially, though this is obviously more expensive. Secondly, I believe that the Zhodani can read some alien minds but it is possible for alien minds to be structured in such a way that it is impossible to comprehend their thoughts. Should anyone discover otherwise please let me know.

Subsector M has been named 'String of Pearls'. Also subsectors J, N & O are still not taken though I have had some interest from two of our newer members. Our development of Yiklerzdanzh will begin officially on 136- 1120. So all new events following our initial development should begin from this date.

Developers please remember that while populations within the borders of states are high, they are low outside of the borders with barren worlds. If you have to tinker with your original die rolls so be it.

Finally all developers are asked to give brief progress reports for inclusion in STARDURST. These should include ideas you are presently kicking around.

PEEDZH CHR SUBSECTOR

Sector: Yiklerzdanzh Subsector: Peedzh Chr (A)

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| | 0206 | B54664A-9 | | Ag, Ni | 612 | мз V | | Zh |
| Vcchtrebnsh Dlack Notlkr | 0302 | | | Lo, Ni | 404 | F8 V | | $\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{h}$ |
| Blech Netlbr | 0303 | | | Ni | 615 | M2 V | F6 V | Zh |
| Fliaofnsae | | | | | 524 | M5 II | | Zh |
| Zhyaeanzh | 0305 | | | | - | F9 IV | | Zh |
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