

Well, as the draft said to the gardening implement, "Hi, hoe," and off we go to another fabulous issue of BESEROVIA, a frenetic journal of Diplomacy and other earth-shaking events.

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...DID CYRE AND GIMBLE IN THE WABE...

1. Our new game is not getting people very fast. We have two paid members (Gullett, Wolfe) and four interested (Hobday, Ransom, Parrish, Everson). Maybe if we get one more and we get \$1 from everybody... Anyway, remember that this game will operate at a minimum speed of two moves a week. In fact, we may do one whole game year a week, with Winter adjustments due on the same day Fall moves are pubbed.
2. If anybody does not get the visual pun on the masthead, ... Well!

### #1969BQ

KING OF ITALY ACTS WITH GREAT DETERMINATION AND SHOWS THAT HE IS NOBODY'S LACKEY...

#### Winter 1904:

AUSTRIA (Fouquet): E A Tyr. ENGLAND (Parrish): B F Edi. FRANCE (Baer): A Bel (R)-Br. E F Por, E A Pie. GERMANY (Hobday): E A Hol. ITALY (Oberschulte): Build refused. RUSSIA (LaMotte): B A Nos. TURKEY (Everson): B F Con.

SPRING 1905 MOVES are due Wednesday, 11 February 1970.

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

This issue we are going to survey the world of postal Diplomacy. Several dozen Dippy 'zines are published in the U.S., Canada, and England. Many of them have open games. The list below includes those with games and a few other interesting 'zines. Most operate at the rate of 1 move per 3 weeks (some at 2 weeks or 4 weeks). The symbols below include: g/, game fee; s/, subscription rate; r, regular games; v, variant games.

ANIARA. Jeff Key, 4611 N. Pennsylvania, Apt. 1-D, Oklahoma City OK 73112; r; g/\$5 (w/discs); s/10/\$1.25 (1/\$0.15). Has one game reserved specifically for novices. Recommended.

ATLANTIS. Chris Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Ln., Deerfield IL 60015; r; g/\$4 (w/discs); s/10/\$1. Highly recommended.

ANASIGPAC. Marty Kirkpatrick, 320 Yale St., Nampa ID 83651; r; g/\$5; s/10/\$1.50.

BERZERKELEY BARK. Larry Fong, 704 Alice St., Oakland CA 94607; r; g/\$3.50; s/10/\$1.50. Recommended for sub, but not for games.

BRONTOSAURUS. Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond, Chicago IL 60647; r, v; g/\$4 (w/discs); s/10/\$1. Variants are only so-so.

DIPLODEUR. Bob Johnson, P.O. Box 134, Whippany NJ 07981; r; g/?; s/?.

DIPLOMANIA. Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton MD 20906. No games; s/4/\$1.25 (1/35¢). A Diplomacy gazette. Irregular, but highly recommended.

THE DIPLOMAT. Eric Just, Box 131, Paoli OK 73074; r; g/\$5 (w/discs); s/10/\$1. Recommended.

LA GUERRE. Buddy Tretick, 3702 Wendy Ln., Silver Spring MD 20906; r(?); v; g/\$4. Not recommended.

GRAUSTARK. John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn NY 11226; r; g/\$4; s/10/\$1. Recommended for the speed and accuracy of games. Dippy 'zine spokesman for the far radical left, and quite amusing for that reason.

LEBOR GABALA. Jeff Key (see ANIARA). No games; s/10/\$2.50 (1/30¢). A Diplomacy gazette, generally triweekly. Highly recommended.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES. Len Lakofka (see BRONTOSAURUS); r; g/\$4 (w/discs); s/10/\$1.25.

**NUMENOR.** Various editors, including Yours Truly. Has 6 game openings under 3 editors. In sub-zines as follows: **FIDGELY** (Conrad vonMetake, 4570 Wilson Ave., Apt. D, SanDiego CA 92116; g/\$3); **MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY** (David May, 7370 Cabrillo Ave., LaJolla CA 92037; g/\$6); **AZANIA** (Ron Salcedo, 78 Charles St., NewRochelle NY 10801; g/\$6). **NUMENOR** subs for 10/\$3. Contains international Diplomacy statistics, radical-liberal (i.e., moderate) political stuff, culture (like our bicentennial Beethoven essays), a serial History of the Kingdom of Poderkagg, cartoons, &c., &c. Subs to Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., SanDiego CA 92116; game-fees to GM concerned.

**ROHAN.** Ken Borecki, 19 Royal Rd., RockvilleCentre NY 11570; r; g/\$5 (w/discounts); s/10/\$1.25.

**THANGORODRIM.** Bill McDuffie, Clarkson College of Technology, Powers House, Box 651, Potsdam NY 13676; v; g/\$3 (w/discounts); s/year/\$2. Good variants.

**THE WATCHER.** Scott Hankin, 18 Seaver St., Wellesley MA 02181; r; g/\$3.50 (w/discounts if you "play regularly").

**ZOPHIQUE.** Rod Walker (see colophon, this issue); v; g/\$4; s/10/\$1. Aberration IV has one opening. This game adds two new powers, Spain and Sweden, plus many other new goodies: Double Armies, 3 seasons between builds, combat factors for units, and so on. We need one more...please?

Well, that seems to be it. Anybody who wishes to ask more questions about the zines mentioned herein should see me. I can also show you copies of nearly all of them, except those which have not yet begun publication.

I have made a bunch of extra copies of this issue. If you know anyone who is interested in Diplomacy (by mail or otherwise), pass a copy on to him or direct him to me for a copy.

I might add here that there are vast differences in the House-Rules used in the above publications. I will be happy to list the salient points for anyone who is looking for a game. No Gamesmaster rules exactly as I do, and a few are at very great variance from my rulings. Most of this is based on differing opinions as to what the Rules actually say; in some cases, however, blatant abuse of the Rules is involved.

Most Gamesmasters listed above are honest, conscientious, and clear-headed. One notable exception to this rule is listed as "not recommended". Of the Gamesmasters listed above, those with the longest experience are Key, Boardman, Just, Miller, and vonMetake. The newest (in fact, they have yet to run a game) are Kirkpatrick, Hankin, and Salcedo.

#### NEWS OF THE WORLD

**ROME:** The newest fashion rage in the Eternal City is "The New Italian Look". Everywhere the latest in men's fashion may be seen. The newspapers and magazines are full of advertisements, and the Slogan of the Year is: "You can't get anyplace without a ring in your nose!"

**LONDON:** From Whitehall comes the news that reporters seeking details on British plans for the coming year are still being put off. "It's not that we're trying to hide anything," said First Lord Sir Winston Churchill, "it's just that we have no idea ourselves what we are going to do. His Majesty has been in a purple funk about it all month. On the other hand, given the situation in the south, it may not make much difference what we do."

**CONSTANTINOPLE:** The Ottoman Draft Board today announced that, due to the shortage of Janissaries, the draft will begin to call up Februssaries.

~~VIENNA~~ **BUDAPEST:** The Empress was giving a feast for a dozen of Her host recently, when a great hand appeared out of nowhere and wrote some words on the wall of the Imperial Palace. It was a very traumatic moment. So far, nobody has been able to wash those words off the wall. They read: "To Let".