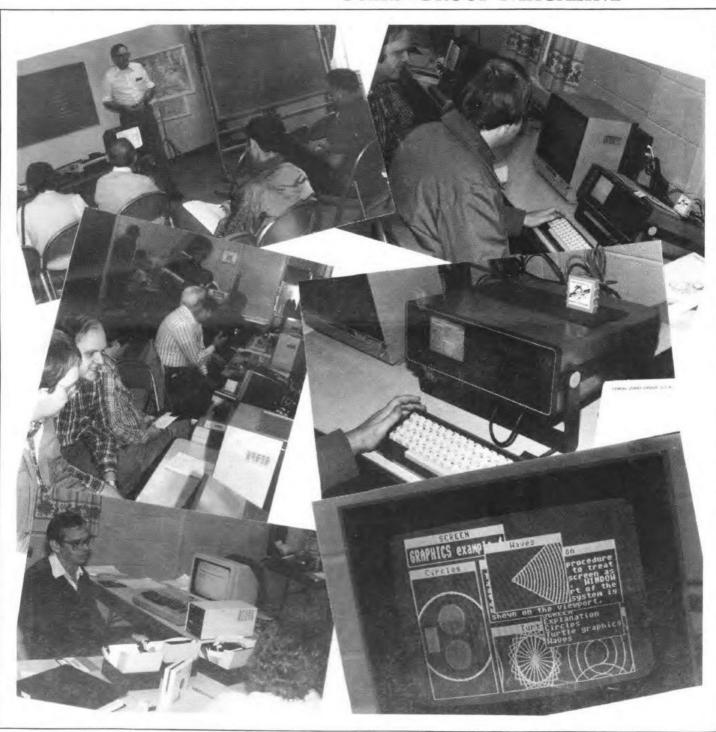# SATURDAY WORKSHOP

INTERVIEW WITH ALEXANDER HAIG

It is no secret that there have recently been some changes in the board of directors of Commodore Business Machines, Inc. The most noteworthy of the new appointees is former Secretary of Defense General Alexander Haig. Haig reluctantly agreed to an interview.

R.R.: General Haig ...

Haig: I'm in charge here. Give me that tape recorder! I'm impounding it in the name of social security-- make that national security.

R.R.: General Haig ...

Haig: Let's see your security clearance, Ramloose. Aw hell, you're probably all right. You got in here.

R.R.: I noticed it was kind of difficult. Are those real machine guns?

Haig: Business is war. Someone big once said that.

R.R.: That was founder and former Chairman of Commodore, Jack Tramiel-- who now runs Atari Corporation.

Haig: I thought it was Patton.

R.R.: He said war was hell. Is that your philosophy?

Haig: War is business. That's what I told Nixon.

R.R.: I noticed all those boxes marked 'Honduras'. Would you tell me what is in them?

Haig: (Leaning forward). Confidentially, that's our new Mark 64 Digital Intellligence Analyzer. Right there is one in operation.

R.R.: It looks like a Commodore 64 to me.

Haig: Well, there are certain similarities. But due to 'custom touches' and a philosophy of rigid quality control, there are, of course, vast differences.

R.R.: I notice that it says 'COMMODORE 64K DIGITAL ANALYZER-- UNDERDEVELOPED LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS VERSION 2.0-- 38911 BASIC BYTES FREE.' Are there any other differences?

Haig: It comes with a box of cigars. We've also souped up the peripheral devices. Look at this Directional Controller.

R.R.: Looks like a WICO joystick.

Haig: There are supereficial similarities. But look at that armor-reinforced cable!

R.R.: Nice. How much for this setup?

Haig: $120,000.00.

R.R.: That's a lot for a Commodore 64.

Haig: I was talking about the joystick.

R.R.: Is the U.S. government using any Commodore equipment?

Haig: All of our ICBM's now have a Vicarious Intelligent Controller, Model 20 in them.

R.R.: A VIC-20?

Haig: Sort of. We added a 'Launch' button to the keyboard.

R.R.: Any other projects?

Haig: Plenty! We're almost ready to introduce the Plus 4 antipersonnel device. And there are other things I can't tell you about.

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10 REM ******************************
20 REM *                            *
30 REM *         NO-KNOCK 1.0       *
40 REM *                            *
41 REM *   ELIMINATES DISK DRIVE HEAD *
42 REM *   KNOCK WHEN AN ERROR ON THE *
43 REM *      DISK IS ENCOUNTED      *
44 REM *                            *
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46 REM *      GILBERT D. HELLAND     *
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48 REM *      COMPUTE!'S GAZETTE     *
49 REM *         DECEMBER 1984       *
50 REM *   COPYRIGHT TO THIS LETTER  *
51 REM *          IS HELD BY         *
52 REM *   COMPUTE! PUBLICATIONS INC. *
53 REM *                            *
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57 REM *                            *
58 REM *      NOVEMBER 21, 1984      *
59 REM *                            *
60 REM ******************************
65 PRINT"(SC)"
70 FORK1=1TO22
80 READM$:PRINTSPC(INT((40-LEN(M$))/2));M$
90 NEXT
100 GETQ$:IFQ$=""THEN100
110 PRINT"(SC)WRITING PATCH TO DOS..."
115 OPEN15,8,15:PRINT#15,"M-W";CHR$(106)CHR$(0)CHR$
(1)CHR$(133):CLOSE15
120 PRINT"(CD)PLEASE NOTE:  SOME PROTECTED SOFTWARE"
130 PRINT"          MAY NOT ACCEPT THE DISK"
140 PRINT"          AS BEING THE ORIGINAL"
150 PRINT"          WHEN THIS PATCH IS IN"
160 PRINT"          PLACE.  IF THIS HAPPENS"
170 PRINT"          RESET YOUR SYSTEM BY"
180 PRINT"          TURNING IT OFF AND THEN"
190 PRINT"          BACK ON AND LOADING THE"
200 PRINT"          DESIRED PROGRAM."
210 PRINT"(CD)       PRESS <RETURN> TO CONTINUE"
220 GETQ$:IFQ$=""THEN220
230 PRINT"(SC)PATCH APPLIED TO DOS":PRINT"(CD)
PROGRAM ENDING NORMALLY..."
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2090 DATABY MARK S.KEMPISTY," ",21 NOVEMBER 1984," "
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2100 :
2110 REM "(SC)" = CLEAR SCREEN
2120 REM "(CD)" = CURSOR DOWN
2130 :
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REGGIE RAMLOOSE
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R.R.: I see.

Haig: (As alarm sounds) We've just gone to
DEFCOMMODORE II! I'm in charge! Someone
boot up 'Raid Over Moscow'! (Interview
concludes as Haig goes to watch a private
screening of 'War Games'.)

[EDITORS'S NOTE: This preceeding column is,
of course, fictious.]

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header information that identifies
the kind of file. Due to this improvement
function key files made by previous
versions of VIDTEX will need to be reentered.
Autolog files may be easily
updated by inserting "al4.0," at the
beginning of the file.

Besides these major changes, Version 4.0C
contains many minor improvements that
will make your online sessions even more
enjoyable. VIDTEX is available for $39.95
directly from CompuServe.