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GAME OPENING: Still signing people up for the Vacation Dip III game, as initial players or standbys. One of the six people we had signed up as of last month has had to drop out. See report elsewhere as to whether we've found a replacement. This is the game where each Power starts with an extra unit, "on vacation" in a wierd spot, which doesn't need a SC for support. Also, there are 100 Event Cards, which are dealt out one to each player each Winter, which enable people to make special moves or perform other diabolical acts. Please send money when you sign up.

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This issue contains reports on ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11), WOOLWORTH II-D (1983H cb19) and L'IMPERIALISME II-B (1984H xm16).

PERSONAL NOTES

Our "Telephone Tax Detail" is keeping us busy. A lot of elderly people are calling in to reassure themselves that they don't owe us any money on their Social Security benefits. Anybody having less than \$25,000 income (\$32,000 for married couples) will not have to pay any tax, and all taxes collected on S.S. benefits are earmarked for return directly to the S.S. Trust Fund.

Anyway, because of this busy schedule, the Deadline for the next sets of orders will be postponed to SATURDAY, March 9, 1985. The following Deadline will be on Tuesday, April 16th, which is the day after our detail ends, and things can get back to normal.

A POLL ON THE RUNESTONE POLL

I'm very happy to report that the vast majority of North American publishers will support the 1985 Runestone Poll as currently organized. A total of at least 29 publishers will support Bruce Linsey as Poll Custodian. Four stated they would say nothing publicly one way or the other out of general principles. A few others either had not made up their minds at the time of the poll, or had not responded. Only eight supported a boycott of the Runestone Poll or the establishment of a rival poll.

+ Melinda Halley

The Eight are: John Boardman, John Caruso, Steve Langley, Dick Martin, Jim Meinel (proposer of the boycott), Robert Sacks, Terry Tallman and Ed Wrobel. I am happy to say that only one of these parties is currently on the BUSH mailing list. My zine is aimed at people who are in the Postal hobby for the fun of it.

The Roll of Honor of the 29 publishers who will openly and publicly support Bruce Linsey's Runestone Poll is: Jim Benes, Mark Berch, Doug Beyerlein, Ron (Canada) Brown, Ron (Calif.) Brown, Scott Cameron, Dave Carter, Howard Christie, Mike Comer, Gary Coughlan, John Daly, Fred Davis, Don DelGrande, Greg Ellis, Paul Gardner, Roy Henricks, Steve Heinowski, Bob Howerton, Steve Hutton, Michael Lee, Jerry Lucas, Bruce McIntire, Larry Peery, Bruce Poppe, Marc Peters, Jeff Richmond, Rod Walker, Earl Whiskeyman and James Woodson. I count many of these people as my friends.

I think I have made my point.

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REVISION OF HOUSE RULE #22, VOTING:

In an effort to avoid beating dead horses, Section "c" of this Rule is hereby further amended, to prevent identical proposals from being voted upon on successive turns, no matter by whom presented. This revision will not affect any proposals which may be received with this month's orders, but will go into effect with next issue's orders. You may wish to replace your current Sec. 22. c. with this:

- "c. Concession and Draw proposals may not be submitted prior to the Fall move of the third game year (or second move of the third cycle when moves are by months). Thus, the earliest a game can end by a Concession or Draw vote is in Winter 1903, or equivalent. Each player is limited to submitting not more than one Concession and one Draw proposal on each turn. If his proposal(s) are defeated, that player must wait two additional turns before again submitting any identical Concession or Draw proposals. Likewise, no other player may submit an identical proposal on the very next turn. (i.e. Player submits a Draw proposal with his Spring orders. These are voted upon with the Fall moves, and defeated. Same proposal may be re-submitted by the same player or any other player no earlier than with his orders for the following Spring.)"

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WE HAVE RECEIVED a copy of Ron Brown's MURD'RING MINISTERS #74, dated 12/20/84, together with a note from Ron announcing he was "back into the flow." We're glad to report this news, as M.M. has always been one of our favorite zines.

We've finally finished reading all 270 pages of VOICE OF DOOM #100. Phew! I guess this "book" ought to be bound and placed on my library shelf. I hope that Gary Coughlan will allow some comments on some of the articles contained therein to be printed in the ECHO OF DOOM subzine which he's carrying in EUROPA EXPRESS. There's enough material in VOD #100 to keep Mark Berch in reprints for the next five years. We give it 4 stars.

