

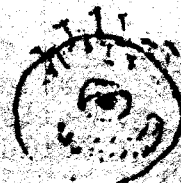
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(yours truly)

This is the September 1, 1979 issue of The Beholder, a mag devoted primarily to the play of postal Diplomacy (a registered trademark of a brutal game owned by Avalon Hill, invented by Allan B. Calhalmer, and sold for much more than it's worth) and sent your way by John Kelley, Box 35, Klickitat, WA 98628 USA. My telephone # is 509-369-4332, but the reward of the ungodly-hour caller will be a single screamed obscenity. I am the gamesmaster for all games played herein, currently 1979-CG and maybe 1978-Zulu.

Diplomacy games are open, and begin as soon as I get seven men, women or children signed up. To sign up, you must pay a \$3 gamefee. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Cheques should be made payable to John Kelley, and I will take no responsibility for ANY media used to convey any information or funds to me.

Subbers are pleaded with to join a standby list, enabling them to get free postions without bothering with any outrageous \$3.00 gamefees. All ya gotta do is maintain your subscription. The standby list currently consists of Gibson, Kelly, Russon, Van Alkemade, Watson, Cusack, Kreissl, and ~~Martinez~~.

Sub rates are .25 for 1-6 page issues, .30 for the usual 7-10 page jobbies, and 15¢ more for every ten pages (or less) past the standard 10. You will note I have raised my gamefees; I don't think it good for a now pub/GM to immediately overload himself with games. (I mean to avoid the long-known turnout plague, and will do whatever I haveta to accomplish that end) so they're going up. \$2 is still the gamefee for Bulette, but to enter the next game, Doppelganger, it will be \$3. And for Ettin, the gamefee will soar to \$4. You ask: How far is he going to go? Well, just one more; Gargoyle, which will be \$5. What? Of course those are outlandish gamefees for a lousy GM. I suggest anyone wanting to get into games join my standby list.

I better explain this action. First, I might as well make good money if I'm going to GM. To H--- with this crazy business of "break even", Pubbing. I could see the need to keep costs down; but having totally unreasonable gamefees serves several good purposes and no bad ones: a) it will slow or even stop my rate of gamefill; b) I'll make a little bread; c) There's a slight chance that a guy is less eager to dropout of a game he paid \$3, \$4, or \$5 for than a lousy \$2; d) it may add to my too-small standby list.

By the way, Bob Albrecht's new postal code is T1H 1J5, in case you don't know by now.

1979-CG, Fall 1901: AUSTRIA PERFORATED BRUTALLY BY KNIVES, EVERYBODY  
LIKES ENGLAND!

Austria (Nick Russon): F Alb-Gre, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, A Bud H.  
England (Jerry Van Alkemade): A Edi-Bel, F Nth C A Edi-Bel, F Nwg-Nwy.  
France (Clive Tonge): A Mar-Spa, F Mid-Por, A Pic S ENGLISH A Edi-Bel.  
Germany (Markus Rostig): A Kie-Den, A Mun-Ruh, F Hol S ENGLISH A Edi-Bel.  
Italy (François Cuerrier): F Ion-Tun, A Ven-Tri, A Tyo S A Ven-Tri.  
Russia (Trevor Baillie): F Bot-Swe, F Rum-Bla, A Gal-Bud, A Ukr-Sev.  
Turkey (Bob L. G. Albrecht): A Bul-Gre, A Arm-Bul, F Bla C A Arm-Bul.

Thanks very much, Werner, for the unused standby orders, but Clive came across.

A(4): Vie, Bud, Ser, Gre, 7/4; build one.  
E(5): Home, Nwy, Bel; build two.  
F(5): Home, Spa, Por; build two.  
G(5): Home, Den, Hol; build two.  
I(5): Home, Tun, 7/4; build two.  
R(6): Home, Swe, Rum; build two.  
T(4): Home, Bul; build one.

Press:

Ankara-Armenia: You mind your place, boy!

Ankara-Moscow: See, I can be trusted!

Ankara-Vienna: Unfortunately you will not live to see Spr. 04. Too bad.  
Hah Hah Hah!

