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DARN IT!

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Just another

BRUTUS BULLETIN

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BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACY, which in turn is a game invented by Alan Calhamer and copyrighted by the Avalon Hill Company, Baltimore, MD; probably the only time I ever give proper credit for anything used in the issue, which is my style. Produced by John Michalski, 913 NE 6 St, Moore, OK 73160. Subs at this point would be \$1.75 to carry you through 12-1-78. No game openings at present, but, see John's Notes inside. No calls, etc., etc.

Greetings to all you snow lovers out there, and you Californians too. Today is February 1st (that's how I can turn out big issues fast; do it long ahead of time), and February first is for all practical purposes, the first day of spring in Oklahoma. Of course the natives don't think so, for there's still largely 40-degree days & nights, and sometimes it will even drop below freezing a bit overnight—darn few 60-degree days, like November. But to a transplant from Milwaukee like me, February here is Spring. (Equivalent to late April in Wisconsin). Today, however, we're in the grip of another terrible storm here—laughable to anyone from the North, for the streets are a little icy from a freezing drizzle, is all—but to the ignorant farmers, cowboys, and assorted other retards out there on the Interstates, this is a terrible storm. It WOULDN'T be if it weren't for them, but they make up all too hefty a portion of the driving populace. And, like any other bad apples, it takes few to make the whole barrel (or Interstate) bad. One of these days I'll do an article on the local culture (such as it be) to give you an idea of what this place seems like to me, and maybe by example, motivate some others to write about their area. So far I've learned from the press in here that Fontana has a lot of air pollution from the local Kaiser Steel plant, and that mail from Newfoundland can take anywhere from a week to over two to arrive in OKC. / But, on to good stuff.

The front cover, you may have noticed, mentioned a note inside instead of simply NO GAMES as I usually put in. This is because I'm weakening on refusing to open Brutus #3. I still refuse to consider another magazine game, for it would slow this thing down at least one day, and that detracts from my claim to fame, FAST games. However, it may just be possible to open Brutus #3 on a single-sheet supplement with deadlines on the off-weeks, sending it only to players, and just adding the results to BB proper when I need filler or whatever. The page would carry adjudications and press; for my own BS that I know you're all on pins and needles to read, you'd have to wait for the regular issue. This is similar to what Don Horton does with a lot of his CLAW & FANG games. Now, some warnings: 1) If you are a publisher and mention BB, (thanks), please do NOT say I have openings! The demand for fast games is such that I fully expect to be able to fill it all but instantly from current subbers waiting to get in on this. If there are any places left, players in my other two games will have second priority. If there are openings after that, hell will have frozen over (like a lot of other things in this country these days. Br-r-r). SO... If you sub and are waiting, your waiting is just about over. Send in a confirmation card expressing your interest that I currently presume, and I'll send Cal White another BN request. ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE: there will be NO Winter 01 supplement in Brutus #3! (They're too big a pain). All else is the same. IF any current players want to enter another BB game, I will have to ask for another gamefee, due to the higher contribution I'll have to make here at work (and I'm not getting anything from current subbers, who are already paid up). To ease the pain of that 'second' \$2, I'll credit \$1 of it toward your next year's gamefee/subfee December 1st. Remind me then. However, I doubt if this will apply in more than one or two positions at most. NOBODY send any money yet, though. I'll tell you later if you owe anything, etc. BRUTUS #3 WILL DEFINITELY BE THE LAST GAME TO OPEN HERE FOR A LONG LONG TIME!!! (i.e., over 6 months!)

JM

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SPRING 1903

HAPSBURGS CHANGE FRONTS AS INFIDELS BOUNCE BACK! ROYAL NAVY HOME FLEET HOLDS AGAINST 6 FLEETS!

AUSTRIA (KASSEL): A Tyr-TRI; A Tri-SER; A Ser-ALB; F ADR S A Ser-Alb

ENGLAND(SCOTT): F BAR-Nwy; F NWG S F Nth; F NTH S FRENCH F Pic-Bel (NSO)

FRANCE (DITTER): F Bre-ENG; F Por-MAO; A PIC S A Bur-Bel; A Bur-BEL; A Par-BUR

GERMANY (WORKMAN): F DEN-Nth; F Bel S F Den-Nth/ann/; F Kie-HEL; A Ruh-HOL;
A Ber-KIE; A Mun-TYR

ITALY (MIRASSOU): F APU & A ROM S A Ven; A VEN H; F ION S A Gre; A GRE S TURKISH A Con-Bul

RUSSIA(McELVANEY): A Bul RUM; F Sev-ARM; A UKR S A Bul-Rum; A Mos-SEV; F SWE S F Nwy;
F STPnc S F Nwy; F NWY S GERMAN F Den-Nth

TURKEY (HUESTON): A Con-BUL; F AEG S A Con-Bul; F BLA-Rum

Due to the postal holiday, this issue won't be arriving until Tuesday the 21st or so, so I'm forced to put off the fall deadline to my mail received here MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1978. BUILDS WILL ALSO BE DUE ON THAT DATE, and may be made conditional on events on the board. Players are reminded that a request for a separation of seasons requires a MAJORITY vote of the players, so send in builds even if you have to request a separation. I don't think there's any real need for a separation, but for the record... ALSO, NOTE THAT BLACK PRESS IS LEGAL IN ANY GAME UNTIL AND UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE PLAYERS REQUEST IT BE OUTLAWED.

There was so much PRESS between these two games that I had to run a separate page for each game this issue. Your press appears a sheet or two back. If you'll keep sending that much in, I'll sure be glad to run all this every time! Thanks to all!

