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This is the 163rd consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine which specializes in Variant games. The party who refuses to stop sending this to you is Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. Phone: (301) 747-7248. Phone calls accepted between 7 and 9:30 p.m. weekdays, and between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m. weekends, Eastern Time. We will bend this rule slightly for people living on Pacific Time, but all players are requested to submit their orders by mail. This zine is named for the comic strip character, "Bushwacker," whom I created back in the 6th grade, a few thousand years ago. That's his picture up on the masthead, toting a Colt .45 automatic.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS for non-players and non-standbys. 12 issues for \$4.50. We also Trade with many zines on an all-for-all basis. We have Mutual Subs with a very limited number, as we dislike the mutual sub idea. (Can't waste time figuring out who owes who what, so I always wind up failing to charge the other party).

NO GAME OPENINGS right now, but plenty of need for STANDBYS. STANDBY FEE: \$4.00 for newcomers, \$3.00 to current people on our Mailing List. Games are run on a Flat Fee basis. You receive copies of the rules/maps for your game(s), plus receipt of BUSH for the length of your game. Standbys particularly needed for L'Imperialisme II-B and Vacation Dip III.

This issue contains reports on ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11) and L'IMPERIALISME II-B (1984H xm16), plus status report on VACATION DIP III (BUSH #17).

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NORTH AMERICAN VARIANT BANK TO CHANGE HANDS

Rod Walker is giving up the NAVB sometime in June. This is the master repository of over 600 known Diplomacy variants, all neatly cataloged into approximately 20 different categories. The Bank is going to be turned over to - me, Fred Davis. I have been Rod's back-up for, lo, these many years, maintaining my own North American Variant Bank-East, with about 250 titles, as a precaution against fire and flood. Now, I will become the Head Honcho, including the responsibility for preparing future Catalogs of the Bank's contents.

Everyone producing new Variant designs should continue to send copies to Rod to receive a designator, until further notice. Once Rod puts the Bank into the mail, we will let you know that you can start sending them to me. However, we must remember that it will take some time for this shipment to wend its way from San Diego to Baltimore, subject to the tender mercies of the USPS. Even when it arrives, it may take me some time to get it unpacked and operating. So, please be patient.

The last complete ARDA Catalog was prepared in January 1983. There have been two updates to include later designs. Rod had originally intended to produce a completely new Catalog around January of 1985. However, due to various reasons, one

of which being his lengthy spell of illness in '84, this has not been done. Once I get everything under control, I will print an updated Catalog, but I cannot give you any date for this yet. For one thing, this will depend on when I leave the Social Security Administration. As a "gentleman of leisure," clipping coupons and jetting to Europe, I will undertake this task after consulting with the Miller No. Custodian and the Custodians of the world's other variant banks, to see if they wish to offer any suggestions on the format and contents of said Catalog. Again, I must ask you to be patient, as this will take time.

Similarly, orders for copies of Variants, except for those designed by me, should continue to go to Rod until further notice. Unfortunately, one source has already reported that I am the NAVB Custodian. Please wait until you hear the news out of the horse's mouth that I am the Custodian. Rod's address is:

1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, Calif. 92024, U.S.A.

I'm pleased to announce that once I have become NAVB Custodian, my back-up man will be Tom Swider, P.O. Box 1324, SUNY, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901. Thanks a lot, Tom, for accepting this position. I will continue to be the contact man with the several Overseas Variant Banks.

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CORRECTION ON RUNESTONE POLL

Robert Sacks' name should not have appeared on the list of those publishers supporting a boycott of the 1985 Runestone Poll. (As reported on Pg. 2 of the February BUSH). To the contrary, Robert printed a reduced version of the Runestone instructions, so that the original 4 pages could be printed on two, and forwarded copies of these to several pubbers. Thankyou, Robert.

My list was based upon Bruce Linsey's own calculation of who would and who would not support the Runestone Poll under his aegis. In some cases, Bruce had statements in writing, in zines or letters, that a person would or would not support the Poll, but for some people he could only make an educated guess. There was no "poll" as such, although my comments may have made it appear that a formal poll was taken. Fortunately, almost all talk of a Runestone Poll boycott has now disappeared. We hope you have sent in your ballot. Many zines had the room to print one. If you didn't receive one, simply list the zines you're rating in alphabetical order, and rate them from "0" to "10". Send your ballot to: Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashulot St., #3, Dalton, MA. 01226.

