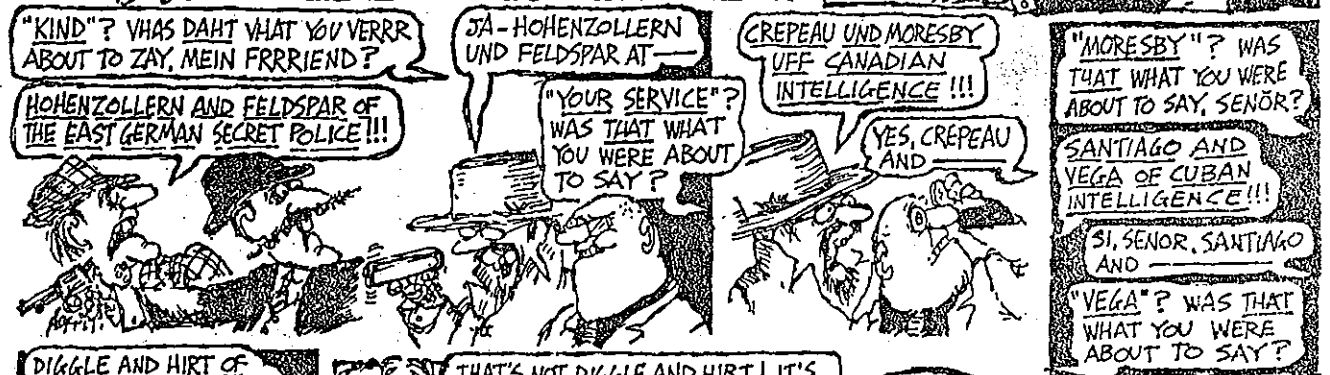


Deirdre Callahan: A CHILD SO INCREDIBLY UGLY THAT SOMEWHO VIEW HER AS THE ONLY OTHERS HAVE THE CORNERS OF THEIR EYES BURNED OUT!

IN THE STORY LAST MONTH, ONE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE TEAM AFTER ANOTHER GOT THE DROP ON EACH PRECEDING TEAM. MUCH LIKE A CHEAP HOLLYWOOD DETECTIVE MOVIE. THEN—TOWARDS THE END, DIGGLE AND HIRT OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE GOT THE DROP ON CUBAN INTELLIGENCE EVEN THOUGH THE EAST GERMANS HAD GOTTEN THE DROP ON THEM EARLIER! CLEARLY A MIXED-UP, IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION! TO UPHOLD OUR REPUTATION IN PRESENTING ONLY THE VERY BEST IN CARTOONING, WE ARE REPEATING LAST MONTH'S STORY, BUT WITH CORRECTED SEQUENCES!



WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE EXCESSIVE COPY IN THIS MONTH'S EPISODE OF DEIRDRE CALLAHAN. WE REALIZE THAT READERS TURN TO THE 'FUNNY PAGES' OF THE NATIONAL LAMPOON MAGAZINE FOR COMICAL PICTURES, NOT WORDS, WORDS, AND MORE WORDS! THAT IS PRECISELY WHY IN PREPARING THIS PAGE WE STRIVE TO EDIT EVERY SUPERFLUOUS WORD AND PHRASE OUT THAT ADDS NOT ONE WHIT OR EVEN HALF A WHIT—HA-HA-HA! A LITTLE JOKE INTERSPERSED THERE, IT HAS LONG BEEN MY POSITION AS REGARDS VERBOSITY THAT WHERE HUMOR IS CONCERNED IT IS A CARDINAL RULE—CONTINUED P.243