Country Carnival

Word watchers have been astute enough to discover that the names of many countries of the world may be transposed to form English words, or other names. For instance, they have noted that YEMEN, a small nation in Arabia, upon being rearranged, turns into an ENEMY; that the Norwegian name for Norway—NORGE—may be converted into a NEGRO; and that ancient media, properly disguised, becomes the mark AIMED at.

We have been brooding about this phenomenon, and feel that you ought to have the opportunity of sharpening your perceptive powers so as to recognize a scrambled nation when you encounter one in your reading. Accordingly, we have jumbled the names of 25 countries, ancient and modern, presenting them in cleverly disguised form below. How quickly will you be able to convert them into their pristine, uncontaminated form?

Actually, the problem as stated is too easy, and we cannot risk having you develop a lazy streak. Consequently, we have complicated the problem slightly by marking 10 of the 25 hidden names with asterisks. After you have unscrambled these 10 names, you are to jumble them up again, into words other than the ones that we provided. In each case, the word into which you transform the national name must be an authentic dictionary word. Also to keep you on your toes, we have marked two other entries on our list with double asterisks. In these two cases, you are to rearrange the terms we have supplied in two different ways, to form the names of two different countries. It can be done!

There is additional trickery involved. In one case, you can find the name of the nation involved simply by reading our clue backwards. Furthermore, one particular country appears twice on our list, but with different names. We know that you are ethical and will really solve this quiz, instead of looking up the correct solutions in the back of the issue. We know this, because the solutions aren't given in the back—they will be included in the next issue of WORD WAYS!

Here are the 25—or, to be technical, the 27—jumbled nations:
Whether by coincidence or otherwise, it seems that a conspicuously large percentage of the English adjectives for "sexually immoral or deviant" begins with the letter L. A partial list:


Which adjectives beginning with L have we overlooked?

Your public library has these arranged in ways that make you cry, giggle, love, hate, wonder, ponder, and understand."

—Quoted from an advertisement for National Library Week, sponsored by the National Book Committee, Inc., in cooperation with the American Library Association.

Some word enthusiasts specialize. One group, consisting of the militarists, has been compiling a list of prominent individuals that have borne, or now bear, the imposing title of GENERALISSIMO. So far, the group has found four generalissimos: Chiang Kai-shek, President of China; Francisco Franco, Chief of State of Spain; Rafael Trujillo, former President of the Dominican Republic; and Joseph Stalin, former Premier of the Soviet Union.

Can you help these specialists out by adding to their list? Can you find any women who have borne the corresponding title of GENERALISSIMA? Think!

A cryptogram is a coded message in which each letter is translated into another letter throughout. A word puzzle is a cryptogram in which each letter is translated into another letter throughout. A puzzle is a cryptogram in which each letter is translated into another letter throughout.

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Puzzlers versed in word combinations and clever word lore, will analyze this message:

THE GREATEST STAND!

"G

BET"'

Of course, a cryptogram by expert cryptographers and exhibitors highly challenges to adept solvers to read:

OHIOAN, KHAKJ BHANG DRUNK CHUM THRU PL

It sounds interesting and yields the facts: a clever Turk named washerman residing in the result of drinking looks like a ghost,