HOBBY NEWS

DOGS OF WAR FOLDS. Lack of free time has caused John Daly to fold his highly respected zine after 76 issues and five years of publishing. The four remaining games will be carried to their conclusions by John via the use of flyers. He will be missed.

CANADIAN MERGER ANNOUNCED. Ron (Canada) Brown and Steve Hutton will merge their editorial talents. Since folding SNAFU!, Ron has been completing the rest of his games in a small publication called D-DAY. Steve Hutton will be leaving on a 3-4 month trip to Europe at the end of April 1985, after graduating from college. (Congratulations, Steve). In the interim, Ron will produce three issues of a combined NO FIXED ADDRESS and D-DAY, to prevent a long hiatus in the NFA games. After Steve returns, D-DAY will become a permanent subzine in NFA. We're glad to see this return of Ron Brown to the major hobby ranks. Since Steve's address changes frequently, I suggest that anyone interested in subscribing or trading for the combined zines contact Ron at: 70-F Chesterton, Nepean, Ont., CANADA K2E 5S9.

HANSON AND PETERSEN DO IT AGAIN. Scott and Frauke have already gotten married once. It seems they enjoyed it so much they're going to get married again. However, this time it will be in Germany, and a full-dress affair in a church. If you want to get a glimpse of Scott in a morning suit (or will it be a tux?), get yourself convoyed to Kiel province on April 26th. This means there will be no issue of BIG HITS (nee IRKSOME) in either April or May, depending on how the schedule works out. We won't mind, though. After all, how many times can you get married?

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PROPOSAL MADE TO END FEUD

Doug Beyerlein has proposed (in EFGIART) that an ombudsman be appointed to settle the Kathy Byrne-Bruce Linsey feud. This has been seconded in print by Konrad Baumeister (GIVE ME A WEAPON) and Rod Walker (EREHWON), and may be seconded elsewhere before you read this. Baumeister recommends that Doug Beyerlein himself would be the best choice for ombudsman, as he is "about as impartial, logical and intelligent as one could hope for" in reviewing this affair. Let's hope something comes of this.

All of the above gentlemen point out the danger of a permanent hobby rift if the Byrne-Linsey matter is not resolved. Back in 1972/73, the Postal hobby was split into rival groups called "TDA" (The Diplomacy Assn.) and "IDA" (International Diplomacy Assn.). It took some time to get over that split. Let's hope we're not about to have a repeat of that sad era of our history.

I'll add my second to Doug Beyerlein's proposal, and to Konrad's nomination of Doug to be the Ombudsman.

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THE TELEPHONES ARE RINGING at Social Security, on my "Tax Detail," but we're not receiving the volume of calls that were expected. We're mostly hearing from elderly people who are quite relieved when we assure them that they owe no taxes on their Social Security benefits. I was amazed to discover how many people in the U.S. had no idea what a Form 1099 was. They apparently have not owned an interest-bearing savings account in over 20 years. There have been surprisingly few calls to complain of an error in the figures. Incidentally, our westernmost phone bank is located in Salinas, California; not Salina, Kansas, as I first heard it. They get most of the afternoon calls from the Pacific Coast people. We go off-line in Baltimore at 4:30 p.m., which is 1:30 Pacific Time.

SEATBELT LAWS - A MODEST PROPOSAL (with apologies to Dean Swift)

The State of Maryland is now contemplating becoming the fourth State to pass a compulsory seatbelt law. At this writing, only Illinois, New York & New Jersey have such laws in the U.S. The rest of the world is far ahead of us. Seven of the ten Canadian Provinces have mandatory seatbelt laws, and virtually every country in north-western Europe not only has such a law, but strictly enforces it. In Germany, not only are you fined 50 D-Marks for not wearing a seatbelt in the front seat, but it is also forbidden for children under 12 to ride in the front seat at any time.

Some people in America object to the seatbelt laws as a restriction on their "liberty." They wish to have the freedom to maim and kill themselves and their passengers. In a recent Baltimore radio talk show, six out of ten listeners calling in said they opposed a compulsory seatbelt law. A couple had pathological fears about being "trapped" in seatbelts, but most felt that the government had no right to tell them what to do. (Strangely, none of them raised objections to No Parking laws or One Way streets, although our grandfathers raised hell about those rules when they were first passed back in the 1900's).