And, if you're looking for a reliable, monthly zine with openings, Don Horton's CLAW & FANG again has some. C&F, for the few of you who haven't heard, is one of the most reliable and established around. Subs are \$2/6mos as I recall, plus gamefee extra. 16 Jordan Court, Sacramento, CA 95826

The letter below is by Greg Costikyan, filched directly from his URF DURFAL #27, naturally without permission. I don't think he'll mind, though. He really is running for IDA President, as I seem to recall his name listed in either LIES, DECEIT & NEFARIOUS SCHEMES, or PODUNK NEWS. The thing speaks for itself, and also of the attitude of a lot of old (hobby) hats toward the IDA/IDA/NA-etc. Jim.

I have informed the Periodicals Editor of the IDA/NA that I am running for the office of President of that organization, and have submitted a campaign statement. My campaign statement is as follows:

Should I be elected President of this organization, I will place the following proposal before the Council of the IDA/NA;

The Constitution of the IDA/NA shall be amended by the addition of a final article as follows:

I. Whereas the major purpose of the IDA and IDA/NA has, in reality, been to fund the Boardman and Miller Numbers, and the funding of the Boardman Numbers is now being handled by Avalon-Hill, and the Miller Numbers seem to require a minimum of funding, and

II. Whereas the IDA/NA now seems to be an organization with no further purpose to fulfill, and in fact its continued existence has become repugnant to some in the hobby;

III The Treasurer is hereby directed to return to the membership of the IDA/NA their dues in such part as their membership has not expired; he is further directed to forward one-third of the remaining funds to the Miller Number Custodian, and two-thirds to the Boardman Number Custodian.

IV. The purpose of the International Diplomacy Association of North America therefore being exhausted, this organization is hereby considered dissolved, and this session of the Council, its governing body, ended, on this day, _____, Anno Domini 1978, year 33 of the Atomic Era.

Should this amendment be defeated, I would resign as President.

Let I be labelled as one merely attempting to destroy an organization which others would wish to continue, let me point out that the above proposal would only come into effect if a) I were to be elected President by a plurality, and b) the requisite fraction (I'm not sure whether a constitutional amendment requires 2/3's or 4/5's of the Council) of the Council votes positively for the motion. Therefore, the IDA/NA will be dissolved only if a) I am given a mandate by the membership of the organization to so dissolve it, and b) the Council agrees to go along.

To further remove me from charges of attempting to destroy an organization which its members in reality wish to continue to exist, let me state that, should I be elected President with a plurality but not a majority of the votes, I shall conduct a referendum among the membership to determine whether the death of the IDA/NA is truly wanted by a majority of the members; and, if not, I would resign.

However, organizations-----even such morally bankrupt an institution as the IDA/NA-----have a life of their own, and will not die when the time is ripe for their demise. Needless to say, I expect to fail in my bid for the Presidency, as I am sure that a majority of the membership still has some sort of idea that the IDA/NA is capable of Doing Great Things and Uniting the Hobby, and turning us all into a bunch of serious, conscientious, Diplomacy players who write tactics articles and discuss the ethics of cross-game alliances and read The Strategy And Tactics of Postal Diplomacy with great attention and write serious critiques of Edi Birsan's playing style, and.....AAAAAAGH!!! Jim

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SPRING 1902

MID-BOARD LIGHTS UP AS ALPS AND BALKANS BECOME WAR ZONES! ALI & ROMANOFF SOUTH BOTH GO DOWN FOR THE COUNT AS JOHN BULL MOVES IN NEXT DOOR TO MRS OLSON!

AUSTRIA (PRICE): F Tri-ADR; F GRE S TURKISH F Smy-Aeg: A GAL S TURKISH A Rum-Ukr (NSO);
A Vie-TYR; A SER-Tri

ENGLAND (HUNT): A Nwy-FIN; F Nwg-NWY A Liv-EDI; F Edi-NWG; F Bel-Nth/d/ r Pic, Eng, Oth

FRANCE (GRABAR): A PAR S A Mar-Bur; A Mar-BUR; A Spa-GAS; F Bre-MAO; F Por-SPAsc

GERMANY (REGES): F DEN-Nth; F Kie-HEL; A Mun-KIE; A HOL S A Bur-Bel; A Bur-BEL

ITALY (CHARNLEY): CSH; (Called to Say Hello)
(SHAFFER): A VEN-Tri; F ION C A Apu-Alb; A Apu-ALB

RUSSIA (KASSEL): F Sev-Arm/ann/; F GOB S A Mos-StP; A Mos-STP; A Ukr-WAR

TURKEY (KENDTER Jr): A RUM S F Bla-Sev; F Bla-SEV; A BUL S A Rum; A ANK-Arm; F Smy-AEG

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There was so much PRESS this issue that I had to run each game's on a separate sheet! And, for the first time, the amount of KS press even surpassed that of KN! Congratulations to all, and keep up the good work. (See note above, too!) If you'll keep sending this much in, I'll always be glad to add a page for it if necessary. Your press is a sheet or two back, except for this late addition:

**The English builds were outstanding! The French feel content with their newfound friend to the North. May peace reign for many years between our countries.

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The Summoning of the Standby Player



Spring 1251.

Merciful Allah, from whom all blessings come, preserve us from the General Staff. The snafu that ordered our magnificent army forward without correctly informing the Italians has cost us dearly. We are now in full retreat and only the sight of Istanbul has brought a halt to our wild race. Thank Allah I'm back in a land of decent women. Ah, yes, the women. It's almost worth it. And as for my hashish supply, it is now quite regular again.

It shall be a long winter for the troops as they prepare for the spring offensive. I shall of course spend the winter on maneuvers. And some of the maneuvers come all the way from India. Much exercise will be needed for me to contort myself into the positions. But what heavenly delights spring forth from them. Allah be praised, even if the arts do derive from pagan Hindu sources.

SYRIA translated: I'm lost!

ISTANBUL: İmdat! Bir kaza oldu!

