

BARAD-DUR 38 1/2

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CHALKER'S REPUTATION IS SHOT!!!

B-D 38 is now one week late, and will not go out until the 6 PM mail pickup this evening. This is the first (and, I hope, only) time that the magazine has ever been late in its almost 2-year history. I humbly apologize to all players.

The basic reason for the lateness is, simply, that everything hit me at one time. Being the end of the semester, I found that I had to get grades and conduct/work habits marks in -- and I had 3 tests left to mark. Simultaneously, a graduate paper on Goethe's FAUST that I'd been working on, which was due in last Tuesday, ran longer and more complicated than I'd figured -- and this in itself took until last Sunday afternoon. To complicate things still further I must make book and unit-material orders for next semester now -- and, even more, I finally was enlisted into the Guard.

So, here it is January 22 and I still have a lot of work to do, but I'm determined to deliver the magazine tonight or else. However, I have extended deadlines --

ALL MOVES FOR ALL GAMES ARE DUE IN ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1967, not January 27 as stated in the magazine.

THE GUARD

As far as can be determined, I will enter the Air National Guard on Sunday, February 26. The total active tour of duty as specified in my contract (subject to mobilization, which, if it comes, will take everybody anyway) is 18 weeks from the day of activation. As far as my poor math can figure, this puts me in the grips of the Air Farce until Sunday, July 2, 1967. If I can lick the Chalker System of Typing in favor of the touch system sooner, I may return to Baltimore before that date and serve out the 18 weeks here -- but don't count on it; old habits are hard to break.

My first 6 weeks -- and the only hard ones -- are at Lackland AFB, Texas, where I will undergo basic training. Being a complete physical wreck this 6 weeks will not be a period of great happiness and joy, but providing I can touch my toes (I can do virtually all of the other exercises required) by the end of it I should survive, albeit sleepily. I then go to Amarillo AFB, Texas (everything in Lyndon Country) where, I gather, I go to Tech School in Public Administration. Since I've already tested out on everything in that category, the only thing I'll have to do there is unlearn my present typing system and learn the standard touch system. If Tech School likes me, they'll send me back for the remainder of my hitch (i.e. July 2) here. If not, I'll spend spring in Amarillo. On July 2 I take off the uniform and keep it off ex-

cept for one weekend a month when I play soldier and mimeo the unit newsletter. I'll work BARAD-DUR around those weekends, or, considering my job, do it at the unit office.

I am assigned to the Public Relations Office of the 135th Air Commando Group, Maryland Air National Guard. Since there is no such thing as a PRO at the base, I'm the office.

It pays to have relatives.

WHY'D I DO IT? Of course I'm exempt from the draft now (critical occupation) but, well, for one thing a II-A is not secure in wartime -- and this is wartime. For another, I have been held as unclassified during the months of July and August -- subject to rising draft quotas when I don't work. Last summer was a nightmare I don't wish to relate or repeat. Also, I am a trained and fully qualified high school history teacher who loves his profession and is barred from teaching history because, while English teachers are critical, history teachers are not. The city wasn't about to place me when I could be drafted off the eligibility list! Finally, the job I have is strictly noncombattant whether active or inactive; I carry no gun, dig no foxholes, and am in a position where I can advance -- as head of my own 1-man office -- very quickly in rank, with accompanying supplementary money -- badly needed on my poor teacher's salary.

And, I guess there's one other reason: as those who've known me for years will tell you, I live for new experiences, good or bad. I call such things "interesting." It's a weird philosophy of life for most I know, but it's one that I feel gives me a great deal out of life. I simply could not resist the opportunity for this new and unusual experience, one which does not even hamper my other activities that severely. So -- as Hal Naus kindly put it, ATTENTION!

Please note: Deadlines will be corrected to February 3, 17, then to Jim Sanders' BARAD-DUR for March 3 through the first deadline in July, when I'll reassume command.

BALTICONFERENCE

You are all invited to a 2-day party the Baltimore Science Fiction Society is holding at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore & Calvert Sts., Baltimore, Md. on February 10 and 11. Friday night -- gala sponsored party, talkfest, folksing, drinkfest, and the like, followed by several room parties. Saturday an SF-oriented program running from 2 until 4:30 or so, then a group dinner in the fabulous Hawaiian Room, with great drinks, inexpensive meals, and live Polynesian entertainment. Then Sat. nite another sponsored deal until about 1 A.M., followed by several more room parties open to all.