I have a modest proposal for the non-seatbelt people. We will give you your "freedom" to omit seatbelts if you will give up your right to any assistance from society when you smash up your body in an accident. The hospitals and rehab institutes are full of auto accidents victims being taken care of at taxpayer expense. The Social Security Disability rolls are loaded with people unable to work for at least twelve months due to motor vehicle accidents. The number one cause of deaths among white males between 16 and 29 is auto accidents. Any State Police officer or emergency room physician will tell you that most of these people were so badly hurt because they weren't wearing seat belts. 95% of all those killed were not wearing seatbelts.

So, I propose that all anyone who refuses to wear seatbelts ought to have to do is to file a document with his State government waiving any treatment at public expense for injuries received in an auto accident, plus waiver of entitlement to any benefits from Social Security, Welfare, the V.A., or any other public agency. Then, they can have the freedom to continue their socially irresponsible behavior to their heart's content, at no cost to the rest of us.

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A PASSING OBSERVATION

There are three large toy and game stores in our area which stock Avalon Hill games. We stroll through these stores on occasion to see what they have on hand. For the past six or eight months, we have not seen any copies of "Diplomacy" on sale in any of them.

We wonder whether this is just a local condition, or has Avalon Hill turned to a low key mode in over-the-counter sales of Dip? We understand that there are new titles coming out all the time, and shelf space is limited. Also, there was a big push on just before Christmas for all kinds of Trivia games, including AH's own. Check the adult games sections in your own stores. Has Diplomacy disappeared from your shelves, too? Our hobby depends on a constant arrival of new blood. Will mail order sales be enough? If sales of Diplomacy sets start dropping, the entire Postal hobby could be in real trouble in a few years. Can anyone furnish additional information on this matter?

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WOOLWORTH II-D, 1983H cb19WINTER '05PEACE IN OUR TIME!

We have a concensus here. Four people voted "Yes" on the preposal for a Draw between Germany and Italy. One person abstained, but since this was the second vote, his abstention was counted as a "Yes." So, the winners are Ralph Baty as GERMANY (7) + RUSSIA (7) = 14; and Phil Dancause as ITALY (3) + TURKEY (7) = 10.

Accordingly, we will not publish a few brief Press releases, or show the specific units built or removed on the Winter '05 orders. We will request End Game statements from the Co-winners and anyone else who'd care to do so. (If anyone wants to know what these Winter adjustments were, I'll be glad to tell you). Since the dislodged Spanish F Tyrr. Sea Retreated to Naples, Spain went up to 5, and built 1, and Italy stood pat with 3 units (down 1). One Italian unit had been annihilated, so there was no removal required.

Here is the Supply Center Chart for Woolworth II-D, 1983H cb19:

Game started in Keith Sealer's MANIFEST DESTINY (thru Spring '03). I don't have the exact starting date. As part of the Orphan Rescue Service, Scott Hanson adjudicated Fall '03 in QUADRAPLEGIC. Fall '03 was readjudicated by me in a special BUSHWACKER flyer on July 10, 1984. In BUSHWACKER, Winter '03 thru Winter '05. Game ends as of February 2, 1985, after approximately 18 months. Public Powers are shown first.

	Start	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	Final Status
{ AUSTRIA (Paula Dodge) ¹ .	3	3	4	3	2	0	
{ BALKANS (Lu Henry)	3	4	4	4	2	1	
{ FRANCE (Pierre Touchette)	3	4	3	3	4	4	Fourth (4)
{ SCANDINAVIA " "	3	3	2	1	0	-	
{ GERMANY (Ralph Baty)	3	4	6	5	7	7	Co-winner (2-way Draw)(14)
{ RUSSIA " "	4	4	5	5	6	7	
{ ITALY (Phil Dancause)	3	4	4	4	4	3	Co-winner (2-way Draw)(10)
{ TURKEY " "	3	4	4	5	6	7	
{ SPAIN (David Anderson)	3	4	4	4	4	5	Third (10)
{ ENGLAND " "	3	2	3	5	4	5	

1. Dodge dropped for two consecutive NMR's, Winter '03.
Henry took over with Winter '03 adjustments.

GM'S COMMENTS:

This game ended earlier than I had expected it to. All Postal games, even variants, seem to end sooner these days. If the Baty/Dancause alliance was truly firm, they did have a lock on things, with 24 SC's compared to 15 for the players in the western part of the board. A determined Spain, England and France might have formed a stalemate line and tried to divide Baty and Dancause, but now we'll never know whether that was possible.