BERLIN (Instant Insanity Press)--Acting on orders from Kaiser Peter Angst I, Bavarian troops marched against Tyrolia to continue the war on accordion music. Declaring that nearly all of the offensive instruments had been rounded up from the Munich beerhalls, Angst I carried the fight against noise pollution to the heartland of the enemy.

Skeptical observers questioned whether the government was wise in abandoning its battle against air pollution (BB III) for the assault on accordions. Skeptical observers also were questioned by the government, battered, assaulted, and otherwise convinced of the Kaiser's wisdom.

Angst I broadcast an appeal for all individuals concerned about their environment to join the war against excess decibels. Specifically, he asked the Russian people to help stamp out the bagpipe menace existing on the islands of Great Britain.

PARIS: Cough, cough, cough. Let's get the hell out of here!

More Convention Announcements.

Aug 4-5. Gahanna X. Write Van Siegling, 222 Andalus Dr, Gahanna, OH 43230. Wargame con.

Aug 18-20. GenCon XI. For Information write TSR Hobbies, PO Box 756, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

Aug 25-28. Flying Buffalo 6th Annual Wargame Convention. To be held at the Doubletree Inn in Scottsdale, AZ. Face to face Nuclear Destruction, Battle Plan, Starweb, Nuclear War, various boardgames, probably some miniatures also.

Aug 30-Sep 4. IGUANACON, 36th World Science Fiction Convention, in Phoenix, AZ. Flying Buffalo will be running a ftf STARWEB tournament at this convention. For information write: IGUANACON, PO Box 1072, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Sept 2-4. 3rd Annual Gen. Con. Westtm '78. Miniatures, boardgames, tournaments, D&D, etc. At the Villa Hotel, San Mateo, CA. For information write to Gen.Con.Westtm, PO Box 4042, Foster City, CA 94404.

Some of the above listings are from the Midwest Gaming Association Board Letter.

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Below is a list of various conventions and whatnot coming up, provided by Flying Buffalo, Inc., in their newsletter WARGAMER'S INFORMATION. WI used to be a great little buy: monthly, \$2/year, and regular. It still is cheap and still is a nice little gossip sheet, but it has lost priority over their other projects, and thus has become quite irregular of late. FBI hangs out at P O Box 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252.

March 10-12. TEXCON. At the Stephen F Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas. Sponsored by the Austin Brigade of the Republic of Texas (ABRPT). TEXCON will feature boardgames, miniatures, Diplomacy, seminars by famous gaming personalities, Commemorative TEXCON stamp cancellation, militaria, Door Prizes, movies, figure & diorama competition. For further info phone Dan Kagan (512) 926-4321 or write TEXCON, PO Box 12385, Austin, TX 78711.

March 18-19. Game Fair III. Peoria Area Simulation Gaming Club, Illinois Central College, Room 215-B, East Peoria, IL 61635.

March 24-26. Science Fiction, Horror & Fantasy Con. At the Los Angeles Marriott Hotel. For further information write PO Box 69157, Hollywood, CA 90069.

March 25 & 26. Norwescon. (Science Fiction Convention). At the Airport Holiday Inn, 17338 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA. Guest of honor: Theodore Sturgeon. Membership \$7 until March 11. Write to NORWESCON, 13001 79th Place NE, Kirkland, WA 98033.

March 30-April 2. AggieCon IX. Science Fiction Convention. In College Station, Texas, in the Memorial Student Center on the Texas A&M University campus. For info write Sven Knudsen, Chairman, AggieCon IX, MSC, Texas A&M Univ, PO Box 5718, College Station, TX 77844.

March 31-Apr 2. CoastCon 1978. Wargaming, Fantasy, and SF con. \$10 until Feb 28, \$15 after. For information write: Coastcon committee, 8401 Vanna Rd, Biloxi, MS. 39532. Phone 601-435-3143 between 2pm & 7pm only. Held at Pete Fountain's Buena Vista Hotel, Fred Haise Blvd & US 90, Biloxi, MS.

May 20-22. The Great Canadian Games Adventure. At the Holiday Inn, Dalhousie St, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Tournaments in every aspect of gaming. For more information write CANGAMES 78, 201-360 Dundas St, Vanier, Ontario, CANADA K1L 7W7. Rick Loomis would like to attend this convention also. (Like for instance, if I am forced to, because of a great clamoring from our Canadian customers for me to come & visit.)

May 26-29. PHANTASMICON 78. SF, Star Trek, Star Wars, Fantasy, Horror, and Comic Convention. At the Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles. For information send an SASE to Two Worlds Enterprises, 439 S LaCienega Blvd, Suite 104, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

June 2-4. Atlanta Georgia. The 1978 DeepSouth SF Convention. Guests of Honor: Clifford Simak and Gahan Wilson. Also attending: Robert Heinlein and Frank Kelly Freas. At the Riviera Hyatt House, 1630 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta Georgia 30309. Write for information to Heritage Press, Inc, Richard Garrison or Ginger Kaderabek, PO Box 721, Forest Park, GA 30050. (404) 366-3860.

June 9-11. Fresno California. WarWest 78. Conference, convention, trade show, and military exposition. Including D&D tournament, boardgame tournaments, miniatures. At the Fresno Convention Center, 700 M St, Fresno, CA. For info write: Wargaming Society, PO Box 261, Kingsburg, CA 93631.

June 16-18. Vegacon '78. (SF, ST, & SW). At the Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. For info send a SASE to Vegacon '78, 4689 Sandhill Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

June 23-25. PennCon '78. Widener College, Chester, PA. Wargame tournaments, demonstrations, workshops, movies. For info: PenCon '78, c/o Strategy & Fantasy World, Valley Forge Shopping Center, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

July 14-16. ORIGINS IV. Write Al Slisinger, 19941 Joan, Detroit, MI 48205 for details. Flying Buffalo will definitely be represented at this convention. (The wargame convention of the year.)

