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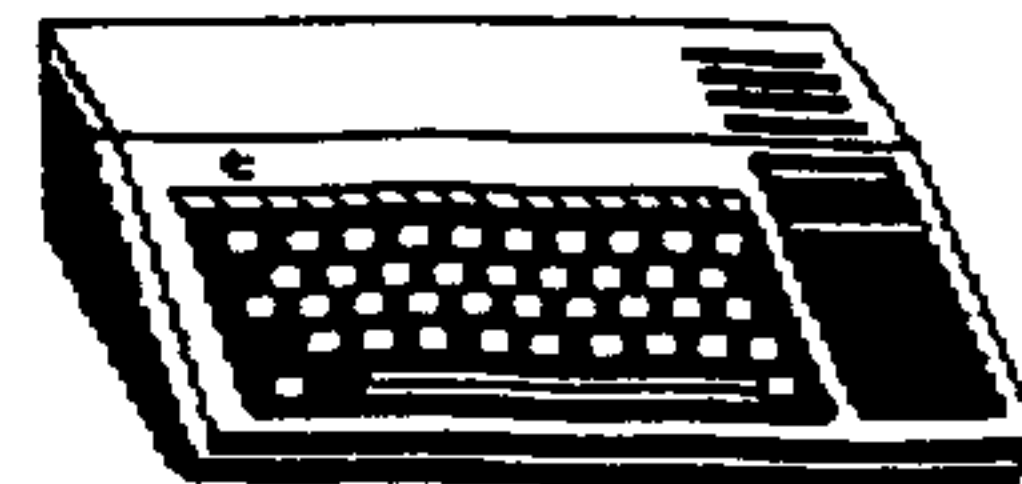
JUNE 1996

OFFICE	TI-CHIPS		MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Fred Ialacci	941-9397	10-12:00 A.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Jim Krych	979-9295	N. Royalton
TREASURER	Lin Shaw	235-3912	County Library
MEMBERSHIP	John Parken	331-2830	State Rd. SO. of
	4172 W. 217th St.		Route 82 1/4mi
	Fairview Pk., OH 44126		EVERY THIRD SAT.
SECRETARY	Glenn Bernasek	238-6335	
DISK LIBRARY	Les Kee	238-6938	JUN 15,1996
TAPE & MODS	John Parken	331-2830	JUL 21,1996
EDITOR	Harry Hoffman	631-2354	AUG 18,1996

OFFICE	NORTHCOAST 99'ers		MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Ken Gladyszewski	12163577274	1-4 P.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Walt Ryder	921-8223	Euclidian Room
Treasurer	Frank Jenkins	283-8526	Euclid SQ. Mall
MEMBERSHIP	Martin Smoley	12162571661	E.260th off I-90
	6149 Bryson		(South)
	Mentor, OH 44060		EVERY THIRD SAT.
SECRETARY	Deanna Sheridan	333-5906	
DISK LIBRARY	Martin Smoley	12162571661	JUN 15,1996
TAPE & MODS	Frank Jenkins	283-8526	JUL 21,1996
HARD COPY	Dick Alden	12162571661	AUG 18,1996

From the Editor's Desk:

Hi TIers,

Did everyone enjoy the Ohio MUG as much as I did. I've heard and read good things about it. Of course Nina & I will have to wait for the tapes before we can see the seminars. I did get to Mickey's demo of LOADMASTER 2.1 & Bruce Harrison's demo of several of his programs. Haven't tried them yet as these last few weeks have been rather hectic. The newsletter will have much to say about our Ohio MUG.

MICROpendium has a great USER NOTES section this month. Micro-Reviews by C. Good, Bruce Harrison had more than his EA Tutorial this time, Larry Saunders review on Chainlink Solitaire, Geoff Trott on creating Program Image files, Jiri Svoboda with a Disk Catalog program, Woody Wilson on Euro-Writer mode in FunnelWeb, Peter DeWitte moving EA prog. or data from GRAM to RAM, Jacques Groslouis downloading fonts to printer, Joe Ziemba `Stealing' power for external drives, Lucie Dorais a nice type in program in XBasic called the FAIRYWALTZ, Jack Mathis booting your Geneve from a Horizon Ramdisk, Steve Patterson using invisible characters in filenames..... etc & soforth!!

See you all at the meetings,

HARRY

Walt Ryder opened the meeting while we were waiting for Ken.   Ken and I attended the CHIPS meeting that morning to be briefed on the last-minute developments for the MUG conference.