I knew little about the first two game years, except to note that Germany got off to a good start, holding 6 Centers by F '02. The Austrian/Balkan NMR in '03 was devastating to their chances. The new owner, Henry, found it impossible to prevent the combined German, Russian and Turkish forces from crushing him, with the help of an Italian army. France did not seem to be going anywhere. Anderson showed some verve with his English and Spanish units in the last two years, winding up with 10 units. Had there been no alliance between Baty and Dancause, Anderson's Powers would have been in strong contention in '06.

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It appears that Scandinavia is a weak country. It has been wiped out in most Woolwerth games with which I'm familiar. Maybe the board needs an adjustment. (In my "1885-III" there is a neutral space, Jutland, separating the Copenhagen SC from Germany, to give Sweden a guaranteed build in what was Denmark. Would that help here?) I also wonder whether there should be a Direct Passage between Madrid and Morocco, since Morocco is part of the Spanish Homeland. Incidentally, I've adjusted my master map to show that the Spanish ordinary province should be named "Basque & Leon," rather than just Basque, after studying a recent NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC map of Spain.

Again, I'm sorry I violated my own House Rule in not permitting an immediate vote on the re-proposed Two-way Draw with the Fall '05 orders. The delay did give Baty/Dancouse one more SC in their totals than they would have had in W '04, if that is any consolation. I did not expect the firestorm the delay generated. What ever became of the idea that we played Diplomacy for fun?

END GAME STATEMENTS are due by WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1985, if you please. If they are typed and copy ready, that will make me very happy. A new game, anyone?

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1985 PEERYPOLL RESULTS PUBLISHED

An in-depth review of many of the North American Diplomacy zines has just been published in the January 1985 XENOLOGIC. Thirty four people evaluated 63 zines on some 11 different categories in sufficient numbers to chart these 63 zines. Twenty six of them are current publishers, so the figures may be a bit skewed to reflect the point of view of pubbers rather than general players, but Larry felt that the statistics were generally valid. (Ten people evaluated BUSHWACKER).

Two professional publications, The General (from Avalon Hill) and Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy (by Red Walker) were included. Also, several "one-shot" service publications, like the SUPERNOVA Variant Package, the 1984 Census, and the 1983 ZINE REGISTER were included in Peery's report. (I would have excluded all of these, as none meet the definition of a continuing fanzine, as I assumed in compiling my ratings that we were rating only fanzines). It should come as no surprise that the Gamer's Guide was placed first on the Composite Rating, with an overall figure of 8.225. SUPERNOVA came in third from the top, with ZINE REGISTER second to the bottom (due to the current edition being some six months overdue); ^{3rd} with the Census in-between.

Excluding these anomalies, the best rating was given to Dick Martin's new folded genzine, HOUSE OF LORDS, with a 7.948 rating. The next six ^{REAL} zines, in order of finish, were: TER-RAN, IRKSOME (f), SNAFU! (f), DOGS OF WAR (f), MACABRE, AND EUROPA EXPRESS. Regretfully, all these marked with an "(f)" ^{OF THE ENTIRE POLL} have now folded. (Their games continue, however, in smaller zines). The bottom rung ^A was occupied by the late MODERN PATRIOT.

BUSHWACKER was rated - ulp - 11th from the bottom. Quick, bartender, a double! We were, however, given very nice ratings on Scheduling (Regularity), 8.00 (ranking 20th), and on Variety, 8.55 (ranking 7th). We were also given a respectable 6.75 on House Rules (ranking 31st) and a 6.25 on GM'ing (ranking 34th). We were given very poor ratings on "Stimulation" and "Entertainment." We concede we have not made much effort at Entertainment, but we thought we had attempted stimulation with our quizzes and our comments on the space program and science fiction. Years ago, the Diplomacy hobby was an offshoot of the S.F. fanzine hobby. We have been assuming that fellow diplo-nuts were also strongly interested in space travel and SETI. Perhaps that is no longer true, although we have received nice comments from two or three of our readers on these subjects. We don't expect to make any radical changes in our format.

