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What does Ceti Alpha V hold in store for the Starship Enterprise

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GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

You hold in your hands the third consecutive issue of the Starfleet COMMUNIQUE. The past month has been a rather hectic one in the Communications Department due to the change of command from Adm Wxyn to myself and the subsequent changes in the staff. Hark Henrie. the former Director of Corrospondence will now be servings Vice Chief of Communications and di Kazmarek will take over the position of DOC. Also, Kevin MacDonald of the USS ENDEAVOR has been appointed Director of Editing. I hope that my departmental administration can be one of continued expansion and improvement in the publications area.

The COMMUNIQUE can only stay varied and interesting when it contains contributions from all puts at the fleet. Fictional and non-fictional article; notices, artwork. etc are welcome and encouraged. Such submissions may be sent directly to me if you are of Lt. Commander rank or above: all others must go through their CO. Comments and suggestions are welcome, but due to my heavy workload an answer must not be expected.

Road on and enjoy!

Live long and prosper,

Admiral Brian Jackson, Chief of Communications, Starfleet

STAR TREK Update AIL NE

Eugene Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon

'Star Trek II' goes with original cast

HOLLYWOOD has gone into production at Para- chelle Nlcnots and George Takei also mount Pictures, with William Shatner, return in their original roles. Leonard Nimoy and DeForest Kelleyin their original roles.

Khan, a role created in a 1967 episode Bennett and Jack Sowards. Gene Rodof the "Star Trek" television series. denberry created the series

(AP) - "Star Trek II" James Doohan, Waller Koenig, Ni-

Nicholas Meyer will direct "Star Ricardo Montalban also will star as Trek II" which was written by Harve



Up until now (November 3rd), we have been under the assuption that Leonard Nimoy's character, the famed Mr. Spock, was definitely slated for death in the up and coming Star Trek movie. Through our Vice Chief of Personnel, VADM Judy Miller, we have learned otherwise. According to two seperate sources, one on the west coast, and one on the east coast, Mr. Spock is NOT going to die. Apparently, while filming in China, Mr. Nimoy called to the states to refute the original rumors, and stated that if Spock were scripted to be killed that he would not play the part, and that he plans to be involved in all of the Star Trek films. Currently, Mr. Nimoy can be seen on television commercials for Magnavox, and heard representing the Bell System and Odyssey Video games in both of their television commercials.

It was also originally rumored that Paramount thought DeForrest Kelley was too old to continue portraying Dr. McCoy, but our east coast source also assures that the ENTIRE original cast has been reassembled for the filming which begins November 15th, 1981. It is interesting to note that the Wall Street Journal picked up on a fan based survey to predict how much money would be lost to Paramount if any of the major characters were killed, specifically Mr. Spock, and it was substantial enough to change Paramount's mind very, very quickly. So once again, it is clear that the devotion and dedication of the fans has played a very important role in how the future of Star Trek is molded. Keep up the great work everyone !!

A POEM BY H. A. HENRIE (Written after viewing "The Paradise Syndrome) Come. venture boldly beyond memory to "a strange lodge" in the sky, to laugh so lovingly among the pines of another world troubled only by fragments of former dreams. Come, venture boldly to meet your Miramanee at the end of darkness in a time of joy, untouched by dangers past, untouched by thunder: presentsafe beyond all asteroids. Come. venture boldly on truth's advancing beam. a proud preserver of the glory of the Lamp perhaps to mirror in your own another people's destiny. Is not this life's most exquisite enterprise Come, Venture Boldly!

Mr. Henrie, father of Commodore Mark Hnerie, is an ordained minister and serves as Ship Chaplain aboard the USS MONITOR. He is a well known poet, artist and author who has received several awards and honors including a listing in <u>The World's Great Contemporay</u> Poets. This is his first STAR TREK related work.

OUR FUTURE IN SPACE

By Admiral Brian Jackson

With the launching of the space shuttle <u>Columbia</u> a whole new round of space exploration debates have begun. Almost invariable groups of space enthusiasts declare their complete support for the NASA space program and clamor for larger scale government projects to satify their aspirations of our future in the final frontier"

In fact, the spin lobby is consistantly ignoring the inherent dangers of allowing the federal government to control the exploration and development of the vast resources of outer space. It is well knownthat what the government subsidizes, it controls and placing the future of mankind in the hands of the self serving Washington bureaucrats is tantamount to collective suicide.