After Ken arrived we related the details to our group.   I think we need to give a big round of applause for CHIPS for a very successful conference.   I won't go into all the details since there is an article elsewhere in the newsletter, but everything went smoothly and we had over 100 in attendance.   I think that everyone was pleased.

We had not planned a demo for May depending on what would be going on for the MUG, so Walt stepped in to give us some of the similiarities and differences between Extended Basic on the TI and Qbasic which is shipped with the DOS machines.

Yours truly will be doing the June demo.   If I can find the disks I purchased at the Ohio MUG, it will include several short items..the disk loader by Mickey Cendrowski, the label printer with bar codes, and a program by Bruce Harrison to print Artist pictures in color on a Canon Bubble Jet.   In fact, all three of these programs will print on a bubble jet and that is the printer I will bring. Hopefully the demo gremlins won't rear their nasty heads as in the past few demos when we have wanted to use a printer.

See you at the meeting!
                                    Deanna

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AND CLEVELAND PUTTING ON

THE "OHIO MUG".

By Glenn Bernasek

The May meeting of the TI-Chips was opened at 10:30 am by Fred Ialacci. It was noted that we had two guests from the Northcoast 99ers, Deanna Sheridan and Ken Gladyszewski.

Carol Shaw presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Lin. The Chips' treasury balance is still healthy in spite of the costs for the MUG'96. This is because of the generous participation by the Northcoast 99ers and the donation from the Lima user group.

John Parken once again reported that the TI-Chips is maintaining an active membership of 25 members. Les Kee reported that the library has posted another update. Les distributed copies of the update.

Fred then turned the meeting over to me so that we could complete and make final plans for the 1996 TI-99/4A and Geneve Multi User Group Conference (MUG'96).

The planning meeting started with the equipment task section and went through the pizza party. Deanna volunteered to bring her Geneve as a standby system. Thanks Deanna! Vonn Malcuit asked how many and what type electrical power connections would be needed. Vonn stated he would have everything ready for the Friday set-up. John Parken said he would bring the large screen composite monitor and, much to the pleasant surprise of those in attendance, John said he is also bringing a TI-99/8, on loan from Chips' member Steve Eggers, to be demonstrated all day at MUG'96. Les Kee will be our roving videographer at the conference.

A lively, fruitfull discussion ensued concerning prizes and the method of drawing prize winners at MUG'96. John Parken described various color printers as candidates for the raffle drawing. The printer of choice by those in attendance was the Canon 610 color jet printer. Hopefully enough raffle tickets will be sold to cover the cost of the printer. Ron Markus said a 40 meg hard drive and two gift certificates for Ramcharged Computer merchandise will be donated for grand prize drawings. It was decided that attendance would not be required for awarding of the raffle and grand drawing prizes. Unclaimed miscellaneous door prizes will be redrawn after a one hour waiting period. The raffle and grand prize drawings will take place at 4:00pm at MUG'96. While the miscellaneous door prizes will be drawn throughout the day of the conference.

Chris Bodenmiller reported that all signs, posters and MUG'96 schedules have been printed and are waiting to be posted and handed out at the conference. Thanks Chris.

Virgil Thomason will be the official welcomer at MUG'96!

The last, and probably the most important, preparation for MUG'96 was the reports on the Friday night get-together snacks and refreshments, food service at the conference and the after-the-confefence pizza party. Nina Hoffman and Ada Markus made their respective reports that everything was proceeding as planned. (Secretary's note: Thanks to Nina and Ada, the attendees at MUG'96 won't go hungry!)

The May meeting of the TI-Chips was adjourned at 12:30, and everyone was invited to help in the Friday night set-up 'party'.

Get out the ant motels, & weed killer, it's summer!

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF MUG'96

By Glenn Bernasek
TI-Chips
Cleveland, Ohio

I've written several reviews on the multi-user group conferences held at Lima, Ohio in the past. However, I feel I am standing "too close to the trees" to give a very objective report on the 1996 TI-99/4A and Geneve 9640 Multiuser Group Conference held in Brook Park, Ohio this May 25. All I can say is THANKS TO EVERYBODY WHO PLANNED AND HELPED PREPARE FOR THIS CONFERENCE AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED. The success of MUG'96 is directly attributed to the team work of everybody involved. This endeavor could not have come to pass without each and everyone doing their part.