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ZEUS V-F, 1984A gf11WINTER 1943

A PAUCITY OF PLAYERS PRODUCED "PERILS OF PAULINE"

Whew! You all got your orders in. As of 8:30 p.m. Friday, I thought we were only going to be able to play Winter. Then, the phone rang. Then, sometime between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., in a raging snowstorm, somebody hand-delivered orders to my mailbox, where I found them when I went out at 10:30 to dig the car out of the snow. Finally, the mailman trudged up on snowshoes with the last set in the afternoon. A word to the wise: don't let your orders go so late in this Winter weather.

		<u>Current strength</u>
BRITAIN (Anderson):	Remove F North Pacific	3 (-2) 11 annihilated)
CHINA (Kozlewski):	Build A Chungking, F Peking	9 (+1) (was 1 short)
FRANCE (Trifkovic):	Build F Paris	7 (+1)
GERMANY (Baty):	No change	6 (-)
USSR (Rauterberg):	A Rumania (R) Stalingrad. Build F Leningrad (n.c.)	9 (-) (was 1 short)
U.S.A. (Cheek):	No change	8 (+1) (was 1 over)

Since you all submitted orders for Spring, and no one requested a separation of seasons, let us go on to...

SPRING 1944

REICH OCCUPIES YUGOSLAVIA, ANNIHILATES RED ARMY. FRENCH LOOK FOR THEIR OLD CANAL IN PANAMA. CHINESE FLEETS SEARCHING FOR "JUNK" FOOD. U.S.A. GAINS PYRAMID POWER.

BRITAIN (Anderson):	F London-Edinburgh. F West Arctic Ocean-North Atlantic.
(3)	F Mid-Atlantic (C) FRENCH A Gascony-Panama.
CHINA (Kozlowski):	F Peking-Korea. A Chungking-Sinkiang. F Indochina-Indian Ocean.
(9)	A Korea-Amur. A India-Kazakh. F East China Sea-South Pacific.
	F Tokyo (S) USA F Sendai. A Middle East (S) USA F Indian Ocean-Egypt. A Turkey (S) A Middle East.
FRANCE (Trifkovic):	F Eng. Channel-Western Britain. A Gascony-Panama. F Paris-Eng.
(7)	Channel. F North Sea (S) GERMAN F Denmark-Sweden (NSO). F Greece (S) GERMAN A Rumania. F Eastern Med.-Egypt. F Ionian Sea-Libya.
GERMANY (Baty):	F Denmark-Hamburg. A Berlin-Hamburg. A Venice-Yugoslavia.
(6)	A Hungary (S) A Venice-Yugo. A Czechoslovakia-Austria. A Rumania (H).
USSR (Rauterberg):	F Leningrad(nc)-East Arctic Ocean. F Norway (S) BRITISH F West
(9)	Arctic-North Sea (NSO). A Sweden-Denmark. F Baltic-Berlin.
	A Moscow-Poland. A Baltic States (S) A Moscow-Poland. A Yugo-
	slavia-Rumania /d/, (Annihilated). A Stalingrad (S) A Yugoslavia-
	Rumania. F Sapporo (H).
U.S.A. (Cheek):	A Canada (H). F North Atlantic (S) A Canada. F Midway-Mid-Pacific.
(8)	F Caroline Is. and F Sendai (S) F Midway-Mid-Pacific. F Indian Ocean-Egypt. F New York (H). F Okinawa (H).

PRESS:

BRITAIN to GM: It's 1944, but this time we don't want the Yanks to come!

→ We have a Proposal for a 3-way Draw between China, Russia and U.S.A.

DEADLINE for both FALL 1944 orders and your Vote on the Draw will be SATURDAY, March 9, 1985. Since this is the first vote, anyone failing to vote will be counted as voting "No." Phone deadline will be Friday, March 8th, at 9:00 p.m. I wish to thank Dan Wilson for submitting backup orders for France. (Eastern Time).

L'IMPERIALISME II-B (1984H xm16)FALL 1913

SOUTHERN AFRICA BECOMING IBERIAN COLONY. FRANCE COUNTER-ATTACKS BY LAND AND SEA. STANDING ARMIES FINALLY GO DOWN IN POLAND AND SWITZERLAND. Italians SAVE ROME, ALGERIA. TURKISH TOURISTS TRAVEL TO HOLY LAND. BRITISH FAIL TO MAKE DEADLINE.

