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"Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art
in the way with him."

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Game 1967AY, Arma-8:

STRONG GERMAN PUSH INTO BALKANS
PRIVATE AUSTRO-ITALIAN WAR IN ISTERIA

1905, Spring moves:

England ("Harris"): Fleet Brest to Mid-Atlantic Ocean. Fleet Barents Sea to Norway. Army Moscow support German army Warsaw to Ukraine. Fleet Livonia stand. Army Burgundy to Marseilles. Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea to Rome. Fleet Western Mediterranean to Tyrrhenian Sea.

Germany (Schow): Army Marseilles to Piedmont. Army Warsaw to Ukraine. Fleet Bothnia stand. Army Munich to Bohemia. Army Silesia to Galicia. Army Galicia to Budapest. Army Kiel to Munich. Army Berlin support army Kiel to Munich.

Turkey (Walker): Fleet Greece support fleet Ionian. Fleet Aegean support fleet Ionian. Army Bulgaria support fleet Greece. Fleet Black Sea support army Bulgaria. Fleet Ionian support Italian fleet Tunis.

Italy (Peery, vice Welsh): Fleet Tunis stand. Fleet Naples to Rome. Army Venice support army Albania to Trieste. Army Albania to Trieste.

Austria (Powlesland): Army Tyrolia to Venice. Army Trieste support army Tyrolia to Venice. Army Serbia support army Trieste.

Russia (Long): Fleet Rumania stand. Army Ukraine support army Sevastopol to Moscow. Army Sevastopol to Moscow.

France (Celestre): No moves received. Fleet in south coast of Spain stands.

Charles Welsh who is taking over play for Italy ordered all his units to obey orders previously submitted by Larry Peery, the former player for that country. Underlined moves do not succeed. There are no retreats. Deadline for moves for Fall 1905 is Wednesday, 4th of December 1968.

Press Releases.

Rome, 15 March. After paying his respects to the Pontiff in the Vatican this afternoon Premier Alessandro Bresibaldi today addressed the Italian Senate: "It is with deep regret that I announce the resignation of my government. I no longer believe that my government carries the confidence nor the support of the Italian people. More importantly, I do not carry the support nor confidence of him who has entrusted me with the direction of this nation during this war. Instead of a moral and a just war, I find our nation surrounded by hypocrites, double-dealers, imposters, liars, and other misfits who have sought only to use us for their own advancement. Therefore, in protest against this foolishness my government is resigning. May God send peace to our nation, forgiveness to our enemies, and further victories to our allies, if we have any."

Byzantium, 23 March. Her Holiness, the Empress and Pope Joan II, greeted the news of the impending abdication of King Lorenzo of Italy with unconcealed scorn. In a speech in the Hippodrome, Her Holiness said, "His so-called Majesty of Italy is a quitter! He knows that his so-called allies, the perfidious English, are about to turn on him and erase his puny state from the map. Rather than face defeat like a man, he's going to run off. Buenos Aires or Switzerland, we presume. Never let it be said that the Empress of Byzantium was less a man than the fop who now disgraces the throne of the Lombards. We shall fight to the bloody bitter end against the forces of evil which now control the formerly great cities of London and Berlin!" Her Holiness then went on to excommunicate the Empress of Germany, the King of England (James the Infantile), the King of Italy (Lorenzo the Yellow), and the Gamesmaster (John the Hard-Nosed).

Zürich, 26 March. John, Duke of Aargau, known by his irreverent subjects as John the Red-Nosed, on account of his bibulous habits, is reported to seize every possible opportunity to look at himself in the mirror. Local wits suggest that his desertion of the glass of Bacchus in favour of the glass of Narcissus is due to the designation "Hard-Nosed" recently applied to him by the East Roman Empress.

Vienna, 1 April. His Imperial Majesty, Kaiser Wilhelm Glockenspieler, today released a press statement announcing the appointment of former US General Lewiski Hershei to the post of director of the K.u.K. Selective Service. The change in command was due, it was reported, to the failure of the former leaders in recruiting armies in two consecutive wars. The statement denounced the increase in draft dodging, expressing confidence in Hershei's ability to deal with this problem. Particularly mentioned in recent months as being hot-beds of draft-dodging were members of the Italo-Turkish minority group in Vienna, led by pacifist Dr. Shock., and also the resistance group, the United (who else) Peerists. It is reported that Hershei, who was once quoted as saying that he thought that Attila the Hun, "had just gotten a lot of bad publicity" and wasn't such "a bad guy after all", is looking forward to his new job.