The attendance at MUG'96 was beyond all expectations! We had 95 registered visitors and participants. (This included several husband and wife registrations.) I personally know that there were more than 20 unregistered guests and participants. Therefore I am confident in reporting that over 100 people attended MUG'96!

As at Lima, the conference was a truly international event. We had the honor of hosting several guests from our northern neighbor, Canada. And talk about distance in traveling to get to MUG'96, Bill Sullivan flew in from Seattle, Washington and Bryant Krause came in from Mira Loma, California just to attend the conference!

The user groups and vendors represented, in order of registration at MUG'96, were: Livonia TI User Group, CADD Electronics, Northcoast 99ers, Harrison Software, C.O.N.N.I., West Penn TIers, Akron User Group, TI-Chips, Chicago TI User Group, WNY TI-99ers, Will County TI User Group, Philadelphia User Group, Lima User Group, MUNCH, Nutmeg User Group, Great Lakes User Group, Athens Computer Club, Computer Users of Erie, Pittsburg User Group, Cecure Electronics, Myarc, Rave, Milwaukee User Group, West Penn 99ers, Notung Software, 9T9 Toronto User Group, Southern California User Group, OSHTI User Group, Hoosier User Group, Cin-Day User Group, L.M.User Group, Bud Mills Services, Horizon Computer, Ramcharged Computers, S&T Software and the SW99ers. (I hope I haven't neglected to list anybody. If I have, please accept my apology.)

Classroom presentations and demonstrations were given by: Mickey Cendrowski of Notung Software (Load Master version 2.2), Tim Tesch of S&T Software (Port for the Geneve 9640), Chris Bodenmiller of Bodenmiller Software (TI Artist+), Ron Markus of Ramcharged Computers (The Prostick joystick), Mike Wright and Mark Van Coppenolle of CADD Electronics (PC99 Stage 3A and a surprise debut of a converted, never released ET game on the TI-99/4A), Bruce Harrison of Harrison Software (Printing color with the TI-99/4A and Designing fonts on the TI-99/4A), Harold Timmons of C.O.N.N.I. (Experiences and music on the Midi Master) and finally, Charles Good of Lima User Group (MYMENU2+ for the Geneve 9640). (Don Walden of Cecure Electronics and Bud Mills of Bud Mills Services gave conference floor demonstrations).

A multi-user group conference was also held with officers from several user groups attending. Two primary subjects were discussed at the conference. First was the possibility of taking turns in putting on a "OHIO TI-99/4A AND GENEVE MULTIUSER GROUP CONFERENCE" (It was noted that the conference has been unofficially dubbed the "OHIO CONFERENCE" on the internet.) The decision of who will be hosting the 1997 conference is due on or before this September 15. This will give Lima, Cleveland and any other area user groups enough time to start planning for 1997 show. Help and assistance was offered by both Lima and Cleveland Area user groups.

The second item discussed was the inability of some user groups to continue publication of a newsletter. It was brought up that Freenets have been going on line throughout the U.S. and the time is right to take advantage of this FREE service to publish or distribute TI articles at a very affordable price (FREE!). All it takes is a user group member who is willing to 'get-on-line' and either down load (copy) or upload (post/publish) articles for their members. (A reprint of a former article about how to upload ascii text files onto the internet with TELCO is printed in this issue of this newsletter.)

All demonstrations and conferences were video taped. Copies of these tapes can be ordered as follows:
1. Send three (3) VHS video tapes and $3 (Check or money order).
                        or
2. Send $15 (Check or money order) to cover tapes and shipping to:
GLENN BERNASEK
13246 HARPER ROAD
STRONGSVILLE, OH 44136

Finally, the class of '96 Jim Peterson Achievement Awards were presented. (The honorees were selected through an international call for votes via the Internet and MICROpendium magazine.) Jim Krych, Co-President of the TI- Chips made the presentations. The awards were given to:

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TI-99/4A SOFTWARE:  TONY AND WILL McGOVERN
TI-99/4A HARDWARE:  BUD MILLS
TI-99/4A AND GENEVE COMMUNITY SERVICE:  CHARLES GOOD
GENEVE 9640 (Tie vote, therefore two awards were presented):  TIM TESCH AND
                                                               BEERY MILLER
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Congratulations to these deserving members of the TI-99/4A and Geneve 9640 community. Nominations are now open for the class of '97. Send your nominations for the Jim Peterson Achievement Awards (Class of '97) to:

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JIM KRYCH                          -OR- Glenn Bernasek
3969 CLAGUE ROAD                        13246 Harper Road
NORTH OLMSTED, OH 44070                 Strongsville, OH 44136
(Internet: ab453@cleveland.freenet.edu) (dd314@cleveland.freenet.edu)
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Ohio MUG'96 was the result of team work and participation. It wouldn't have been possible any other way!
                    See you all in '97!