By choosing to pursue political answers to worthy goals, space enthusiasts have surrendered the very future of our race to the shifting favoritism of the State. When government controls our expansion into the rest of the solar system, it becomes, not an idealized situation of freedom and enterprise in space but instead simply another government program competing for a piece of the federal pie.

The fact is, private initiative <u>can</u> finance exploration and development into space. Currently, groups such an the L-5 Society and the Sabre Foundation are sponsoring their own research into the conquest of space with little or no government funding. Perhaps the most striking example of individual support is the Viking Fund which garnered over \$100,000 for the Viking Martian Lander, enough to keep it in contact with Earth for 6 months!

Many Starfleet members, including myself, feel that with the colonization, exploration and industrialization of space will come a vast new revolution in our way of life. Already plans are being made by earthbound companies to manufacture computer components, lenses, vaccines, aircraft parts and delicate instruments in orbiting factories. Eventually, we may be able to move all of our land consuming and polluting industries into outer space thus creating an Earth of unspoiled beauty. But if our current trends continue this utopia may never be realized.

Instead of relying on the State, we must support the introduction of purely <u>private</u> enterprise in space. There is an enormous opportunity for profit in the solar system, and given the opportunity hundreds of companies would invest in facilities there. Perhaps the most dastardly blow to a capitalistic solar was the UN declaration which stated that property rights did not exists on the moon, and that the body belongs to "all of mankind" (meaning of course that an agency would decide <u>who</u> represents mankind). This so called "human declaration is in fact nothing more than a cheap shot by the communist and socialist nations aimed to keep individuals from freely making fortunes in space.

Our future in space is as limited as the stars themselve. But only with the right combination of individual initiative, freee enterprise and limited government can we keep ou future in space from becoming a state controlled armed camp and instead create a libertarian paradise. As Adrian Berry summed up in book. The Next Ten Thousand Years,

"Beyond the fartherest planet in our solar system lies the greet galaxy of stars... among them is mankinds true destiny for the next ten thousand years...The human exploration and colonization of this almost unbounded expanse of suns represents the true future activity of man."

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The preceding article is the sole opinion of the author and does not in any way necessarily reflect the opinions of Starfleet and its members. Letters concerning this article, whether complimenting or - opposing, will be accepted for consideration.

Letters

The COMMUNIQUE encourages all personnel to send letters dealing with matters of policy and opinions for publication. Letters should be concise, well thought and of reasonable length. Letters must be received by the 15th for consideration in the next month's issue. Starfleet reserves the right to edit letters.

As one of those who has served under both the old and the new Starfleets, I would like to publicly thank all of the officers who have made this organization work, especially Fleet Admiral Eric A. Stillwell.

I personally experienced the corruptness and inefficiency of the original Star Fleet Command many times. I waited for months to receive my membership materials from the SFC Chief of Personnel yet when I contacted Eric Stillwell, he sent them immediately.

So you can imagine how overjoyed all of us here were when the NEW Starfleet was formed. To date it has been both effective and, perhaps most important of all, we are now expanding and growing rapidly instead of shrinking.

Thank you, Eric Stillwell and thanks to all of you who have made STARFLEET an organization worth belonging to.

Captain Alan Dawson. USS ENDEAVOR

"A special thanks to Ensign Bryan Ackerman of New York, LTjg Becky Morton of Texas, and LT Bret Hammond (now a Commodore and Director of Sciences) of Illinois for helping with the Academy F1les."

-VCADM Vernesta-Louise Troianello



SPECIAL NOTICE

The Starfleet Academy Post Graduate School, under the direction of Commodore Marx Klein, is now open to all fleet personnel. To participate in the program, which is highly recommended, simply request the proper test foon the Commodore. He, in turn, will send you a test, usually in the multiple choice format. Most of the tests are based upon or referenced from the <u>Star Trek Concordance</u> although most of the aswers may be found in the James Blish <u>Star Trek</u> novels.

If an acceptible grade is received on the test, which is graded and returned to the student he/she will receive a diploma. Tests are available in the following areas: BS in Philosophy, BS and Masters in A&A, BS in Engineering, Computer Tech (1 of 2). Doctorate of Security (3). BS in Protective Sciences, Pharmacology, BS in Nursing, and a Doctorate in Space Medicine (3 tests).

In addition, Masters in Engineering test is being compiled, tests in Navigation are being planned and other ideas are under consideration STARFLEET urges all members to participate in this program!