77KS PRESS:

PARIS: We are sorry about the Prime Minister's attack of uncontrollable laughter. We wish to send our best wishes and deepest sympathy. In addition, we will support any landing on German soil that England wishes to make.

BREST: My throat is a little tough!

KIEL: ON TO SWEDEN!!!

To: Gen HQ London From: Admiral Peter Ast -Hi Boys! Something just awful has happened! All of my boys simply refuse to do another lick of work! They absolutely won't cooperate with me unless we leave this horrid place. I can hardly blame them, the dears. Belgium is an utter bore. The people here are so colorless. It's dreadful. Squeaky told me about this simply marvelous place in Norway and everyone voted to go there. I can't wait to show off my skiing outfit. It's simply darling...got those little tassles, you know? I've never had a mutiny before...Silly old thing that I am, it's got me quite flustered. I know you boys don't approve of this, but...honestly...what can I do? Well, toodles.

LONDON: When asked to comment on Admiral Ast's recently published memo, Prime Minister Hunt would only reply: "Well...it is true, you know. I've been there, and it really is a boring place." Informed sources have led us to believe that Admiral Ast will be recalled from duty as a result of his response to the mutiny. He will probably be "kicked upstairs"... "Admiral Ast has always wanted to be Rear Admiral Ast".

ITALY-AUSTRIA Mr Kendter was real nice in helping me with the move.

ANKARA PUBLIC HERALD Headlines: Glorious Italian Allies Invade Austria

BERLIN-PARIS Please have plenty of wienersnitzel ready.

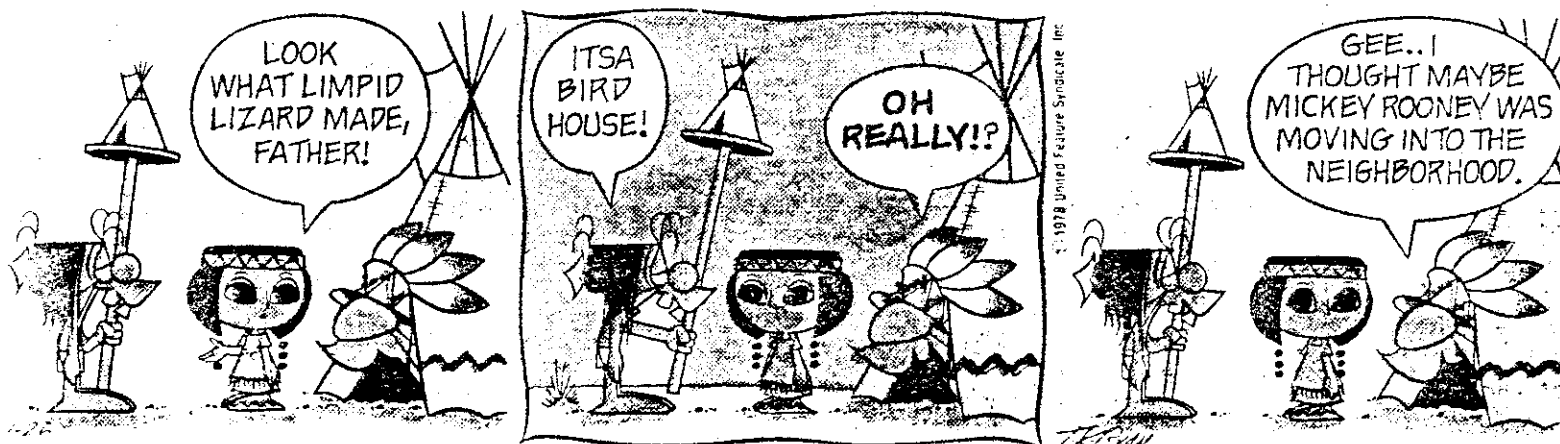
LONDON-AUSTRIA Just wait until Army St Petersburg gets to Moscow ahead of you.

BERLIN: Kanzler Craig noted today that due to English abandonment, a change in political affiliations was needed. Observing the English decision to go after the easy pickings while leaving the other two great western powers to stalemate each other is considered intolerable. Therefore it is deemed necessary to repel English invaders.

BELGIUM: A grateful nation took down the banners put up by the former occupiers, whose ships are hopefully now at the bottom of the North Sea. "Welcome Germany" Day was immediately declared.

COPENHAGEN TO ANOTHER OFFENDED PARTY: See what I mean?

TUMBLEWEEDS, or, Life In Oklahoma as Robert Lipton Sees It. (United Features Syndicate)



the lighter side

THE PARODY OF WOLF

SP4 Thomas A. Curtis

"THE PARODY OF WOLF" started out as a Lighter Side item in the September 1967 issue of Army Digest, predecessor of SOLDIERS magazine. It took off from there, to be widely reprinted in post newspapers around the world. Somewhere along the line the author's name—Specialist 4 Thomas A. Curtis, then of Fort Ord, Calif.—was dropped, but the parody took on a life of its own. In mimeograph, offset and letterpress, it has come full cycle. Here it is, as submitted by MSgt William Coombs of Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.



ONCE UPON a time there lived an EW (SSN 003-34-4032) whose nomenclature was Hood, Red, Riding, Little, one each. She was a girl, little, happy. Her duty uniform consisted of the following named items: (1) dress, red, cotton, shade 76, 1 each; (2) Cape, HBT, red, w/hood, 1 each. Her MOS was 098.70, food-handler.