We all enjoy the OHIO MUG Conference because it is always a pleasure to have a FREE couple of days to to meet old friends and make the acquaintance of New friends in the TI-99/4A world and not because it's FREE, but it helps!   *ANONYMOUS*

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HOW TO UPLOAD TEXT FILES WITH TELCO
By Glenn Bernasek
TI-Chips — Cleveland, Ohio

This article is a reprint in response to a request from the multi-user group officers conference at the 1996 TI- 99/4A and Geneve 9640 Multi-user Group Conference in Brook Park, Ohio this May 25.

Uploading ASCII text files onto the internet with TELCO is a rather simple two step process (one time configuring of Telco and uploading text files).

Step 1: Configure TELCO FILE TRANSFER SET-UP routine.
     (Choose the "Setup options" from TELCO's main menu, then choose "File transfer setup" from the Setup options menu and finally adjust the defaults as follows):

A)	Abort downloads	:	Discard
B)	Default error check	:	CRC
C)	Echo locally	:	Off
D)	Blank lines	:	Off
E)	Character pacing	:	000 (zero, zero, zero)
F)	Line pacing	:	010 (zero, one, zero)
G)	Pace character	:	000 (zero, zero, zero)
H)	Strip leading space	:	Off
I)	Line by line send	:	Off
J)	Send at end of line	:	CR
K)	CR translation	:	Strip
L)	LF translation	:	Strip

(Press <FCTN/9> and "save (C)hanges")

Step 2: Upload a text file previously saved to disk to the internet while in TELCO.

1) Press <FCTN/6>.
2) Choose ascii option by pressing <ENTER>.
3) Type in FULL text file name (DSKn.FILENAME) and press <ENTER>.
4) Text file is then quickly uploaded. (Uploaded line numbers appear at the bottom of the screen.)
5) At the end of the upload, "Transfer Complete – Press a Key" message will appear. So .... Press a key.
6) The very last line of your text file will be seen at the bottom of the screen. Tell the internet that you're finished by typing "###" and pressing <ENTER>.
7) Choose the post or send option and you're done.
     That's all there is to uploading ascii text files to the internet using TELCO. Let's start sharing and talking.

Hello again,

Just a few words from the kitchen crew. We really had a lot of fun doing this ministry. We call it a ministry instead of a job or work because we did it as a team and as a labor of love for the TI community. We would like to thank everyone who made our ministry go so smoothly. Ada Markus did the leg work and checked out the facilites for us. Ada did a lot of the shopping for the friday night social and the pizza party. She was the main man for these two events. And was the person responsible for the menu and the set up for Friday and Saturday nite. She also was one of the bakers of our delicious desserts and worked so hard to help with Saturdays menu. Thanks a heap Ada.

Terri Babione, Maryann Malcuitt, Lori Endo, Martha Petti, and Deanna Sheridan were our Saturday crew and performed above and beyond the call of duty. Deanna, Martha, Maryann and Ada were our other bakers and I could not say which one was the best as all the desserts were delicious. Thanks a bunch to each of you.

We would also like to thank Vonn Malcuit, Harry Hoffman, and Matt Andel for helping us with the heavy work of setting up loading up and cleaning up. Great job guys.

To all the other men who helped us along the way a great big thanks. As you can see by all the people mentioned it was a team effort that made everything turn out so great without each of you we never would have made it or had so much fun. and last but not least we thank everyuone who came Friday and Saturday to the conference because without you it would all have been in vain. May God bless each of you always and in all ways.

If I forgot anyone I apologize. and as a parting word I would like to say we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Glenn Bernasek for all his help and for making this all happen and come together so smoothly. Contrary to some opinions the TI community is still alive and well. Bye for now.

NINA MAE

REQUEST FROM A FELLOW TIer

I just received the "ATHENS COMPUTER CLUB" newsletter, put out by Joe Simmons with the help of John Bull & hopefully Bob Buehler (His stories of Baraboo are great!). I always enjoy Joes articles, especially when he talks about his work and adventures in the woods.