AUSTRIA (Dancause): A Venice-Rome. A Trieste-Venice. A Galicia-Poland. A Rumania (H).
(6) A Serbia (S) A Rumania. A Greece (S) TURKISH F Con-Bulgaria.
BELGIUM (Dancause): A Belgium (H).
(1)
ENGLAND (Hagerson?): NMR. F's Denmark, English Channel and Wales all (H).
(3)
FRANCE (Wilson): A Liverpool boards F Irish Sea, A/F Irish Sea-Bay of Biscay,
(8) (7 units) A disembarks Lisbon. A Gascony-Leon. A Catalonia-Cadiz. F Gulf
of Lyon (S) A Catalonia-Cadiz. F Morocco (S) A Cat.-Cadiz.
A Brest (H).
GERMANY (Cheek): A Tyrol-Switz. A Munich (S) A Tyrol-Switz. A Silesia-Poland.
(6) A Kiel (H). A G.E.A. (H)/d/, (may (R) to Rwanda). F Kamerun (H).
IBERIA (Kozlowski): A Cape boards F SAO, A/F SAO-South Indian Ocean, A disembarks
(9) Madagascar. A Rhodesia-G.E.A., A Mozambique (S) A Rhodesia-G.E.A.
A Rwanda-Kenya. F Cadiz-Mid-Atlantic. F Lisbon (S) F Cadiz-MAO.
A Leon-Catalonia. F Western Med.-Morocco.
ITALY (Anderson): F Tyrr. Sea-Rome. F Tunis-Western Med. F Ionian Sea-Libya.
(6) A Algeria (S) FRENCH F Morocco. A Eritrea-Sudan. A Sardinia (H).
TURKEY (Baty): F Const.-Bulgaria (sc). A/F Aegean Sea-Eastern Med., A disembarks
(6) Palestine. A Egypt-Libya. A Sevastopol (H). A Ukraine (S) AUSTRIAN
A Galicia-Poland. (The move to Bulgaria succeeds only because it
specifies "s.c." Otherwise, (S) would have been invalid.)

PRESS:

IBERIA to Rome: I agree with you, totally. Oh well, win some, lose some.

ITALY to Austria: Go away!

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, WINTER 1913: GAINS, ~~105,225~~

AUSTRIA:	4 Home, Greece, Serbia, POLAND, VENICE	8, Build 2
BELGIUM:	Belgium	1, No change
ENGLAND:	London, Denmark, SPAIN	2, Remove 1
FRANCE:	3 Home, Edi, Liverpool, CADIZ, MOROCCO, ALGERIA , MADAGASCAR, MOZAMBIQUE . *Alg. is a Home SC	7, No change (1 unit annihilated)
GERMANY:	3 Home, Kamerun, Nigeria, SWITZ., SAO . (Home SC)	6, No change
IBERIA:	Madrid, Lisbon, Angola, Belgian Congo, Cape, Rhodesia, Senegal, G.E.A., MADAGASCAR, MOZAMBIQUE, CADIZ , MOROCCO	10, Build 1
ITALY:	3 Home (incl. Libya), Somaliland, Tunis, ALGERIA, SARDINIA, SUDAN, VENICE	8, Build 2
TURKEY:	4 Home, Egypt, Palestine, BULGARIA	7, Build 1

Neutral: Abyssinia, Holland, Norway, Transvaal (4)

I hesitate to call for standby orders for ENGLAND. Our next standby is Brad Wilson, Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045. 'Twould be appreciated if you would do so, Brad. If everybody, including David Hagerson, submits orders for both WINTER 1913 and SPRING 1914, we'll play both seasons. If Hagerson NMR's or anyone requests a split of seasons, we'll just run WINTER.

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We are now entering that most fatal year, 1914, which, in real time, marked the transition from the old world to the modern age. How about some press on the subject?