Incidentally, we thought Robert Sacks was mellowing when he printed the reduced Runestone instructions. He has accepted Bruce Linsey's apology for including him in the list of boycotters. Alas, in a recent letter to six prominent hobby people, including Linsey and me, he states "Davis should not have published a summary of your letter as the results of a poll, since it was not." (Dear me, it now looks like one is not going to be able to reprint anything already receiving wide distribution throughout the hobby, since said items could contain errors. Guess we'll all have to stop reporting such news. Sigh.) Also, going on to another subject (The Subject, these days), Robert says:

"I also don't believe in this "forgery" explanation. In 12 years the only forgeries I have seen were those Fred Davis produced as IDA and DipCon Charters."

Alas, I broke my back for several years trying to keep the IDA alive and to prepare authentic copies of the DipCon Society Charter out of a mass of notes after the debacle of the 1982 DipCon meeting (when two year's work was destroyed in half an hour by Mr. Sacks), made one honest typographical error, and wind up being accused of "forgery." No need to worry folks, he's still the same old Robert Sacks. I am flattered to be selected by Robert as the only bona fide forger in the hobby. Gosh, what were all those fake zines called?

IT'S MILLER TIME

A copy of the Don Miller Memorial Award ballot is enclosed with this issue of BUSH. A Rod Walker Literary Excellence Award ballot is printed on the same page.* Both can be sent in together to the same person, namely, Larry Peery. *Other side, this pg.

As a member of the DMAA Committee, I feel that there should be a brief explanation of why there are six names on the enclosed ballot, instead of the usual five. To begin with, there were some proposals to permit multiple nominations, where more than one person had participated in a particular service. The Committee ruled out multiple nominees as falling outside of the spirit in which the Miller Awards were established, except in the rare case where a husband/wife team (or similar grouping) might perform a service in which their actions were inseparable and equal.

This left the Committee with but four names to consider. However, two additional nominations were then made, just before the deadline. Upon further review, it was felt that all six nominees were highly qualified for consideration for the Miller Award. Accordingly, the Committee has allowed all six names to be put forward on the ballot. This is not to be considered as setting a precedent for future years. It is most probable that the ballots will go back to listing just five names in the future, but the Committee does not want to be in the position of placing a straitjacket on future deliberations. There may be years in which either more or less than five people will be nominated for the final ballot.

Note that I have somehow become Treasurer for both the Don Miller and Rod Walker funds. These funds are used to purchase and engrave plaques, and to pay for the costs of postage and printing related to the Awards. It is probably easier for you to send in a contribution directly to Larry with your ballot(s). It will also save you 22¢ postage. Larry will then gather up all the checks and send them directly to me. So, in the words of a former Chicago alderman, "Vote early and often."

Please do not send me any contributions for the John Koning Award. In the first place, that Award is only being proposed, and must first be ratified by a hobby consensus. Then, an official Treasurer must be selected, and this will be someone other than me. (You don't want all these funds to disappear if I go to Brazil!)

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OUR FEARLESS BASEBALL PREDICTIONS FOR 1985

Once again, we rush in where angels fear to tread, with our predictions for the top four finishers in the American and National Leagues. Last year's standings are shown in ()'s:

<u>AL East</u>		<u>AL West</u>		<u>NL East</u>		<u>NL West</u>	
				ST LOUIS			
3	1. Detroit (1)	Kansas City (1)	1	1. Chicago Cubs (1)	4	Atlanta (2T)	5
4	2. Baltimore (5)	Chicago Sox (5)	3	2. N.Y. Mets (2)	2	San Diego (1)	3
1	3. Toronto (2)	Minnesota (2T)	4	3. Philadelphia (3)	5	L.A. Dodgers (4)	1
2	4. N.Y.Yanks (3)	California (2T)	2	4. Montreal (5)	3	Houston (2T)	4
						CALY	2

The Sporting News predicts that the respective Division winners will be Detroit, Chicago Sox, N.Y. Mets and San Diego. We would be happy to see the White Sox win, but we're going to stick with the above predictions. Both the Oriole and White Sox 5th place finishes last year were flukes, so I feel that predictions of 2nd place for both of them are quite reasonable. I think the Padres are the least likely of last year's winners to repeat. Many people are predicting a win there for Atlanta.