Ankara Daily Clarion: Today the Grand Vizier was shot for bad-mouthing the Sultanate Albrecht. It is said that further punishment will be given to the staff. And in war news, the Infidèle has been scuttled for scrap. The Sultan would not say why.

Ankara-Paris: Sorry to hear about your accident. Sending 50 dancing girls to cheer you up.

LONDON, JOBS (John Odd-Bull-Stories):

H.M. the Queen of England suffered a minor stroke when she was informed of the French President's accident of suffering an "anonymous neuter" to take impromptu command of the French armed forces. She was overheard to mutter angrily, as she was taken to her Imperial Bed, "The old boulder had better climb into my bed, rather than go squiring those young French hussies. I would at least show him how to take command."

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has lodged a strong formal protest with the League of Nations against arbitrary, unilateral changes in house rules by a GM, as well as against the use of any so-called "anonymous neutrals" to run the national affairs of any sovereign country under any circumstances.

Mind Flayer: The change was NOT arbitrary. I called for a vote on the idea back in #5, and you had the chance to veto it, and didn't. Your fault alone, but I am sorry you're disgusted. The others wanted it, so I instituted it.

announcing the first Beholder Demolition Game!!

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ok, guys, here we go. This is the way we're goin' to rig it: with the modifications I will send Rod a copy. He will type (I hope!) his comments and the station will see print in TB as soon as I have time. The standbys are:

Art Gibson, c/o A-1, 176 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10016.

Bob Threacht, 2308 9 Ave N., Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 1J5.

If I get an MTR, I will try to plug Bob in first, because at least the player has said he'd prefer it that way, and because the fact that he is Canadian will maybe help balance the game better geographically.

A copy of the revised house rules are enclosed. The countries were picked from a hat, at random. (Actually they were picked from my Diplomacy box lid, but who cares?)

I will run this on four-week deadlines, the first of which is, oh, right, how about my birthday, October 23. However, if all seven of us say "Go ahead with the next season as soon as possible," BRRRRR! We're done, and all have orders in, the game will go out early.

Alright, you guys, here's my suggestion for play, to one and all: shut the WTFs out of each other! I let ya in the game free to do your thing, which is giving the knife to each other regularly, ok?

Also, add Blair Cusack the s/b list.

John, your ~~independent~~ GM

COAs: Clive tonge, 301-3375 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4N 1V8.

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Dave Grabar, above in demolition game.

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### THE ORPHAN SCENE AND MY STUPIDITY THEREOF

I will be taking over 1977 AG, 1978 E, and 1978 HD from dead zines. The transfer of HD should go smoothly and all players please note that Fall 1905 is due 29 Sep 79.

However, as pointed out by Blair Cusack, my over-impetuousness to get 78 E and 77 AG going has caused me to make a few severe and unforgiveable bungles, to wit: 1) ADJUDICATING THE GAMES. I wish to apologize for this and that I did not give you enough time to send orders. I will not set deadlines for either--let's take our time and resolve this matter. We may have to re-do the whole season. What do you think? (This is in 78 E.) I also bungled the adjudications in each, darn. (punches hole in wall) All of you in both games (E & AG) please let me know. (slashes wrists.) You are getting this issue free. (Except those who already sub/trade.) (breaks coke bottle over sister's head.)

Again, I am quite sorry. I'll know better next time, and will start double-checking the adjudications, to avoid the errors. I'm getting to be worse than Tretick about these errors!

### AND NOW, A CHANGE IN MY POLICIES

One day I came home for lunch at noon, from school. This was last Wednesday. I found I had my record 11 pieces of mail, and normally would have been glad. But I wasn't. For all my outspoken-ness had come to the edge. It was starting to hit back, with telling effect. Among the letters was one from Jerry Van Alkemade, stating that I'd done what he accused me of in his CG press. That depressed me sufficiently that I could neither smile nor work for the duration of the afternoon. I think you were too harsh, Jerry. And Blair, your protest was received Friday, and had the same effect, because you were a little harsh (but polite and concise) too. Take it easy, guys. It cuts deep.