YOU ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. Write for additional info. AND -- charge is \$1 for both days, entire proceeds to go toward liquid refreshments for the conference. DIPLOMANIACS WELCOME -- several games, maybe even a small tourney, will be held.

SEE YOU THERE? EMERSON HOTEL, FEBRUARY 10-12.

I'm Chairman, by the way....

Barad-Dûr

A biweekly magazine of Postal Diplomacy published and Games-mastered by Jack L. Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207, and available at 10/\$1.00 or trade. Back issues 20¢ (except #s 1-10, which are gone). Supposedly the January 13, 1967 issue but Friday 13th jinxed it and it's going out on Tuesday, January 16. Affiliated with the growing N3F Games Bureau, of which I find myself head of the Diplomacy Division although no longer a member of the N3F. Follow-Up Bureau?

THE REGULAR DEPARTMENT

Major error this time is the lateness of the issue -- I had a graduate paper for my course in Faust due tonight (1-18-67). I'm a part-time candidate for an MLA degree (History of Ideas) at the Johns Hopkins University.

Only real mistake last time was that Al Huff should have been directed in XF to remove 1, not two -- and darned if he didn't remove two anyway. The thing was fixed up, though, with Huff retaining F Aegean.

DEADLINE-ALL MASTER DIPLOMACY GAMES Feb. 3, 1967

Last Tuesday Don Miller called and we agreed to merge his and the B-D/Orthanc games with the Games Bureau. You will discover little difference in the rates of any magazine now affiliated, although the replay discount will count only for regular games, not variants, which will all have a flat fee. Other gamesmasters and magazines are talking about joining the GB as well, which is, now, about as far out of the N3F it seems as is possible, the Don's still a Director and GB Head.

However, while I, out of courtesy to someone paying long-distance rates, started towards a quick termination of the conversation with Miller I discovered that Wayne Heheisel, Diplomacy Giant, was also on the line, and that meant that we were talking the Great White Father's Party Line (cheap). So, for two hours we had a 3-way party-line conversation which also included folks like Bob Whalen (East Patterson Diplomacy Club) and Monte Zelazny, in Florida. We were concluding the organization of a new Diplomacy variant, which, I understand, will be Gamesmastered by Richard Shagrin, that noble ~~slacker~~ Good Man in Washington State. Basically, it's 7-man with a few variants thrown in -- but what makes it unusual is that the 7 players aren't individuals, they're teams, each forming a realistic government from the Constitution down to Minister of Security and ambassadors. Participants include: Baltimore, WSFA, EPDC, Richland, Lafayette Tactics, Cleveland-Youngstown, and a group Hal Naus is getting together. Hal may have the biggest government of all -- he told me on the phone last night that he may have between 50 and 60 people. Baltimore will have at least 12 (now signed). Persons unaffiliated with a group who'd like to get in on the fun should write Don or me or one of the other groups. There will be modest taxes -- \$1 per game fee + internal expenses, such as a governmental newspaper for each government, etc. I am President of Baltimore's nation; Dave Ettlin's Premier. Our official list will appear later.

JLC

GB-1965-B
 SPRING, 1913 MOVES



UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
 lower case moves fail

TURKEY:..F NORWEGIAN TO NORTH SE
 (Miller) a denmark stands
 e prussia to silesia
 A WARSAW TO GALICIA
 A UKR (S) WARS-GALICIA
 A SWEDEN STANDS
 A SEVAST TO MOSCOW
 A RUMANIA TO BUDAPEST
 A BULGAR (S) GRE-SERB
 A GREECE TO SERBIA
 f black to rumania
 A CONSTANT TO GREECE
 F AEGEAN (C) CON-GRE
 F E.MED SUNS IN CYPRUS
 A ED. CHASES WEE SCOT-
 TISH LASSIES
 A LONDON CROSSES THE
 BRIDGE