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BUSHWACKER, 3/85

1985 DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINEES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND BALLOT

The nominees for outstanding service to the hobby during 1984 are:

1. JIM HUMPHAS: For contributions in developing the play by electronic mail of DIPLOMACY techniques; for hosting PACIFLOM's DIPLOMACY tournament; and publishing over 200 issues of LITERATURE.

2. KATHY BIRNIE: For service as Boardman Miller Number Custodian; on the Orphan Games Project; hosting numerous BIRNIEs; and editing the sub-line KATHY'S KORNER.

3. GARY COUGHLIN: For strengthening International hobby ties; and editing BIRNIE EXPRESS.

4. BRUCE LINSLEY: For production and distribution of SUPERNOVA, the hobby novice publication; for hosting BIRNIEs; and for editing VOICE OF DOOM.

5. BOB OLSEN: For contributing to the hobby's development of a sense of ethics; for hosting PACIFLOM; and for writing outstanding pieces in a variety of publications.

6. RANDOLPH SMITH: For conducting the BIRNIE'S ROLL; and editing of ROL SI FLE.

The recipient of the 1985 DMM will be announced at DIFLOM this summer and in various hobby publications. The individual who is chosen will be presented with outsidy of the perpetual award for a year and permanent possession of their own personal plaque. Remember, this award is for outstanding service to the hobby during 1984. Any one who was a member of the hobby during that period is qualified to vote.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for only one choice. Write in ballots are allowed. The identification portion of the ballot must be completed but it will be removed prior to the counting of the ballots. PRINT your name clearly. Allow five days for return of the ballot in the USA, ten days in Canada. Mail all ballots to: DMM/RMA, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Receipt deadline is 4 July 1985.

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

HOBBI STATUS: RUBBER (size) PRAYER (game) OTHER

DMM BALLOT 1985

1. JIM HUMPHAS Mail to: DMM/RMA
Box 8416
San Diego, CA 92102

2. KATHY BIRNIE

3. GARY COUGHLIN

4. BRUCE LINSLEY

5. BOB OLSEN

6. RANDOLPH SMITH

7. OTHER (Print Name)

Mail by: 30 June in USA
23 June in Canada
Receipt deadline: 4 July 1985
Make donations payable to:
FRED DAVIS, JR.

1985 BOB WALKER AWARD NOMINEES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND BALLOT

The nominees for outstanding literary excellence in the hobby during 1984 are:

1. MARK BIERCH: "Must a Stab Be Fatal"/DIPLOMACY WORLD 36

2. DON DEL CRANDE: "DIP WARE" (a series)/LIFE OF KORTY 44 et al.

3. STEVE HUTTON: "The Dirty Horror Show"/NO FILLED ADDRESS 21/22

4. BRUCE LINSLEY: "The History of a Diplomacy Line"/VOICE OF DOOM 100

5. BOB WALKER: "The Siege of Rome" (a series)/DIPLOMACY WORLD 38

Please be sure to read all the nominees before you vote for one of them. Copies may be obtained from the respective authors/publishers I am sure (Enclose a SASE).

The recipient of the 1985 RWA will be announced at DIFLOM this summer and in various hobby publications. The individual who is chosen will be presented with custody of the perpetual award for a year and permanent possession of their own personal plaque. Remember, this award is for outstanding literary achievement in a hobby publication during 1984. Anyone who was a member of the hobby during that period or who has read all the nominated materials is eligible to vote.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for only one choice. No write in ballots are allowed. The identification portion of the ballot on the reverse side must be completed but it will be removed prior to the counting of the ballots. PRINT your name clearly. Allow five days for return of the ballot in the USA, ten days in Canada. Mail all ballots to: DMM/RMA, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Receipt deadline is 4 July 1985. You may return either the DMM or RWA separately. If you do not use either ballot draw a line through it.