In the first annual cycle (12 months) of an organization's fiscal establishment, it is bound to face financial difficulties. By the end of the first year, however, a strong "renewal cycle" and "recruiting drive should insure a sound financial growth. That this means is that with Starfleet's current 500 person membership, it should be receiving an average of 42 renewals and 20 new memberships <u>PER</u> month (which adds up to approximately \$400.00 per month!). In September, however, there were only two (2) renewals and nine (9) new memberships. October hasn't been much better with only eight (8) renewals and nine (9) new memberships. This is a very, very poor condition for an organization with over five hundred (500) members!

organization with over five hundred (500) members! In the first two months of it's fiscal year, Starfleet has been almost 300 percent over budget (assuming the budget equals the income). This means that Starfleet, in only it's second month of fiscal establishment, has aquired a \$323.00 deficit. Considering s 10% interest payment on the money borrowed to pav our debts, Starfleet will spend almost 40% of it's current monthly income on interest payments alone!!! If this continues, Starfleet is headed for certain disaster.

But why so much over-spending? Simple.

It isn't that we're spending more than expected, it is simply that we are not getting the necessary renewals and new recruits that are necessary to maintain an organization with over 500 members. And if out-standing renewals are not soon paid, then we will be forced to eliminated from our mailing lists those people who have not actively joined, renewed, or declared their interest in Starfleet.

And where does the expense cone from?

The major expense in operating Starfleet is the cost of printing and distributing over 500 copies of the COMMUNIQUE. Even with our bulk mailing permit, postage costs are astronomical, and printing costs aren't cheep either, Needless to say, we produce the best quality publication at the very least cost to the organization.

Effective November 1st, 1981, Starfleet will adopt by executive order a balanced budget policy requiring it to stay within the limit of income, regardless of how low it is. This is required due to the loss of personal sources from which to borrow. But if everyone works together, and steps are token now to encourage recruiting and renewals, then a major financial disaster can be prevented. Its up to you.

Parity and the Prime Directive

A Short Story by Commodore Mark Henrie

"Norn Omega III is a Class M planet remarkably similar to Earth. Captain." Spock began his monologue as the <u>Enterprise</u> approached the green and blue sphere of the planet. "In fact. it was determined by the exploratory ship <u>Admiral Byrd</u> that it more closely resembles Earth than Alphaa Centauri, although Terra of a previous time period. Clearly, Hodgkin's Laws are once again in play. The planet revolves around its sun at a distance of 1.067 AU's. The sun is quite similar to Sol although it does exhibit certain tendencies to..."

"Spock," Kirk interupted, "maybe you should go to the Observation Deck and give your lecture to the university students we've brought along. After all, our bridge crew is not enrolled in the Worlds in Evolution" program.

"Very well, Captain," Spock conceded."I will continue my 'lecture' with the students. With that he strode toward the turbo lift and was gone. As he turned to give his instructions to the helm, a brief smile lit up Jim Kirks face.

In a few minutes the Enterprise had achieved orbit and Kirk ordered broadcasts from the planet piped aboard for the student's benefit. As a television picture appeared on one of the auxiliary viewers Kirk could not help but notice the almost shocking similarity between this planet and Earth of perhaps 250 years earlier. Every-thing was almost identical.

Kirk enjoyed the spectacle on the screen more than he would have thought he might. A strong feeling of nostalgia swept over him and he longed for the simpler life of days gone by. Days without Klingons, Romulans or Kzin seemed a blissful relief to the hectic years he had lived through. Suddenly however, as he viewed the scenes before him he remembered the more unpleasant problems which plagued Earth in the days of old.

"Chekov," he ordered, "Scan the planet. Do sensors indicate nuclear weapons?" he asked, almost dreading an affirmative-answer.

"Yes, Captain. It appears that there are two factions on the planet, each possessing a large arsenal of crude fission weapons... sir, I've read reports of the previous expedition here. They noted that political tensions had grown so great and that distrust was so sever that both sides had developed a 'launch upon warning' strategy. Yes, thats what they celled it."

"So," Kirk thought aloud, "they aren't an exact duplicate of Earth. We never went that far, though hundreds of experts said we had to."

Just then, Lt. Uhura's urgent tone interupted the Captain's thoughts. "Captain, I'm picking up disturbing reports on short frequencies. apparently some kind of emergency.