DEADLINE for WINTER 1913 and (maybe) SPRING 1914 is Saturday, March 9, 1985. Telephone deadline will be Friday, March 8th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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RESULTS OF PEERIPOLL (Cont. from Pg. 6)

You may be interested in knowing the top-rated zines in each Category. These were: Scheduling: TER-RAN (9.6); Communication: HOUSE OF LORDS (9.1); Editing: HOUSE OF LORDS (8.6); GM'ing: SNAFU (10.0!); Reproduction: Just noted that prezine, The General, is listed first, but I've already said I'm excluding pre publications, so this category also goes to: SNAFU (9.75); Price: MACABRE (10.0). This zine is free! (Sounds of jealousy). The next two zines, CHEESECAKE and DOGS OF WAR, are reportedly folded and already folded, respectively, so the next-best bargain available to you is BERSAGLIERI. (I feel this category should not have been given an equal weight with the others, since price is something over which a publisher may have little control). House Rules: POL SI FIE (10.0!) (VOICE OF DOOM rated only 5.75). Useful Material: Following the 1984 Census and a flock of special publications, the highest ratings were for DIPLOMACY WORLD (8.39) and EUROPA EXPRESS (7.89). Entertainment: NO FIXED ADDRESS (8.11). Game Variety: ENVOY (9.75). Stimulation: HOUSE OF LORDS (8.88).

With absolutely no authority from anyone to do so, I have arbitrarily divided the reviewed publications into three categories. I will call the top category "Good to Excellent," the medium category "Medium", and the last category "Poor". Including all the publications which received the necessary five votes for evaluation, there are 31 with ratings of 6.50 and above which would be in the first category. I have placed the 28 rated from 5.45 to 6.48 in the middle category, and the four publications falling below 5.45 into the bottom group. (Some zines, most notably GRAUSTARK and SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS, did not accumulate the necessary 5 votes).

In addition to those I've already named, the zines in the first category include, in descending order: Concert of Europe, Bersaglieri, Prince, Perelandra, No Fixed Address, So I Lied, Magus, Cheesecake, Liberteerian, Diplomacy World, Enchain Macha, Appalling Greed, Costaguna, Retaliation, Xenogogic, Life of Monty, Diplomat, Lone Star Diplomat, Anduin and Who Cares? While some of these have folded, the remaining ones ought to be worthy of consideration by all those looking for good reading or games openings.

I'm not listing all the ²⁸zines in the Medium category, except to note that the correction on the WINSOME-LOSESOME computations from 5.45 to 6.48 raised it from the very bottom to the very top of that middle group. However, I will make the editorial comment that there is no way that VOICE OF DOOM deserved a rating of only 6.09, just barely above BUSH's 5.97. Larry Peery reports there was evidence of a grudge vote against VOD in the Poll. VOD ought to have been in the first category with the other top 31 publications. The bottom zine in this middle group is GIVE ME A WEAPON (5.494), which is still interesting, but has seen better days.

As already mentioned, the Composite ratings end with MODERN PATRIOT (4.23) and the 1983 Zine Register (4.29). The other two Third Category zines are BOAST (5.04) and YOU KNOW MY NAME (5.26). BOAST contains much information about forthcoming cons and new wargames coming on the market, but suffers from terrible typing and grammar and poor reproduction. Sorry, Herb, but I must be honest. We ought to chip in and get you a secretary.

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This con is being held on the campus of Rutgers University, and presumably is under the sponsorship of Rutgers University Gamers. A map is provided in the flyer. It's near Exit 9 of the New Jersey Turnpike. A list of four nearby motels is provided.

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MURD'RING MINISTERS IS BACK. We're happy to report that Ron (California) Brown has resumed publication after a 3-month hiatus. He asked us to be sure to mention this in BUSH, since we'd mentioned last month that he was among to missing.

PAPER SIZE TRIVIA

For the benefit of those in communication with Canadian and Overseas editors and players, here are the conversion figures for the three most common sizes of paper used in the U.S.

<u>Name</u>	<u>English size</u>	<u>Metric equivalent</u>
Standard letter	8½" x 11"	21.6 x 28 cms.
Foolscap	8½" x 13"	21.6 x 33 cms.
Legal	8½" x 14"	21.6 x 35.6 cm.

Now, if someone will kindly fill in the A, B, C, etc. equivalents they use in Europe, we can have a very useful chart for rating zines by their sizes. I know that in Britain, for example, their "standard" size is about 8" x 11½". This sometimes makes photocopying material for the Variant Bank a bit difficult. May we have your list, Europe? Thankyou.

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