I am interested in serving on the following awards committees for the 1986 awards:

DIFLOP DMM RWA JKA. Enclosed is a donation in the amount of:

RWA BALLOT 1985

1. MARK BIERCH Mail to: RWA/DMM
Box 8416
San Diego, CA 92102

2. DON DEL CRANDE

3. STEVE HUTTON

4. BRUCE LINSLEY

5. BOB WALKER

Mail by: 30 June in USA
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FRED DAVIS, Jr.

"The History of a Diplomacy Line"/DIP 100

"The Siege of Rome" (a series)/DIP 38 et al.

CONVENTION NEWS

ORIGINS 85 will be held in Baltimore, June 27-30, 1985, on the campus of the U. of Maryland, Baltimore Co. (UMBC for short). The pre-registration fee is \$14.00, until May 31st. On-campus housing will be available in air-conditioned dorms and 4-bedroom apartments, at about \$14 per night. This is the same location where the 1982 DipCon was held, but a new Student Union has been built since that time, and that's where most of the gaming will be held. UMBC is located on Wilkins Ave., just west of Exit 12 of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695). Just take Wilkins Ave. to Walker Ave. and turn left into the campus. Membership will be \$18.00 at the door, or \$10.00 per day.

If you didn't receive a flyer, send your \$14 check to: ORIGINS 85, POBox 139, Middletown, N.J. 07748. Ask for a housing brochure if you plan to stay on campus. If you want premium quarters, there are Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Quality Inn motels on nearby U.S. 40 (Beltway Exit 15).

There will be a Diplomacy Tournament, although I don't know the schedule. It will be run by Robert Sacks and John Boardman. Also, Avalon Hill is sponsoring an Official Machiavelli National Championship Tournament. Machiavelli is a Diplomacy variant.

I'm sorry I won't be seeing you there, but I will be in Milwaukee and Chicago at that time, as the date conflicts with the National Convention of Mensa. We won't return home till July 3rd. If you're staying over in Baltimore to do some sightseeing afterwards, you're welcome to join us for the big fireworks show on July 4th.

DIPCON XVIII will be hosted by the "Dragonflight" Con in Seattle, August 23-25, 1985. I don't have prices, but you can get this info from Terry Tallman, 7239 Sand Point Way, NE, #308, Seattle, Wash. 98115, phone (206) 526-0719.

Players must play in any three rounds of regular Diplomacy to be eligible for prizes. There will be seven rounds, beginning five hours apart, so you can "Dip around the clock." All games must end in an 18 Center win; a concession to the largest Power; or a unanimously approved draw where the draw-ees own 18+ Centers. If the players cannot agree on one of these outcomes, it will end as a DIAS draw. There will also be a two-round Gunboat Dip Tournament on Friday night. Everyone registered for the Tournament will receive a Souvenir booklet, listing all Tournament scores and highlights of the Con. Anyone wishing to include photographs or advertising in the booklet should contact Terry Tallman directly.

PEERICON V. An exclusively Diplomacy Con, coming August 10 & 11, 1985, in San Diego, California. For information, contact Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Phone: (619) 280-2239. For those who can't make it to Seattle, or masochists who want to attend both.

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BLACK AND BLUE BOOK OF DIPLOMACY PLAYERS COMING

This will be a directory of all Diplomacy players, FTF and Postal. This promises to be better than the previous Diplomacy Censuses, since it will include phone numbers and the particular interests of the players, such as being a publisher or a variant buff. Some zines will be reprinting the 1985 BBB Listing form. Or, you can obtain one from Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102, by sending him a SASE.

The Book will cost \$4.00, but you'll get a 10¢ discount for every additional name and address you can furnish. Larry is producing this BBB since it appears that no one else planned to produce a 1985 Diplomacy Census. The BBB is not in competition with the ZINE REGISTER, as the latter will only list details about zines.