ITALY: A TYROLIA TO VIENNA
 (Mebane) A TRIES (S) TYR-VIEN
 A VENICE (S) TRIESTE
 F IONIAN TO ALBANIA
 F APULIA (S) NAP-ION
 F NAPLES TO IONIAN
 A PIEDMONT TO TYROLIA
 A ROME TO TUSCANY
 F KIEL TO BERLIN
 A RHUR TO KIEL
 A MUNICH TO BOHEMIA
 A BURGUNDY TO MUNICH
 F DENMARK STANDS

AUSTRIA:..a silesia (s) gal-wars
 (Clark) a galicia to warsaw
 a serbia to rumania
 a bud (s) serb-rumania

=====Don Miller, you don't have an A
 =Denmark, but you do have A Sweden.
 =Austria's going fast now: A ser-
 =bia, A Galicia, A Budapest must
 =retreat; none of them can. Aus-
 =tria is reduced to 1 and the board
 =is 3 units shy, plus 1 from last
 =build. 30 units on the board....
 =Since this issue was late I have
 =====moved the deadline up a day but
 promise to get the next issue out at the usual rate of speed. I
 REQUEST THAT PLAYERS SUBMIT THREE BUILDS WITH THEIR FALL MOVES SO
 THAT, IF A DECISION IS REACHED, THERE WILL NOT BE A TWO-WEEK DELAY.
 If no decision as to "game" is reached next time the builds will
 stand where applicable unless there are retreats or removals, in
 which case a winter season would be held. DEADLINE FOR FALL AND
 WINTER 1913 MOVES & BUILDS IS ~~SATURDAY~~ FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1967, 10 PM EST.
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G "G" GAME PROPAGANDA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE FOUR:

++Berlin, Oct. 1: The Kaiser proclaimed that a state of war
 does and has existed with the Hapsburg Empire of Austria and Hun-
 gary. He said that their violation of several terms of the Trip-
 le Alliance pact forced this decision. The German 3rd Army under
 Gen. Max Von Hoffenpfeffer, is currently engaged in liberating
 the Sudetenland as well as the Skoda works.
 ++Geneva: To Austria, Turkey, and Russia. When will you guys stop
 doublecrossing each other? The score is now 2-2-2. We Swiss have
 kept all our agreements and attacked nobody. //"Knowing who to
 trust is an integral part of the game." -- Calhammer. J&C//
 ++Berne, Jan. 22: Will the player using a Swiss byline please re-
 frain? The Swiss byline is traditionally that of the Gamesmaster.
 ++Westminster Palace: The king of (temporarily, unfortunately) Eng-
 land, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales solemnly read a declaration of
 war upon France. Also included in the Declaration was the Empire's
 former ally, Germany; the former ally who never was; and Russia
 for not taking the Austrian offer kindly and attacking Germany.
 Not only that but we declare war on Austria on general principles,
 on Turkey for not forcing the Austrians to force the Italians to
 attack the French.
 MORE PROPAGANDA BUT NO ROOM, NO ROOM!!!

UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves do not

BARBARY:F GABES (S) F TUNIS
(Bounds)f tunis (S) F GABES
a sardinia stands
F BELGIUM STANDS

ENGLAND.....A YORKSHIRE TO OSLO
(Mebane) f engchan to belg.
f irish to engchan
F MOROCCO TO W.MED
A YORKS TO OSLO???

ITALY...A SERBIA TO MONTENEGRO
(Gomignani) D TRIE (S) SER-MONTE
A VENICE (S) F TRIESTE
A ROME TO TYRRHENIAN
F CORSICA TO SARDINIA
A NAPLES TO ROME

TURKEY: .A SMYRNA TO ARMENIA
(Huff) A SYRIA (S) SMY-ARM
F CONST TO BLACK SEA
a Balkonia to montenegro
F tripoli to tunis
F ION (S) TRIP to tunis
F AEGEAN TO CONSTANT

A VIENNA TO TYROLIA =====
A MINUCH (S) VIEN-TYR =Barbary A Sardinia is dislodged
A SILESIA (S) A MUN =and can not retreat; it is elim-
=====inated. No other retreats altho
the situations in Scandinavia and on the Russo-Turkish border bear
particular watching. DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1905 MOVE ORDERS IS ~~XXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ It will be back to Fridays after -- tho I dunno
what Sanders will do for his 9 issues. DEADLINE FEB. 3, 10 PM EST.