So, I decided that I should just shut my big loud mouth. Kgorad Baumeister, you don't have to worry about me sending insulting letters any more, and I shall quit popping blood vessels over Oaklyn/Tretick. The attempt to transfer the games failed, and I'm sorry to see it, but... In other words, I think I'll mellow out and start enjoying the hobby. Like I said before, I'll just quit mouthing off. I'm on the football team now (one of the best teams in the state, hurrry hurrray), and should be able to vent my aggressions on the field. In case you're wondering how good I am, don't ask.

THE WINNERS OF THE BROUHAHA AWARDS (in memoriam of good friend and nice guy Bob Beardsly and his annual awards, formerly the mind flayer awards):

The Blade Award: Phil Cooper

The Ham-Hand Award: Randolph Smyth

The Loudmouth Award: Robert Sacks

The Richard Pryor Award: Bill LaFosse

The Donkey Award: John Boardman

The Tretick Award: Blair Cusack

The Kendter Award: (for being nice) Rod Walker

The BS award: John Caruso.

Ah, crud. That means four complimentaries I have to send out.

# BEHOLDER EVALUATION POLL

to which only 1/3 of you responded, ~~shame~~ dang it.

1. Do you think that the D&D to Diplomacy ratio is good? fair to poor/ what Diplomacy?/yes/Ok, but there should be more D&D/yes/I'd like more D&D/ si/it's ok/sure/yes/sure, I ignore the D&D/too much D&D/.

MF: Mind Flayer: Ok. The D&D/Dip ratio will stay the same.

2. Is there much humor? even when you don't try to be funny/average/ about right/yes-the D&D. it's the biggest joke in the game industry/ how can there be too much humor?/is that a joke?/I would call it sarcasm/ yes, but there's never enough/not really/not enough/a fair amount/is "hum- our" the same as "humor"?/Sore, I' no/.

MF: I'll try to put more in.

3. Is the editor immature? Curt Gibson you ain't, braces or not?/not for me/don't know, but am willing to find out. Your place or mine?((humm.)) you'll need more braces, me lad! he's certainly spoiled ((!))/not for his age/maybe, but aren't we all/at times/no more than the rest of us/no/no/.

MF: I'll try to do better.

4. Is he too outspoken? only about Tretick/not really/no/yes/no/not enough/ who cares/yes/nope/-/.

MF: See page 4.

5. Rate his use of the English language 1-10. average was 7.3.

MF: That was a pleasant surprise.

6. Do you like the tactics articles? yes/yes/yu/what tactics articles?/ not really/no/don't like any tactics articles/what tactics articles/not much, but I don't like ANYONE'S/no/good/.

MF: No more Diplomacy tactics articles.

7. Will you resub when the time comes (or when the game ends)? yup/yes/ perhaps/yes/trader/probably/hokay by me/yes/unknown/o: course/yes/.

MF: Thanks, it's good to hear.

8. Rate each ish individually. B/#4-8, #5-6, #6-8/#4-8, #7-good, #6- good/mostly fair/#2-4.5, #3-5.1, #4-5.3, #5-6.3, #6-5.5/7.9/adequate and appealingly ametsurish/too much work/.

MF: I shouldn't of wasted my time asking that question.

9. Rate them overall. average-7.8.

MF: Then who voted me a 3.38 in the NA poll? I'll try to improve it.

10. Do you think my harsh reaction to Tretick's crimes is foolish? Yes!/ not unless he even/no/no/totally/very/very much so/no, but you should add \$1000 reward for both his ears/Don't know/yes/gawd, no/I disagree/.

MF: I'll quiet down, but I still hate him.

11. ~~same to you, fella/I agree/Cincinatti/yes/~~ /-/XXXXXXXXXX/hum/XXXXXXXXXX/no/ /.

12. Are you sorry you subbed/traded? Nope/no/no/no/no/no/naturally/only in reflective moments/haven't decided/no/no/not if you're not.

MF: Well, that's gratifying.

13. Rate the typing from 1-10. I'm too nice to do that/10-there is a lot of typing/7/9, but repro makes it hard to tell/I give your secretary a 7/9/8.5/9.864/5.2/5/10((?!!))/9/.