DIPLOMACY PLAYERS AND MARCO POLL RESULTS

These polls were both run by Dan Stafford this year. In the 5th Annual Players Poll, the Top Ten players were as follows: (The figures refer to Number of Points received; Number of voters; Number of 1st place votes; and placing last year, if applicable)

		Last Yr.			
1. Kathy Byrne	104-26-11	(1)	6. Randolph Smyth	21-5-3	(5)
2. Dan Stafford	38- 9- 3	(2)	7. Jim Meinel	17-8-1	(8)
3. Mark Frueh	36-10-3	(*)	8. Marc Peters	15-4-2	(*)
4. Paul Rauterberg	28-10-1	(6)	9. Ed Menders	14-3-2	(*)
5. Stephen Wilcox	21- 7-1	(*)	10. Nelson Heintzman	13-3-1	(*)

*** = Not on main list last year, for all entries shown here

In the 4th Annual Marco Poll, 61 people named the top three zines, subzines, and GMs in their opinions. A first place vote was worth 3 points, 2nd place 2 points, etc. The Top Ten in Best Zines were: (Last year's finish shown in parenthesis):

1. Europa Express	42-19-7	(1)	6. 30 Miles Bad Road	18-7-4	(8)
2. Magus	28-13-5	(10)	7. Diplomacy World	14-7-2	(4)
3. North Sealath W. George	26-11-6	(14)	8. Politesse	13-6-3	(26)#
4. Whitestonia/K.K.	25-12-5	(3)	9. Perelandra	10-5-1	(*)
5. Voice of Doom	20- 9-4	(2)	10. The Prince	10-5-0	(17)

#POLITESSE had two different publishers during the past year. I can highly recommend the current version being produced by Ken Peel.

Incidentally, BUSHWACKER was tied for 24th place, with 3 whole votes! This is the first time we've made the main list in the Marco Poll. Excelsior!

The Best GM rankings in the Marco Poll went as follows. Same scoring system as Zines:

		Last Yr.			
1. Jim Meinel	29-13-5	(4)	6. Steve Heinowski	12-5-3	(*)
2. Gary Coughlan	25-14-4	(1)	7. Dave Carter	11-6-2	(*)
3. Mark Luedi	18- 7-5	(11)	8. Steve Langley	10-7-0	(*)
4. Andy Lischett	15- 5-5	(2)	9. John Daly	10-4-2	(7)
5. Russ Rusnak	12- 7-1	(*)	10. Dave Kleiman	9-4-2	(*)
			(tie) Jerry Lucas	9-4-2	(*)

I received one second place vote, to tie with eight others for 33rd place. Again, the first time I've appeared on the main list. The excitement is almost too much.

Bob Olson won the Best Writer Poll, which was part of the Players Poll, with an overwhelming 95 points and 11 First place votes. I found the other results of this poll incomprehensible. While Rod Walker, Mark Berch, Steve Hutton and Ken Peel did make the Top Ten, I cannot for the life of me see how the Top Ten could have excluded Gary Coughlan (he finished 15th), Bruce Linsey (12th) and Dick Martin (18th). I was also unhappy to see old-timer Conrad von Metzke relegated to 34th place. He is one of the all-time finest writers in the hobby, but not enough people have seen the current revival of his COSTAGUANA. Hope next year's poll will be more realistic.

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➔ NEW SOURCE FOR CLASSICAL STYLE DIPLOMACY SETS. Americans may buy "true" Diplomacy sets with wooden blocks and one-piece GRI maps for US \$23.40, from GAMES BY MAIL, P.O. Box 98, Sta. D, Toronto, Ont., CANADA M6P 3J5. Make "cheques" payable to "Games by Mail." Canadians may purchase these sets for C \$26.00. As with all items which have to be ordered from Waddington's, allow 8 weeks for delivery if G.B.M. does not happen to have the item in stock.

GERMANS, BELGIANS AND AUSTRIANS JOINTLY MOVE AGAINST FRANCE. IBERIANS SEEK TO REGAIN REIGN IN SPAIN. ITALIAN & TURKISH FLEETS BATTLE IN LEVANT, WHILE ITALIAN HOMELAND RESCUED. ENGLAND OPTS FOR NEUTRALITY? WHERE DID FRANCE GO?

Italy's attempt to build a F Somaliland was illegal, as Somaliland is not a Home SC. (Libya is her African Home SC). So, Italy will be playing one unit short in 1914.