One day, Hood, Red, Riding, Little, received a TWX from her mother, grand, old, who lived off post in a cottage, brick, red, Capehart type, w/chimney, wo/TV 1 each, initial A/DEP issue. The TWX read as follows:

"Dear Hood; this is to advise that morning report should read: Dy to Sk, Conf to Qtrs as of 0100 hrs 10 Jun 67. Went on sick call yesterday (LD: yes), confined for indefinite period. However, I am feeling somewhat better. Love, relative type. Mother, grand, your. ADDED . . . Please see about separate rations for SEW, MGO."

Hood took the TWX to the message center with the following 1st Indorsement: Basic com-

munication complied with. ETA your station apprx. 1600 hrs this day. ADDED UNOFFICIAL: Please bake cookies, ginger type w/ nuts, wo/icing."

Hood then signed out in the TDY book and departed homepoint hand-carrying the following items: (a) basket, picnic, wicker type, wo/top: (b) sandwiches, salami, w/pickle and onion, wo/mustard and mayo.

While en route to TDY destination, EW concerned came to a forest, thick, primeval. Suddenly out of the thicket, briar, emerged a Wolf, bad, big, brown, 1 each. Wolf said, "Halt, who goes there and what are your last four?" Hood answered "4032, Hood, Red, Riding, Little, I am enroute to TDY point and am looking for the house of my mother, grand."

"It is just down the road, turn left at Bldg. 2355," instructed the Wolf.

"How do you know where she lives?" replied Hood. "I've pulled guard duty in those parts," says Wolf, who then

catches a bus to Granny's.

Upon arrival, Wolf, bad, big, swallows Granny in a single swallow, 1 each. Wolf, bad, big, then polices up the area including butt cans and jumps into the bed (initial A/DEP issue type) and pulls on Granny's AC 146-92s.

Hood enters. "Hello mother, grand."

"The fool, stupid, little, does not know that it is really me the Wolf, big, bad," chuckles the Wolf.

"What big E E N T you have," exclaims Hood, Red, Riding, Little.

"All the better to maintain maximum efficiency at minimum cost with zero defects," replies the Wolf.

THEN . . . enter the Chopper, wood type, handsome, 1 each. Chopper, wood type, kills wolf with a blow, 1 each, then performs necessary surgical procedures to remove mother, grand, from the stomach of the Wolf, bad, big. With allowance for quarters and rations, they all live happily ever after.□

SOME IDA COMMENTARY

DOUG REIF (Black Hole 61)(Jan 7, 1978) Ever since IDA/NA went down, this news section just hasn't been the same. Sure, there have been a lot of rump groups and spinoffs that claim to be rightful heirs to IDA's legacy, but none has really caught the hobby's fancy. No bitter power struggles, no ridiculous proposals, no malicious feuds, nothing. To rectify this situation, I propose formation of an organization, tentative name Obnoxious Diplomacy Association (ODA), whose sole purpose will be to advance the cause of hobby news by means of bitter power struggles, ridiculous proposals, and malicious feuds. The work will be hard, the hours long. Yet, I am certain that sufficient talent exists to make ODA the worst around. No organization can exist without dues. To make the ODA a reality, send \$20 or more in currency (no checks or money orders, please) to Acct. No. 125-8-972067, The Secret Bank of Switzerland, Geneva, SWITZERLAND. Act today. Remember, ODA can only be as bad as YOU want it to be.

((This IDA news update is from Bob Hartwig's PODUNK NEWS #42 dated Jan 7 but received quite a bit later.)) J.M.

Ben has now received money for Diplomacy Review. The next issue, containing campaign statements, candidates, and the ballot should arrive this month. Election results should be out next month.

The bank finally sent me the necessary funds transfer forms, which have since been forwarded to Len Lakofka for his signature. I should be able to deposit the checks in my possession in the next few weeks. 20 memberships are now held by me awaiting processing.

Andy Cook has apparently completed 1/3 of the 1978 Census. With luck it should be out some time in April or May. Prices are tentatively set at \$1 for IDA members, \$2 for non-members, \$1 for all publishers who sent in a sublist. Please do NOT place an order without an official announcement that the census is complete.

Ben Grossman has apparently sent out some sort of referendum to the council members. I have received a vote for this from John Baker, but no explanation. Apparently Ben sent it to college and it reached there after I had left.

Jerry Jones has established a Publisher's Relations department. I urge all of you to start trading with Jerry at 1854 Wagner St.; Pasadena, California 91107. It consists of Game openings in various zines, an orphan game program free to IDA publishers, and news of publication situations of various Dipzines (if one will be delayed, word gets out through Jerry's zine so as not to leave players in the dark). For more info write to Jerry.

Those of you wishing to vote for a capable Treasurer for the IDA should vote for Bill Young when your IDA ballot comes out in the next Diplomacy Review.

Again, I urge all publishers to encourage all IDANA ~~34~~ members to vote in the upcoming elections. We need all votes in this election to help the IDANA in its time of need. Thank you for your help.

Ben's referendum turned out to be on reimbursing me and supporting a committee he's setting up to determine DipCon sites.

*** ***(No new DR received as of our Fall deadline. J.M.)***

Post

Enlisted men are stupid
but extremely cunning
and sly and bear
considerable watching.

Army Officer's Guide
1894

Are "Ethnic Review Courts" Next?

George F. Will

Grant-hungry whites "switch" races



Hermann Goering was the Nazis' arbiter of race.

At an Ivy League law school, two students recently fell to arguing about which of them is more "Chicano."

One justified her "more-Chicano-than-thou" attitude because she satisfies the "Spanish surname" criterion. The other argued that, although he is burdened with an Anglo-Saxon name, he has as high a percentage of "Spanish heritage" ancestors as the other law stu-

dent has, and comes from a home where Spanish was spoken. He, unlike the other student, speaks Spanish.

The argument was academic. Nothing—no entitlements—turned on it. But ethnic certification is not an academic problem. And advocates of quotas and other forms of reverse discrimination for government-approved minorities must answer this question: When they have achieved the administration's aim of saturating the law with "race consciousness," who will play the indispensable role of Hermann Goering?