He specifically asks that "Tina Hoffman or Mrs. Ada Markus" put their recipe for the 'Star Fruit' pastries in the newsletter. Well Joe, here it is with a bonus! Please call my wife NINA. (Not TINA ;-) Ada did the pastries and gave me the recipe's for Pinwheels & Angel Wings.

ANGEL WINGS: Buy "Won Ton's" at the Supermarket - Chinese Section.

Heat 2 - 3 cups of Canola oil in a deep fry pan for 4 - 5 Min.

Fold Won Tons into a triangle. Place into frypan for 30 - 40 seconds and turn over for another 30 - 40 seconds.

Drain Angel Wings on paper towels, then sprinkle with powdered sugar or if you prefer, cinnamon & sugar.

PINWHEELS: Buy Apricot, Pineapple, etc. <u>paste</u> in the baking section of the market [<u>SOLO brand fruit filling is Ada's choice because it's thicker.</u>], or canned pie filling if you like. (Tho it's runnier!)

Take: Two cups of flour
One pack (8 oz.) Cream Cheese (Philedelphia?).
One stick of butter or margerine (softened).

Mix ingredients (except fruit) thoroughly into a dough. Ada separates dough into two balls. Roll out dough to the thickness of pie crust. Cut into about 2 1/2 - 3 inch squares. Then cut corners diagonally halfway to the center of the squares. Place some of the fruit in the center and fold each corner as to make a pinwheel.

Bake in the oven 8 - 10 minutes, at 350 degrees on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Hope you enjoy these treats Joe!!!

Maybe the Kentuckians paint their barns black hoping to entice advertisers to put their ads on those nice black frames?? I enjoyed telling Joes wife & Mom how to get to the lake but probably should have written it down. They got there after a little detour and enjoyed the view, even though the weather was cold by their standards and it was very windy. It was nice seeing you again Joe! Keep up the good work on that newsletter.

P.S. Mickey Cendrowski, Joe wants to know: "Have you ever drank a PEPSI?"

LIBRARY UPDATE

By Bruce Rodenkirch   May   1996

At our April meeting it again was apparent that not many of the attendees use their TI-99 4/A computers. Most of them use their IBM clones and most of them have clones. We discussed the Internet and how to use it (using the clones, of course). The subject of the Internet, Freenet and other computer communication was a hot one, and for me too. I use my TI (a little) and my Geneve (a lot) and can understand the appeal of the clones 80-column screen. It is sure more fun to operate TELCO and TIW with 80-columns. The TI has another disadvantage in that it cannot dislay the beautiful graphics found on the Internet but for most applications these are not very important anyway. However, for veiwing informational graphics such as mechanical drawings or electrical schematics they are invaluable.

This does not mean the TI or Geneve is useless however because most of what you will find usefull is in text and as you know, a thousand words is worth a picture. The other attraction of the Internet, Freenet or whatever is the ability to correspond with anyone else on this planet who has an E-Mail address. Many of our fellow TI'ers have these addresses and many have more than one. Our Library disk 95095 has a long list of the TI'er addresses, including the McGoverns in Australia and Dr. Good in Lima. If you are having trouble with your hardware or software you can ask them to help via E-Mail.

The TI can "surf the Web" also. Instead of a picture you will see [IMAGE] but you can read the same text the clones can. Interested in getting TI information and programs? Check out Disk 96032. There is a list of all of the TI User Groups (TI-UG'S) and a number of Internet Web Sites (TI-WEBSITE). Here are three of them, including Rich Polivkas's Web Page which we discussed at our meeting.

Section 1: Web Sites for the TI-99/4A

Rich Polivka's Web Page (Ohio, USA)
http://w3.gwis.com/~polivka/994apg.html

Henry Kolpein's Home Page (Germany)
http://sys00.ti6.tu-harburg.de/ti6hk/hobby/ti/index.html

Edward Swartz's v9t9 Emulator (Texas, USA)
http://www.io.com/~ftp/usr/edswartz/v9T9

If you are not on Internet, join the Freenet and get familiar with how these new systems work. It will prepare you for the day when you will break down and sign up for an Internet access service. And if you still are hesitant look at some of our library disks because I post many of the daily transcriptions from the News Groups (usually marked as ECHO files). Disk 96032 has some ivs from the News Groups written by Dr. Good and others about TI hardware and software.

Here is the library listing:

DISK 96027:   [DS/SD]

The HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY. A well known

Adventure Cartridge. This is about a time in the future when an advanced civilization from space decides to build an intergalactic highway and Earth is in the way. It has been decided that Earth will have to be removed and the people resettled. As I recall you will get a help screen by entering HELP. There are commands like TAKE MATCH or LIGHT MATCH. Some people love these but they drive me nuts.