++Berne, January 22: The Swiss government would like to apologize to those persons whose propaganda was mislaid due to the unfortunate disruption in communications that overwhelmed us for a week.

++Bruxelles, Belgique, Mar.21 (Presse-France): Leopold II, King of the Belgians, has declared war on the Russian Empire and asked the Royal Navy for protection.

++Paris: Russia, how does it feel to have the whole world against you? It's your own fault, you know....

++Helsinki, Mar. 25 (KA)- A massive airlift is evacuating civilians from the threatened provinces of Kiel and Finland. Giant E-C Mk.10 Aircraft are flying continually between Helsinki and Trondheim, and between Hamburg and Bergen, while the smaller Mk. 9 brings the refugees from outlying cities to the main airports.

GB-1966-G
FALL, 1902 MOVES

((SUMMER 1902: E F BBC TO LONDON))

UPPER CASE SUCCEEDS
lower case doesn't

GERMANY:...F HEL.B.TO NORTH SEA
(Huff) F HOLL (S) HELB-NORSE
A BELGIUM STANDS
A DENMARK STANDS
A MUNICH TO BOHEMIA
A BERLIN TO MUNICH

ENGLAND: a norway to st.pete
(Bailey) F IRISH STANDS
F NORTH SEA STANDS
f london to eng.chan.

AUSTRIA...a rumania stands
(Dygart) A VIENNA STANDS
a trieste stands
A BUDAPEST STANDS
F ALBANIA STANDS

FRANCE:.A PICARDY TO WALES(!!!)
(Von F ENG.CHAN. (C)PIC-WALES
Metzke) F MID-ATL (S) F.ENGCHAN
A SPAIN RESTORES LOYAL-
ISTS!

ITALY:....F ADRIATIC TO TRIESTE
(Prosnitz) A VENICE (S) ADR-TRIE
f ionian to aegean
A TYROL (S) ADR-TRIE

TURKEY..f constant to black sea
(Turner) f aegean to ionian
A GREECE STANDS
A SMYRNA TO ARMENIA

RUSSIA....A GALICIA (S) UKR-RUM
(Latimer) A UKRAINA TO RUMANIA
a moscow to st. pete
f sevast to black sea
F SWEDEN STANDS

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=In case you don't get it, F BBC
=is, of course, the English Chan-
=nel. That invasion of Wales -- you
=have to watch Von Metzke.... Dy-
=gart's not moving has caused pain,
=the chances are moving wouldn't
=have helped much here. A Rumania

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=is dislodged and must retreat, as
must army trieste. Rumania may retreat to Bulgaria or Serbia; A
Trieste may retreat to Serbia or Albania. However, a winter re-
treat in BARAD-DUR does not affect the center ownership for the
round. Builds come before retreats. Thus:

GERMANY: CONSTANT.
AUSTRIA: REMOVE TWO
ITALY: BUILD ONE

RUSSIA: BUILD ONE
ENGLAND: CONSTANT
FRANCE: BUILD ONE

TURKEY: BUILD ONE
All 34 centers are
now owned.

-----DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1902 BUILDS AND REMOV-
ALS IS FRIDAY, Feb. 3. ~~1967~~ 1967, 10 PM EST (7 PST). One
extra day without delay for the late issue this time....

-----PROPAGANDA-----

++Berne, Jan. 22: The Swiss Foreign Ministry wants to apologize
for any public statements or propaganda communiques which it
might have mislaid during the recent one-week breakdown in com-
munications.

++Paris: "O Edward, where is thy sting?

"O Alexandra, where is thy victory? -- Balso Snell.

++Constantinople: Note to Russia -- are you or are you not friend-
ly? We abided by the terms of an agreement, which was highly
favorable to you, and then you went and broke part of it. What
gives? The fleet has been sent to the Black Sea merely for pro-
tection. We expect and hope that the move shall not succeed. The
army shall again be removed from the frontier when you make your
position clear.. ## To King Conrad the Red -- Enjoy yourself,
chum. You can win if you play your cards right. Want to trade
countries? //GM's note: according to the statistics, Turkey is
one of the winningest countries on the board, while France is
one of the losingest.//

++Rome: To Albanian Fleet. Are you taking an Adriatic cruise, I
hope?