MF: These scores are deceptive, since I do the corrections THEN photocopy the sheet THEN thermofax it. I make about 25 errors per page, when I'm in a hurry. But, everybody seems to appreciate that I take the time to make the photocopy, etc., so I'll continue.

14. Do the same with the repro. 7-8/7/6/Makes the typing look good/7.6/4/5/6/4.8 but slowly improving/6.36/4-/8/.

MF: I's a trying, but it's about as good now as it's ever going to get, I think. One of these days I'll buy some type-on masters and improve the colour. I tried photocopy on #1, but it was way too expensive.

15. Did the 2.5 pages spent explaining D&D interest you? no(yawn)/no/only from a clinical viewpoint/I read 1.5 and gave up/superficially/sho nuff boss/yes/yes/very much so/yes/yes, I may get into it sooner or later/borderline interesting/.

MF: Sounds like it justified the space I took, considering that people always come down on different sides of the fence on things, but if I could have put humour in it'd have gotten a unanimous response (instead of D&D) (but humour is hard for me). At least some of you read it.

16. What, in detail, are the problems with this zine? not enough D&D and non-player material/committ yourself ((to where, an asylum?))/printing/the reproduction/not enough games/occasional printing flaw/none/slightly abrasive style at times, too much dippy politics/no Dip./no comment!/takes seven days to get here/.

MF: In other words, each o' you has his little pet peeve. Well, it takes 7 days to arrive because you're in Canada and the mail takes three extra days crossing the border either way. Not my fault at all.

17. What, in detail, are the problems with its editor? one too many zine polls/everything/his reproduction capability (((!)))/lacks money/job to go xerox/dislikes motorcycle and doesn't know who Donna Summer is/none/let he who is without sin cast the first stone/NO COMMENT!!/no comment/Irish bats in belfry/.

MF: I wish some of you who said 'no comment' would explain yourselves. I TOLD you guys to be honest; taking this into account, not even the meanest of answers depresses me!

18. Don't you just hate zine polls? depends/ja/da ((my dad reads the zine))right!/nope, they're fun/no/no/YES!!/average/don't you just hate poll answerers? ((Only smart aleaks. Just kidding, pal.))/Yes!/Yes/Only if I'm 13th/.

MF: Think about that last one a little while and you can figure out who wrote it, heh heh.

Well, I want to thank all of you who responded, very very much. To all those of you who did not, thanks a lot. Yes, stamps and free ishes will come this is.

To all of you who are in the D&D: BE PATIENT! I'm quite busy and I do it when I can.

Plugs: n (Laurence Gillespie, 23 Robert Allen Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia Zet 3G9.) Well, this is a D&D zine, but it doesn't resemble TE in any way. Why? Because it's thirty-six xeroxed pages long, and not all that punctual, but it is well worth the wait. Mostly because I may be writing a wargame column within, entitled Flame of Uddin, as a subzine. Plenty of content and excellent repro make this worth the \$1 it costs, for repro/content/D&D nuts.

(another plug on page 8)

## ITALIANO PRIDE

a Diplomacy article by David Grabar

Italy is absolutely the best country to play. When ever you get a chance to pick a country, always pick Italy. No one can hurt you and you get to sit and watch everyone fight forever. You can watch Russia fight off its 3 front attack, you can watch England stab France in the back. You can watch Turkey walk into Austria. And, no one can touch you. You can watch the excitement of a coordinated attack on Munich, or watch the landing of English troops in Holland. Imagine the excitement of watching the falling of St. Petersburg, to the English.

The only way to open as Italy is A-Ven-Pie, A-Rom-Ven, and F-Nap-Ion. This way, no one can even attack you. You bounce everyone and you go back to the beginning position. In the fall, you take Tunis and then sit and watch.

My favorite opening is F-Ion-Nap, A-Rom-Bar and A-Ven-War. This will create the same results as the above paragraph. But, everyone will think you're an idiot. Thus, they will not concentrate on taking you out until they take out the "GOLD" players. Of course, you have to sacrifice Tunis, but, I feel it is worth it.