Jerusalem, 15 April. The search for Lawrence Pasha, presently disguised as a sick camel, goes on. One sick camel has already been picked up for questioning, but he proved to be secret Agent O-O-Hate

who was off to Mecca to buy some old Captain Marvels reportedly in the possession of Sharif 'Ali. Several false leads were also run down. By a tank belonging to the Expeditionary Force. Several other sick camels were found, but they were real camels, made sick by meeting Lawrence Pasha. Or by meeting O-O-H ate. Several camels found dead were presumed to have met both. Reports that Lawrence Pasha has been given refuge in a seminary in Chicago are discounted, as are reports that the Pasha has joined the Air Force of Mejd. Nevertheless, all flights out of Riyadh are being closely watched. Lawrence Pasha's penchant for running away has prompted at least one Imperial official, Prefect Pyramis Thisbe, to remark, "He must be an Italian". Mozhutbuit.

Calhamer Point Count Rating List (55).

4.3333	John Smythe	1.0333	Rod Walker
4.0	Charles Wells	1.0	John Beshara Tom Griffin
3.0	James Dygert John Koning Don Miller Jerry Pournelle Monte Zelazny		Ed Halle Dave Lebling Paul Leitch James MacKenzie Harold Peck Bruce Pelz
2.0	Derek Nelson Bud Pendergrass		Eugene Prosnitz Mehran Thomson
1.5333	Charles Turneb	0.75	Frank Clark Terry Kuch Banks Mebane
1.5	James Latimer Harold Haus		
		0.5	Rick Brooks Ken Davidson
1.3333	Larry Peery John McCallum Charles Reinsel	0.3333	Don Berman Ken Levinson Chris Wagner
1.25	Alan Huff		
1.2	Dan Barrows Conrad von Metzke	0.2	Doug Beyerlein

EPISITLES

Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, NY, 11104:

You mentioned Peery's poll on the best zines. Ummm, according to my records, I never received anything from him. Hell, I could have given him the run down on about 9 zines.

As for Reinsel's Big Brother. It has one thing which keeps me coming back for more, something which is more important than Well's

Extension or Miller's rule: Speed. Every two weeks there is Big Brother waiting for me without fail. I know that just like death and taxes, Big Brother will be there.

Actually my favorite zine as far as enjoyment goes, is a tops up between Costaguana and Erehwon where I get a big kick out of the press releases, side comments, and mental diarrhea being exhibited by everyone, gamesmasters included.

It may interest you to note that since Nixon won it has rained every day here in New York. Plus we just got hit with a huge storm: The gods are angry!!!

((+(There is no doubt that the speed and regularity of Big Brother is an attractive feature. The only other zine with a comparable publication rate is Boardman's Graustark. As Big Brother is published with 13 days from one deadline to the next, compared with Graustark's 14, Reinsel can usually squeeze one additional playing year into a calendar year, compared with the Graustark rate. As I understand the situation Reinsel is finding that publishing takes up more time than he can afford. He is not alone in that, of course. Anyway I believe he intends to cease publishing about a year from now. He had intended to let his tenth game be the last, ending on a nice round figure. As you know, since you are in it, there was such an overflow of applicants for Game 10, that he decided to offer an 11th as well. I think, though, that someone should twist his arm and persuade him to round it out to an even dozen. In spite of his planned cessation date about a year from now I think he could manage another. The average postal game ends in 1911 or 1912. However, the average Big Brother game is shorter than this, several of them ending as early as 1908. As his publication rate allows Reinsel to turn out 9 playing years per calendar year, he would just have time to run another game in the time limit he has set himself.

Your liking of Erehwon supports the findings of Peery's poll, where Erehwon came in first among voters who are not gamesmasters and second among gamesmasters. There is no doubt that Red has a way with a pen and contributes a lot to the general hilarity of the Diplomacy scene not only in his own zine but in those that he is playing in as well. What I like about Costaguana is its diversity and unexpectedness. I have had fairly extensive, though spasmodic, correspondence with Conrad, and think I know what his fields of interest are. Yet most issues of Costa turn up a surprise or two.

If the gods are angry at Nixon's election, why do they vent their wrath on New York, which didn't vote for him, rather than on California, say, which did?

According to my records you are currently in 25 postal Dippy games. This is not a record as Latimer certainly and I think von Metzke also were once in 30 games in progress. Still it is a very large number of games. How do you manage it?)+))