MORE "G" GAME PROPAGANDA CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO (BELOW "B")

GB-1967-J
SPRING, 1901 MOVES

UPPER CASE SUCCEEDS
lower case doesn't

GERMANY: A MUNICH TO RHUR
(Prosnitz) F KIEL TO HOLLAND
A BERLIN TO KIEL

TURKEY: A CONSTANT TO BULGARIA
(Latimer) A SMYRNA TO CONSTANT
F ANKARA STANDS

ITALY:....a venice to piedmont
(Griffin) a rome to venice
F NAPLES TO IONIAN

ENGLAND: F LONDON TO NORTH SEA
(Jacks) F EDINBURGH TO NORWEGIAN
A LIVERPOOL TO EDINBURGH

RUSSIA:....F ST.P (SC) TO BOTHNIA
(Huff) F BLACK SEA TO RUMANIA
A MOSCOW TO UKRAINA
a warsaw to galicia

AUSTRIA: F TRIESTE TO ALBANIA
(Naus) A VIENNA TO GALICIA
A BUDAPEST (S) VIEN-GAL

FRANCE:....F BREST TO MID-ATL
(Leitch) A PARIS TO PICARDY
a mars to piedmont

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=And here we go. Almost a delay --
=lost Hal Naus' move and had to
=call him. It'd be a good idea for
=those of you whose phone numbers I

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don't have to send them (if you don't want them published say so) in case of emergencies. I need quick ways of contacting Gene Prosnitz, Tom Griffin, Paul Leitch (if possible), Jim Latimer (ditto), and Jerry Jacks. For newcomers to Postal, the magazine works very clearly, with everything directed but the actual moves. Abbreviations are usually constant or almost so, and you'll get used to it with little practice. Errors on my part should be sent to me as soon as you spot them. I play with both Koning's Rule and Brannan's Rule, plus the Wells Extension. I have dropped the unpopular (but right, dammit!) Chalker's Rule, which is not used. If you don't know what these are please write and I'll send up an explanatory note. Or, ask any regular Postal player. Those rules resolve paradoxes in the rules. My word is law in interpretation, tho not in letter of the law. Moves for more than one game should be submitted together, tho on separate sheets of paper. Propaganda (which is edited as space permits) is to be at the bottom of the sheet, underneath your moves. Your moves should be SIGNED by you to avoid Dirty Tricks. I do not reveal the source of propaganda, normally, in general, and will consider myself honor bound not to reveal the author if you so request. I will not reveal the nature of inquiries sent to me, and will tell you how I'd rule if you supply the hypothetical situation -- or a real one off the board. DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1901 MOVE ORDERS IS **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 1967**, AT 10 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME (7 PM PST). No revisions of move orders are allowed, but you can add to or delete propaganda. Speaking of which...

COA: PAUL LEITCH, Apt. #1, 5 Colonial Village Drive, Arlington, Massachusetts, 02174.

London (Reuters): The English Foreign Office announced to-day that a treaty of friendship has been signed with the German Empire. This treaty consievably could involve England with Germany in some of the Kaiser's Continental adventures.

St.Pete, Apr. 3, 1901: The first steady stream of communication from the capital in several months is now flowing. The past year, Socialist terrorists have been preying on all means of communications and transport which is why so little has been heard from here. Now that the revolt's over, the Tsar discovered for the first time that war was starting!

ROSTER

(Revised as of January 21, 1967)

An initial after the name in capitals tells how long he is to get the magazine. B means until the game GB-1965-B is completed. XF= until XF is completed. G,J= until those games are completed. T= Trader. The letter S, followed by a number, denotes Subscriber and the last issue due that subscriber. An asterisk (*) before the name notes a CoA over last Roster. Mail to me during the Guard stint should be addressed to my home address; my address will change too quickly to send it direct. All mail will be forwarded although possibly not answered until after the first 6 weeks. Possibly, did I say?

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See you at the BALTICONFERENCE, Emerson Hotel, Balto., Md.,
 February 10-12, 1967??? Write for details.