Middle Game strategy is a little more complex. Move Ven-Tri, A-Rom-Ven and F-Tun-Ion with support from Nap. Of course this will all bounce, but it will send letters from Turkey to you saying please ally. Of course he is lying, but, that's OK. You don't like Turkey anyway. My favorite middle game move is F-Tun-Wed, F-Nap-Ion, A-Ven-Tyo and A-Rom-Ven. Then declare war on France, Germany, Austria all in the same press release. First, these countries will go bananas trying to figure out how you, with your 1 unit is going to take them down. Secondly, they will decide you have been offered help by Russia, England and Turkey if you attack them. They will forget about you (one unit and immediately turn and face the other country. This is your big chance. Go for it! Attack everything. F-Wed-Spa(sc), A-Tyo-Mun, A-Rom A-Ven-Tri and F-Ion-Lie. You can write a big press release about the ultimate stab. You can laugh in their faces. (The only problem is, this has about a .01% of success). 99.99% of the time you will bounce back.

The end game. At last you are needed. England writes you and says if you throw your 4 units with him, he will let you survive. Russia writes and says if you throw your 4 units with him, he will let you survive. Turkey writes and says if you throw your 4 units with him, he will let you survive and only take 2 of your centers. The excitement is overwhelming. You actually get to pick the winner of the game. Just think, you decide who will win.

I myself have completed 18 games as the country of Italy. (That's real games). I've won 0. But, I have only been eliminated in 1 of the games. How's that for a record. That is something to be proud of. At Diplomacy tournaments, you usually say, "I've played in 18 Diplomacy games and have only lost 1 as the country of Italy." (Of course you didn't win the other 17, but, you survived, and through semantics, I would say you didn't lose.)

Let me tell you. For a real thrill of the game, a challenge, a feel of success, choose Italy the next time. I love it. As tella youse die. Italia isa da best.

Tell ya what. Why don't each and every one of you send me a picture of you? This means all of you. I don't care if you think you are ugly. I think I am, and I am willing to return the favour (talk about ingratitude!) by sending you one of me, someday, if you want. If you have a wife and kids, you might send a family picture. Dave, send one of Evon; Trevor, send one of Susan; Jerry, send one of Pat; Ron, send one of Char; John, send one of Claudine; Dennis, send one of Bernadette; Francois, send one of your girlfriend Catherine, if you can; and Gerry, Garry (Mark, how about one of you and Mona, by the way?), Fred if applicable, etc. Please?

Also, I'm going to plug Volkervanderung, which is a digest-zine, but not photo-reduced, zine that just came out, and looks good to me. Subs 5/2.50, or cheaper if you send a lot at one time. Look into it. K. Arnett, 1500 Waterway Park Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

In addition to that, I plan to suggest that each one of you write a check for \$2.20 US, make it payable to the Avalon Hill Game Co (which is at 4517 Harford Rd, Balto, MD 21214), and ask for the Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy. Why? Because it's jammed with wit, good tactics, and interesting reading in general. No Dippy player should write another order before he orders this.

1978-Zulu, Winter 1917: ITALIANS BLUNDER IN MED, BUT DOESN'T MATTER!

Austria (CT): F Tun-Naf, A Tyo H, A Vie S A Tyo, A Ber-Mun/a/, A Lva S

TURKISH A War-Pru.

England (NR): A StP H, F Bar S A StP, A Swe-Fin, F Nwy-Swe, A Lon-Nwy, F Nth C A Lon-Nwy.

France (NR): F Bre-Mid, B Lvo-Tyh, F Wes S F Lvo-Tyh, A Kie-Ber, A Mun-Sil, A Par-Bur, A Ruh-Mun, A Pie S ITALIAN A Ven, A Tus S ITALIAN Aven.

Italy (NR): A Rom-Lap, F Nap S FRENCH F Lvo-Tyh, A Ven S FRENCH A Pie.

Russia (NR): F Bal S FRENCH A Kie-Ber.

Turkey (CT): A War-Pru, A Tri S AUSTRIAN A Tyo, A Bul-Ser, A Rum-Gal/nsu/, A Gal-Boh, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con, A Ank H, F Ion-Adr, F Aeg-Ion.

Blast, forgot Winter: Austrian A Ven ret-OTB, built A Vie; English built A Lon, France built F Bre, A Par, and Truks built A Smy and A Ank. Both of you noted that I listed one too few builds for F & T.