When Goering wanted Erhard Milch, whose father was Jewish, appointed as the Third Reich's Secretary of State for Air, Goering allowed Milch's mother to sign a declaration that she had conceived her son with a non-Jewish lover. Goering declared: "I decide if anyone is a Jew!"

Who will play Goering's role in an America that allocates much money and opportunity according to membership in approved groups? Who will decide who is black, Chicano or whatever?

The Office of Management and Budget says you belong to a "minority group" if at least one grandparent was (to name just a few approved possibilities) Alaskan native, Filipino or Samoan. There is precedent for considering grandparents the key. The Nazis, who were diligent race-certifiers, generally worried about grandparents.

(The Nazis' lunatic "biologists" produced elaborate criteria for defining racial groups. One "professor" said Dresden streetcar drivers had more "northern blood" than the conductors had, but bureaucrats thought more in terms of grandparents.)

In a fascinating article in the Oct. 15 issue of *The New Republic*, Eliot Marshall suggests that someday there may be "ethnic-review courts" to settle "disputed identities," and that the Supreme Court will decide such supreme questions as: "Can a person qualify as black if his only black relative was a

grandmother listed in the official records as 'mulatto'?" Certainly as government allocates more wealth (contracts, grants) and opportunity (broadcast stations, university admissions) to approved groups, government must guard against ersatz Eskimos and Samoans-of-opportunity.

Marshall reports that when Los Angeles began shuffling teachers so that schools would have the "correct" percentage of "minority" teachers, some teachers began to fib in official reports in order to escape the shuffling. Some persons seceded from the "white" category and declared themselves members of minority groups. Some persons previously listed as members of minority groups declared themselves white.

School officials fought fibbing by creating ethnic-review committees to consider cases of teachers with "ethnic discrepancy reports." An official told Marshall the committees are composed of two members from the ethnicity that people want to change from and three from the group they wish to change to.

The official said that when a teacher's documents do not decisively establish lineage, "the committee has a conversation kind of thing" to determine if the teacher's desire for a new "ethnicity" certification is "valid."

Such loathsome thinking, such disgusting talk, such hateful procedure—this reduction of identity, by law, to racial fractions and ethnic abstractions—is, regrettably, as American as apple pie. More precisely, it is as American as American slavery. It should call to mind Mark Twain's description (in "Pudd'nhead Wilson") of the slave Roxy:

"From Roxy's manner of speech a stranger would have expected her to be black, but she was not. Only one-sixteenth of her was black, and that sixteenth did not show. . . . Her complexion was very fair. . . . To all intents and purposes Roxy was as white as anybody, but the one-sixteenth of her which was black outvoted the other fifteen parts and made her a negro. She was a slave and salable as such. Her child was thirty-one parts white, and he too, was a slave. . . ."

Government certification of race and the allocation of opportunity accordingly, is a "progressive" goal today. But it is a practice with an appalling pedigree.

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Bureaucratic Blunders

In Tennessee, a man cannot divorce his wife unless he leaves her ten pounds of dried beans, five pounds of dried apples, one side of meat, and enough yarn to knit her own stockings for a year.

Newton, Kansas, forbids the driving of buffalo through its streets, and Delaware has a law against pawning your wooden leg.

Sen. Bill Richardson (Calif.)

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OSHA has come to the protection of our nation's shepherders. It has decreed that their wagons must be covered by aluminum rather than the traditional canvas. No matter that aluminum leaves wagons unwieldy, heavy, prone to break and highly vulnerable during storms because of wind resistance. OSHA has further decreed that shepherders' wood stoves, practical because fuel is always available, are to be replaced by propane heaters.

Jesse H. Merrell

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The Consumer Product Safety Commission, after rejecting a set of cost-free safety standards for Christmas tree lights drawn up by the National Ornament Electric Lights Christmas Association, commissioned the National Consumers League to develop such standards at a cost of \$1 to \$2 million.

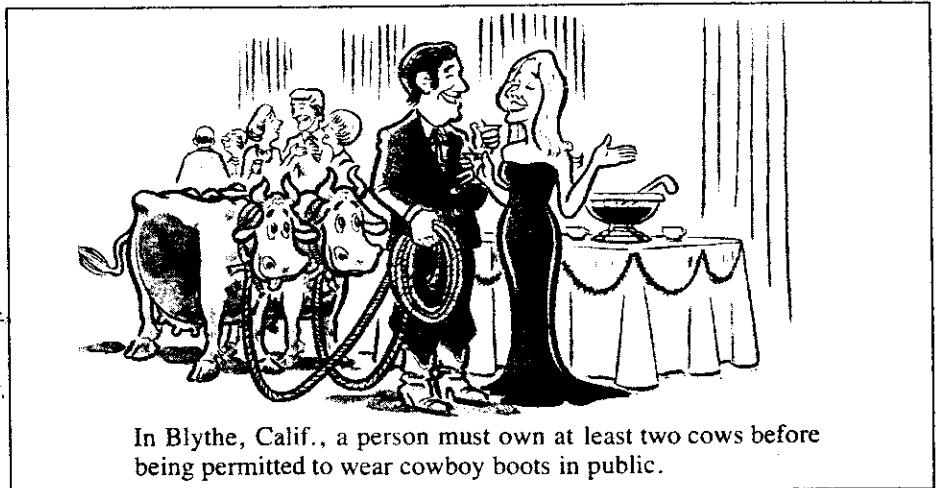
Daniel Chaucer

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Student loan defaulters include 316 employees of the Department of HEW, which administers the loans. Thirty-seven of these earn between \$15,000 and \$44,000. More than 20 percent of the defaulted loans the District of Columbia is trying to collect are owed by former and current city employees.