"I can't believe it, sir!" This time the voice was from the navigation station. "All of the sudden, all over the planets, missles. Hundreds of them are launching. sir, what can we do?"

In his chair, Kirk, though seeming calm on the outside, was at war with himself. "Those fools," he thought. "Those damn fools!' Finally, after tense seconds. he spoke. "Ensign, I'm afraid that there is nothing we can do. The Prime Directive expressly forbids action. We are powerless to stop them."

After thirty minutes it was over. The bridge crew watched impotently as missles of one side passed missles of the other side in the Stygian darkness of space to fall moments later in an explosion like an eruption from Hell itself. Both sides no longer existed. Of course there were survivors, millions of them. Kirk, however, pitied them. All would most assuredly die within a few weeks or months.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONNEL

Commanding Admiral Stillwell is restating his request for all personnel to strictly adhere to the Communications Policy which was printed in the last issue of the COMMUNIQUE. Due to the large volumes of mail which Starfleet Command officers receive, it is imperative that all installation members follow the procedures listed.

Please be aware that <u>only</u> the Admiralty Board and their immediate staffs (i.e. those of Commodore rank and above) are authorized to directly contact the Commanding Admiral. This does not, of course, apply to memberships and renewals. All others wishing to obtain information must first go through their Commanding Officer.

Also, only installation commanders are allowed direct contact with members of the Admiralty Board with certain exceptions allowed by the Chiefs of Communications and Personnel. All questions concerning the organization will be relayed through the local CO's to those Chiefs. Please remember to enclose a SASE when writing <u>any</u> Starfleet Command Officer.

Most local installations require that an SASE be enclosed when contacting any fellow crewmember. A SASE must <u>always</u> be enclosed when writing to Starfleet Command personal,

COMMUNIQUE Correction:

In the last issue we stated that it cost \$84,000,000 to produce Star Trek -The Motion Pictures. That we meant to say was that it cost \$42,000,000, and to break even (for Paramount) it needed to gross 84 million - which it easily surpassed. And again, it was the most expensive motion picture produced in its entirety in the United States.

REVIEWS

In June of this year Pocket Books released its first <u>Star Trek</u> novel, <u>The Entropy Effect</u> by Hugo award winning author Vonda M. McIntyre. The effort is part of the publishers new "Timescape" series and is, according to the cover but not by some of the contents, set after the time of the motion picture.

The most striking aspect of this definitely well written novel is the death, by murder of Captain James Kirk (!). The plot revolves around a brilliant but somewhat insane physicist Dr. Goerges Mordreaux who travels back in time to kill Kirk while his earlier self is imprisoned onboard the <u>Enterprise</u>. As one might guess, the situation gets quite confusing to all involved.

Meanwhile, Science Officer Spock is once again faced with a battle against the clock to save the Captain's life by traveling back in time and keeping Mordreaux from slaying him. If all of this were not enough, the very fabric of the universe is being destroyed by the effects of the all of this traveling and Spock must rectify that situation as well.

One other note on the book--it has added yet another story to the Sulu name confusion. <u>The Entropy Effect</u> claims his name is Hikaru while <u>Trek Magazine</u> says it is Walter and Gene Roddenberry has reportedly approved Ikaru.

Despite some factual errors in the order of ranks, etc. this book is well written and poses some interesting situations caused by the traffic through time. I recommend it to all fans, especially those with an interest in Mr. Spock.

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Review by Cheryl Burch and Judy Miller

The <u>Covenant of the Crown</u> is highly recommended for anyone who is interested in reading "Pure Trek." It marks the third in a series of Star Trek novels put out by Pocket Books, and the third time must of a charm as this is the best story yet! The characterizations of Kirk, Spock, and McCoy are totally believable - which is more than we can say about the previous novel "<u>The Klingon Gambit</u>."

The story holds the reader's interest from cover to cover and is a perfect combination of action and emotional drama. Reading this book is like watching a Star Trek episode you missed!

The author Howard Weinstein, is the youngest writer to ever have written a Star Trek television episode and have a Star Trek novel published professionally. Gene Roddenberry and David Gerrold are the only others to have accomplished this feat. Howard's TV episode was "The Pirates of Orion" from the animated series. We would like Mr. Weinstein to continue his Trek writings and recommend that anyone feels the same to express their feelings in a letter to him c/o Pocket Books / 1230 Avenue of the Americas / New York, NY 10020.