Press aplenty:

Paris-Ankara: We, the nations of the Free Coalition assembly do hereby denounce the Warmongering, Imperialish Expansion of the Ottoman Empire as illegal under International Law. The Sultan is now under sentence of banishment to Klickitat (a far-distant, St. Helena-type retreat, complete with running GM and All)!

Sofia: ((of all places!)) The Sultan's brother, Reza, died today under mysterious circumstances. He was the last of the Sultan's eight brothers to die in the past month. Ahmet, the Crown Prince died in his bathtub after strangely swallowing a giant sponge. Mahmut Dalhi, the second youngest, died by firing squad after burping out-of-turn at the Sultan's Birthday Banquet. The youngest was bitten to death by the Sultan's pet Cobra. The third brother was killed in a freak accident when the Sultan accidentally discharged a 25-lbr field gun at his brother's tant. The other two brothers died last week on board the Sultan's yacht, where they were both mistaken for stowaways, and accidentally were hanged. It is the opinion of this editor that the Sultan's family are having a spell of bad luck, and it is below our notice to mention the wild rumours flying throughout the Empire.

Germany Re-establishes Civil Liberties (UPI):

The Free Republic of Germany became a protectorate of the Free Coalition last night at midnight. Widespread rejoicing through the newly-liberated country lasted until noon the next day. The evidence so far indicates that the Turkish Liaison detachment plundered both Berlin's mint and the Munich museum on their pell-mell retreat.

(U.P.I.): Berlin. The German non-activists have finally got their way. German troops have been disbanded and Germany is now under the protection of her allies the Turks and Austrians. This move by the German government has put extreme on the Federation of United Countries, as it has left the front lines virtually undefended.

Bueters: Constantinople. President of the United Federation of Countries Clive Tonge has appointed Rockney David as the new ambassador to the Free Coalition governments. Mr. David will be replacing Ahmed Ano, who died last week after falling tenx stories from a Paris office building. Mr. David stated in strained English, "I go for my Country."

*Whops, left out a bit of 79 CC press:*

PARIS TO EUROPE: The French government has considered European proposal to resolve the political and economic unrest in Spain and Portugal and has taken the necessary action.

U.P.I.: PARIS. General William Plante of French army Marseilles was forcibly ejected today from the presidents office here in Paris. The General is said to have proposed an attack on England, Germany and Italy simultaneously this year.

PARIS TO BUDAPEST: Please remove your silly spys.

Note to Garry Fairbairn: here are the signups for your D&D game: Dennis Sulsberger, Box 65, Climbing Hill, IA 51015, (until 30 Sep;) then to the address listed on page 3. Diane Sulsberger-the Box 65, Climbing Hill address. They've paid up and are ready to go. It's up to you, and good luck to all three of you!

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Does anyone have a copy of Diplomacy, intact and in fair to good condition, that they'd want to sell to me for 5-7 dollars, US?

Look at the player.  
He opens up an envelope.  
He pulls out a sheaf of dittoed paper.  
What is this dittoed paper?  
The man knows.  
It is a zine.  
It is smeared.  
It is trashy.  
The player reads through it with glee.  
How come he's doing that?  
He has received notice on the front page that he's in a new game.  
Now he's paging rapidly through the sheaf to see who's in it.  
He wants to see if there are others like him whom he knows.  
Suddenly his jaw drops.  
He turns white.  
He crosses himself.  
Cross, cross, cross.  
He breaks down crying.  
Why are you crying, nice man?  
He has been assigned a zine.

**THE GAMIX  
PRIMER, PART  
ONE:**

PERSONAL NOTES:

Sample  
Please send picture X  
your sub credit \_\_\_\_\_  
we trade ✓  
You get complimentaries because you are Rod Walker \_\_\_\_\_  
Your code # 6-88  
You are invited to play in the blind game x

you are 4, but  
you get 4 then  
anyway

It is 12:20 pm and I'm bushed. Good night, everyone.

Deadline for all games (HD, CG, ZOLU) is 29-Sep-79

John

More personal notes:

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