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Hillsdale College in Michigan was baffled when told it was among 22 colleges and school districts facing loss of federal aid for failure to fill out a form promising not to discriminate against women. A spokesman said, "We don't know what kind of federal dollars they're going to cut off; we've never taken any," adding that Hillsdale was the first college in Michigan and the second in the country to award a bachelor's degree



In Blythe, Calif., a person must own at least two cows before being permitted to wear cowboy boots in public.

to a woman—121 years ago.

HEW conceded that further review showed that 8 of the 10 school districts and 10 of the 12 colleges did not receive federal funds.

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HEW's Community Services Administration is seeking grant applicants who will try to increase the number of Americans on food stamps. Such publicly-funded groups, like migrant worker groups and Indian organizations, may also lobby, finance lawsuits, and engage in "community education" projects. The Community Services Administration also encourages groups to compete with private food producers and distributors by developing "alternative food production and distribution mechanisms which are community-owned and -controlled."

Conservative Caucus

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San Francisco's school board has voted to revise the city's sex education courses to teach "greater respect" for homosexual lifestyles. The revisions will affect kindergartners through senior high schoolers. San Francisco schools receive over \$8 million annually in federal funds.

R. W. Cook

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The Pacifica radio station network whose strident antiwar propaganda during the late 1960s made it a beacon for leftwing activists, received \$270,000 from the taxpayer-supported Corporation for Public Broadcasting last year.

Federal and state regulations are forcing the community of Alexandria, Va. to install a \$30,000 elevator for handicapped students at the local elementary school, even though the school has no handicapped students. The school tried to meet with needs of any handicapped students who might enroll by insuring they could have all their classes on the first floor, but the state insisted on an elevator.

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Rosalynn Carter's personal staff is the largest of any First Lady in recent years. While Betty Ford and Pat Nixon had 14 staff aides each and Lady Bird Johnson had 10, Rosalynn has 18. Rosalynn's press secretary, Mary Hoyt, earns \$45,000 per year, and the First Lady's personal assistant, Madeline MacBean, and social secretary, Gretchen Poston, each earns \$40,000.

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Welfare fraud charges against a Fremont, Calif., belly dancer were dismissed because the woman's bank statement, used as evidence, was obtained over her "protest." Ten counts of fraud, totaling \$12,639, against Barbara Paterakis grew out of a routine check by welfare officials of Paterakis' finances. When the official asked to see her bank statements, Paterakis signed a release but put the words "in protest" after her signature. This "protest" ruled the judge, made the examination of her records illegal.

Ken Simon



DEAR LUCY!

Below is an excerpt from Mark Berch's latest Diplomacy Digest reviewed last issue. The puzzle has to be a classic. Reluctantly, I'm forced to accede to Cal White's position stated on his card below. I'd appreciate (1) your own views, and (2) your never putting me in such a situation!!

DEAR JIM: RE: PUZZLE IN DD #6. → THIS SEEMING PARADOX IS ONE THAT IS DEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, BECAUSE I THOUGHT I'D "DISCOVERED" IT SOMETIME LAST YEAR. SOME INQUIRIES I MADE INFORMED ME THAT THIS PUZZLE DATES BACK TO THE MID-SIXTIES. APPARENTLY, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT AN ARMY CANNOT REFUSE A CONVOY EVEN IF THE PLAYER WITH THE ARMY SPECIFICALLY FORBIDS IT. THAT'S THE WAY I'D RULE IT IN ELECTRA BLUE BLUE IF IT EVER CAME UP.

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DIPLOMACY PUZZLE

((Many Diplomacy players scorn puzzles, but I think you'll find this one very clever. It comes from Tau Ceti Vol I, No. 5, and was presumably written by the Editor, Larry Tunning, 46 Holmesdale Road., West Midland, 6056 W. Australia. To my knowledge it is the only Australian Dipzine presently published. This is from the Feb 1976 issue))