Science Log

"Instruments register only through things they're designed to register. Space still contains infinite unknowns: - Commander Spock, stardate 1704.2

GALAXIES ARE VAST. One of them, the Andromeda Galaxy, lies 2,200 lightyears away and is the most distant object visible to the unaided human eye. At the same time it ranks as one of the largestseeming objects in the sky; its size, as seen from Earth, appears to be about five times that of our own moon. It is so dim, though, that it is not usually noticed. The Soviet Union has placed a permanent battle station in orbit, raising the possibility of U.S. spacecraft being destroyed in space, according to a report by Aviation Week & Space Technology.

The magazine, which has proven to be a reliable source on the subject of space technology in the past, called the satellite "an anti-satellite battle station equipped with clusters of infrared-homing guided interceptors that could destroy multiple U.S. spacecraft."

COVER STORY:

CETI ALPHA V:

Ceti Alpha V is a rugged Class M planet, and the only habitable planet of six in the Menkar System. As of stardate 3141.9, the planet has also served as the exciled home of 2oth Century Superman Khan Noonian Singh, his people, and Lieutenant McGivers. In the up coming "<u>Star Trek II</u>" Khan, the oldest of the supermend, seeks revenge against the man who sentenced him to the harsh Ceti Alpha V: Captain James T. Kirk.

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WORLD SPACE FOUNDATION

POST OFFICE BOX Y SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91030

The WORLD SPACE FOUNDATION is an international effort to promote the exploration and development of outer-space by private means. The foundation is the official channel of Starfleet member wishing to participate in such an effort.

Presently, the organization in developing and planning many projects for the near, far and mid term. These include Solar Sailing, general space studies, colonization and habitation analysis and much more. If you think that you might want to support one of the finest efforts to colonize "the final frontier" simply send an AASE to the Chief of Communications.

All members are urged to join the Foundation and help put mankind In space for good!

Trek OUTLOOK 'A Historical Glance at the Future'

"All your people must learn before you can reach for the stars."

- James Kirk, stardate 3259.2

THE ANDORIANS, PART II

ANDORIAN ANATOMY - EVOLUTIONARY REVOLUTION

The Andorians, as their appearance would lead one to believe, are an insectold race. This makes them members of an elite group, for or the thousands at intelligent life-forms discovered so far, only five are insect-originated. The Andorians, however, are by far the mosst successful of this group.

The Antennae are the first thing most gentlebeings notice regarding this remarkable race. Humans are particularly cognizant of this for in their history, offworlders were often imagined to sport such appendages. The antennae (superior cortex) serve a multitude of purposes, some of which have yet to be defined fully.

First, it functions as an augmentation of the eyes as visual receptors. Second, it acts as their primary auditory receptor which is why the Andorians listen with their heads tilted down. The most interesting ability of the antennae, however, is its ability to perceive nearly all forms of electromagnetic radiation. This is one reason Andorians make such excellant security personnel. They can track an intruder in the infrared spectrum, and can actually "feel" phaser fire and communicator origination as well as ion interference. Unfortunately, this uncanny ability is also something of an Achilles heel, for sudden changes in radiation can disorient and cause severe mood changes in the Andorian.

The exoskeleton is less visible, but it is also an advantageous, if not unique development. It is composed of cartilage to make it both flexible and durable. Too late have some intoxicated STARFLEET personnel learned just how hard. It is believed this adaption was one of the ones retained throughout the Andorians' evolutionary development to deal with the harsh climatic conditions on Epsilon Indi VIII. An interesting discovery occurred Just a few yeas ago when it was discovered that the exoskeleton served not only as an armor against heat and here, but also contained adaptions which acted to channel heat away from the body, such like sweat glands in humans.

Finally, their blue skin is also very noticable. At first it was believed that this effect was caused by chemicals in the atmosphere of their home planet of Andor. Quite soon, however, it was discovered that this is actually a camaflouge device. It seems that one of the few bands of the spectrum which Andorians have trouble distinguishing is the blue-green band of visible light. Due to this, to another Andorian, one of their own race would be all but invisible in a vegetated area.

And so these are the major factors which can be noted on an Andorian. as making them different from the majority of other races. In the next issue of the COMMUNIQUE, we'll delve into Andorian culture and history.

Mark G. Henrie

THIS en THAT

by Vice Commanding Admiral-Vernesta-Louise Troianello

SHOW IT OFF:



If any member of STARFLEET has been published for any reason in a professional capacity, please send a copy to me along with the name and date of the publication. SHOW-IT-OFF can only be added to this column with support from the membership.