DISK 96028:   [DS/SD]

A collection of picture of Bloom Country caricatures. The load program is a SLIDE SHOW TIA viewer, showing the pictures in sequence with about a 15 sec pause between them.

DISK 96029:   [DS/SD]

The LEATHER GODDESS OF PHOBOS is an x-rated ADVENTURE game which can be run using a SUPERCART, Geneve, or Gram Kracker device. I never was very good at these adventure games so I can't be of much help. There is a Read-Me file which has a couple of hints but if you want something raunchy you will have to work for it.

DISK 96030:   [DS/SD]

Here are two issues of the fine British Columbia NL, all formatted and ready to print. GROM-LIST is an FTP source for the TI console GROM source code. MNP-MODEM is a discussion on modem protocol. SCSIRTC is the transcript of a Round Table Discussion on the SCSI card. TIBOOKSTOO is a biliography of books related to the TI. VENDORSOCT is a list of vendors of TI things. There are two files on HUMOR from the Internet. A sample: During the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, the wife noticed a tear in her husband's eye..."I never realized how sentimental you are" she said. "That's not it" he sniffled... "Remember when your father caught us in the barn, he said if I didn't marry you he'd send me to jail for 50 years? Well, today I would have been a free man!

DISK 96031:   [DS/SD]

An update of BRUCE HARRISON'S DRAWING PROGRAM. This looks like a pretty good program if you are into art work.

DISK 96032:   [DS/SD]

CHICAGO is a review of the Chicago95 fair and FESTWEST96 does the same for FestWest. Both have some interesting news. REV-ATBORD and REV-TERM80 are reviews of products for the TI written by Dr. Charles Good. TI-UG'S is a list of all of the known USER GROUPS. TI-WEBSITE is a list of a number of Internet WEB sites for those of you having Internet access. There are also file on HUMOR and RECIPESs.

DISK 96033 and 96034:   [DS/SD]

VIDEO CONTROLLER COURSE DESIGNER/AUTHORING PACKAGE Retyped by Gerd Weissmann in Germany. I'm not quite sure what this is but I think it is a means of teaching by using the TI with various ways of displaying the lessons on the TI. Disk 96033 contains the documentation and 96034 has the program disks. This is from the Lima Library.

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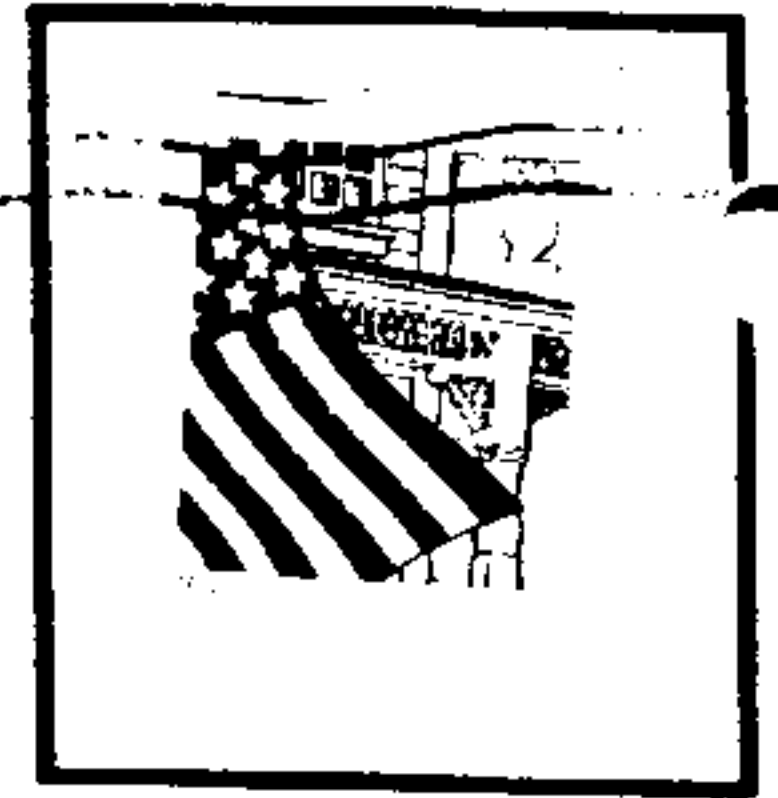
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