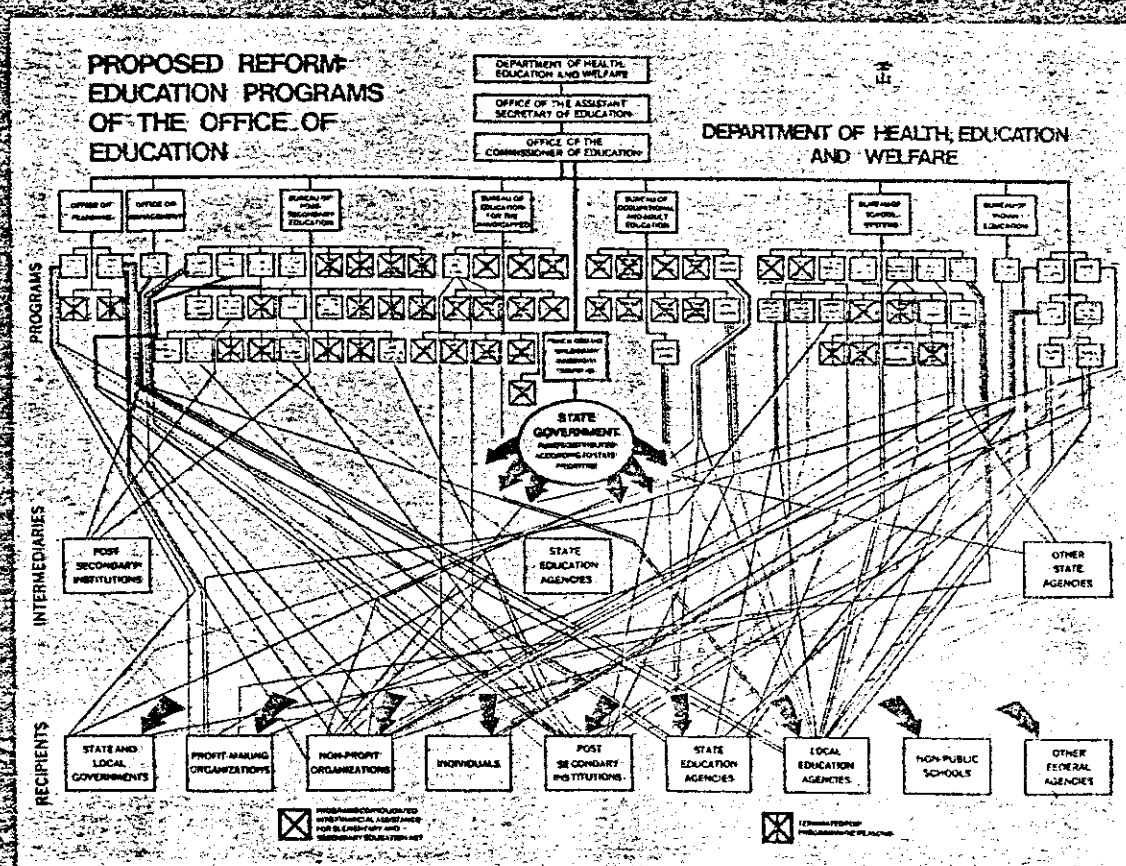
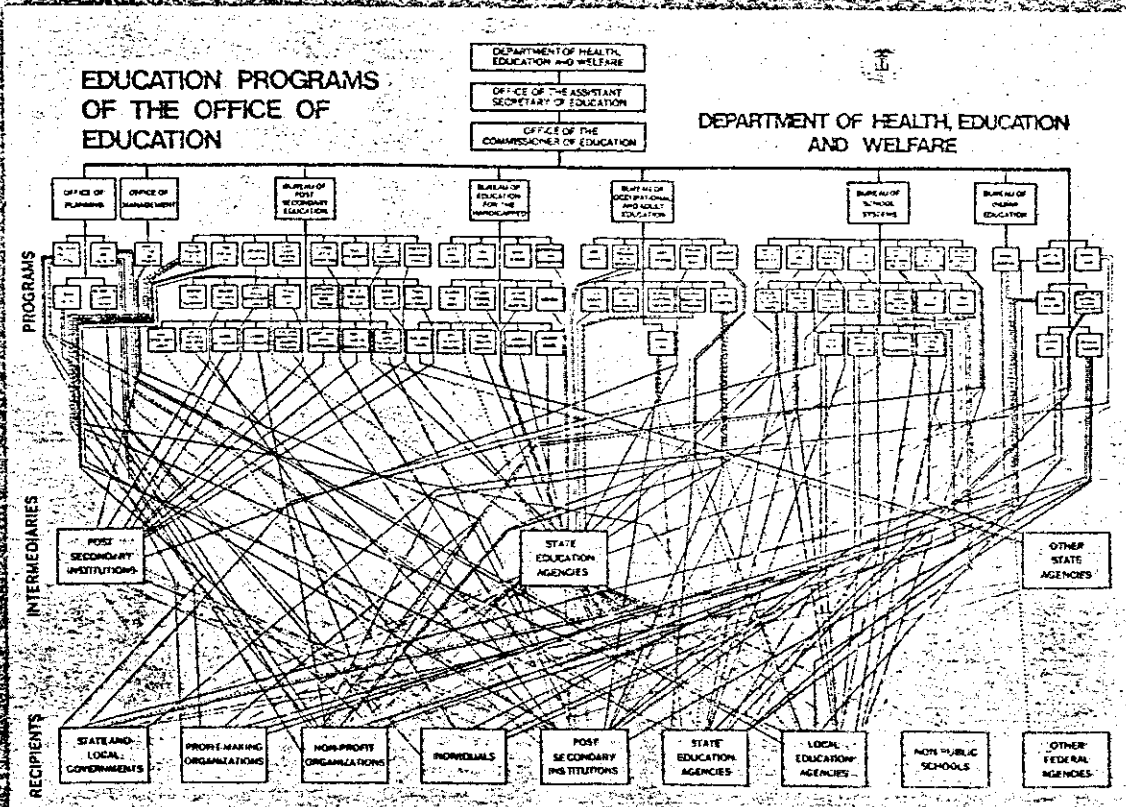
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ANSWER--You will find that one of the rules...((Instead, I'll quote from XII, 3: If a fleet ordered to convoy is dislodged during the move the army to be convoyed remains in its original province and has no effect on the province to which it was ordered)). Thus: Russia: F Nwy-Nth, F Nwg S F Nwy-Nth; England: F Lon-Eng, F Nth C Fre A Bel-Hol.

This means that the French A is convoyed, whether he likes it or not! However, since the convoy fails ~~and~~ the French A remains in Bel. Since the French A has no effect on any moves in or out of Holland, the English F can then retreat to Hol.

((Larry also wrote Calhamer about this situation. Calhamer suggest that the French player should try to "brazen the thing out in argument", pointing out that "his move is a legal move by land; and there is no reason to suppose that it has to be convoyed is it also could take place by land; that is, the land movement has no innate superiority over land movement. But then the orders as a whole are ambiguous; however you can hardly require one player to produce a set of unambiguous orders, where he only writes some of the orders." He concluded: "I'm afraid we simply need another rule to cover this case". I myself have never seen this in play. I invite my GM subbers to write me as to how they'd rule, and I'll publish the results.))

Your Tax Dollars at Work... Sorted



These flow charts, prepared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), purport to show how HEW's Office of Education currently works (top) and how it would work if proposals to simplify it were implemented (bottom). The top chart went through about eight revisions "before everybody in Congress, the Office of Education and elsewhere could ever agree that it was accurate," reports an OMB spokesman.