Do you have a ST/SF club to share, poetry, games, puzzles you made up and want to see it appear here? If so, send it along to: VCADM Troianello / 26636 Central Park Drive / Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138.

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For the ultimate in trivia, my question to you is: WHICH ACTORS/ ACTRESS HAVE WHAT IN COMMON WITH <u>STAR TREK</u> AND ELVIS PRESLEY? The answer will appear in the next issue.

HAWK'S SOLITUDE

by Lynn Walker, Captain, Ret.

In my solitude I am like the night Every sound has a meaning Special and all its own I walk alone In quiet sorrow For she is gone Love has crossed the final threshold She is missed and mourned So deeply there will never be Another for me to greet the day With quiet joy in my heart I cannot sing for being reminded Of her soft gentle presence So I keep my grief To myself, in solitude.

General News

Since the last COMMUNIQUE was issued there have been quite a few personnel and administrative changes within Starfleet. Therefore, I have decided to offer the following information to the fleet.

PERSONNEL CHANGES (New Positions)

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In addition, Starfleet welcomes several new Starship commanders including Commander Alan Dawson (USS ENDEAVOR) and Commander David Posey (USS BONHOMME RICHARD). David Green has been appointed the new CO of Starbase 03 as well.

STARFLEET has learned that Marvel Comics have discontinued their once monthly, now bi-monthly Star Trek comic. We at Starfleet feel that this is a great loss to many fans and collectors, and we feel that they should reconsider their decision, especially with a new Star Trek movie coming out within the next year or so. If you agree, please write:

> Marvel Comics Group 575 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022

The Starfleet Academy Cadet Manuals were redesigned and released in September by FADM Stillwell. These manuals will be issued to all commissioned cadets that join Starfleet instead of the handbooks that line officers receive. The manual contains much information not found in other publications, including a complete history of Starfleet and the Federation. Manuals may be obtained by line officers for \$3.00 postpaid to:

> FADM Eric A. Stillwell PO Box 10221 Eugene, OR 97440-2221

Make checks payable to STARFLEET and include a self addressed $9'' \ge 6''$ envelope. Postage will be included.

The Communications Dept. is now accepting advertisements from individuals, organizations, and companies. For more information and a list of fees, please send a legal SASE to the Chief of Communications.

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Commodore Vaughn K. McVey, the Director/Fleet Communications Supplement, has announced his resignation, effective ed. 8110.21.



MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS

After waiting at least six weeks for your membership package, send <u>all</u> inquiries concerning the processing fee.

VADM Judy Miller Vice Chief of Personnel 3356 Sunshine Acres Place Eugene, OR 97401

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In a few hours, the <u>Enterprise</u> had gathered up what information could I found about the "occurence or a full report. From broadcasts on military frequencies, Uhura uncovered what proved to be the most tragic aspect of the already terrible nightmare. A joke was common on. Earth in the 1980's that doomsday would occur when a computer misread a flock of geese as incoming missles. Unfortunately indeed, the joke had become a reality. The war on Norn Omega III was triggered by a mistake. Here a planet had been annhilatad. All that it had taken nature billions of years to create was destroyed utterly in the wink of an aye.

Two days later, as Kirk and Spock were playing chess in the Rec Room, Spock, who had been conspicously silent in the preceding days, finally made commend. "Captain, I have for the past two days, been calculating the odds agains the Earth's survival between the years 1945 and 1999. The total odds against the human race were, by my estimation, 34,569 to 1. These odds, however seem so improbably that I believe I must have miscalculated. Can you tell me Captain, how did your planet survive the Nuclear Age?"

Kirk was set back by Spock's uncertainty which was highly unusual for the Vulcan. "Mr Spock, the only answer I can give is luck. We beat the odds Pure and simple, the Earth was lucky. I only shiver to think what would have happened if we had been even slightly less lucky"

"Indeed Captain," Spock replied. "I would estimate that if humanity were as you say, 'slightly less lucky', then you would not be here talking to me now."

After a few moments of reflection, Kirk, who had just been checkmated, said "I guess Mr. Spock. that there is an unsung hero-in tis story. I see now that humanity should be thankful, and actually owe its existance to the Canadian geese and their strategic flight patterns." Kirk laughed a laugh only half felt and then left the Rec Room, once again in a most somber mood

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