AUSTRIA (Dancause): A Budapest-Galicia. A Poland and A Rumania (S) A Buda-Galicia.
(8) A Greece (H). A Vienna-Bohemia. A Venice-Piedmont. A Trieste-Tyrol. A Serbia-Trieste.

BELGIUM (Dancause): A Belgium-Picardy.
(1)

ENGLAND (Hagerson): F Wales-Liverpool. F Denmark (H).
(2)

FRANCE (Dan Wilson): NMR! A's Cadiz, Brest and Leon all (H). F's Gulf of Lyons, Morocco and A/F Bay of Biscay all (H).
(7)

GERMANY (Cheek): A Munich-Burgundy. A Switz. (S) A Munich-Burgundy. A Silesia-Munich. A Kiel-Ruhr. A Berlin-Kiel. F Kamerun-Gulf of Guinea.
(6)

IBERIA (Kozlowski): A Madagascar boards F South Indian Ocean, A/F SIO-NIO, A disembarks Somaliland. A Kenya-Equatorial Provinces. A Mozambique-Cape. A G.E.A.-Mozambique. F Western Med.-Morocco. F MAO-Bay of Biscay. A Catalonia-Leon. F Lisbon-Cadiz. A Madrid-Cadiz.
(10)

ITALY (Anderson): F Ionian-Levantine Sea. A Sardinia-Rome. F Tyrr. Sea (C) A Sardinia-Rome (Fast Ferry). F Tunis-Western Med. A Sudan-Equatorial Provinces. A Naples-Apulia. A Algeria-Tunis.
(8)(7 units)

TURKEY (Baty): A Sevastopol-Persia. A Ukraine-Sevastopol. F Bulgaria(sc) (H). A Palestine boards F Eastern Med., A/F Eastern Med.-Levantine Sea. F Mesopotamia-Arabian Sea. A Egypt (S) A Levantine Sea-Libya. (NSU).
(7)

PRESS:

GERMANY to France: Maybe now you'll write!

CONST to Rome: Peace is possible. Let's see some evidence of your intent - mine comes next. It's O.K. if Iberia wins; he would like that.

CONST. to Vienna: O.K., I've withdrawn. Have you?

AFRICA (Most of it) to Rome: I didn't respond to your threat of building in Somaliland because: a) You seem pretty determined to destroy me; and b) Somaliland is not an Italian SC. I'm pretty resigned to losing Lisbon and Madrid, so your threat of annihilating F Western Med. carried little diplomatic weight.

GERMANY to Austria & Italy: Sorry, the grass looks greener in the west!

ENGLAND to France: Viva Napoleon.

ENGLAND to Italy: March on legions, keep Rome free of the pagan hoards.

GAME NOTES: David Anderson has assured me that he will not resign from this game. However, I am concerned by the NMR for FRANCE (Dan Wilson). I am going to ask Brad Wilson to submit back-up moves for FRANCE for Fall 1914. Brad's address is: Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045. After May 6th, all mail should be sent to his home address: 302 Friendship, Paoli, Pa. 19301.

DEADLINE for FALL 1914 orders is TUESDAY, May 14, 1985. Phone deadline will be Monday, May 13th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Remember, the Archduke dies at dawn!

ZEUS V-F, 1984A gf 11WINTER 1944

FRENCH LEADER DIES. ENGLISH P.M. RESIGNS. SEPARATION OF SEASONS FOLLOWS.

	Current Strength
BRITAIN (Anderson): Remove F Edinburgh	2 (-1)
CHINA (Kozlowski): No change	9 (-)
FRANCE (Trifkovic): NMR. (No change)	7 (-)
(Brockmeier): (Will be new player)	
GERMANY (Baty): No change	6 (-)
USSR (Rauterberg): No change	8 (-1) (1 annihilated)
U.S.A. (Cheek): Build A Hawaii, F Washington	10 (+2)

ENGLAND to World: Due to demanding pressures at home and abroad, this Prime Minister will have to resign his position.

The British player submitted his orders and resignation early enough that I was able to make arrangements for the new player early on. He is: Gary Floyd, 46 Spruce St., Winchester, Mass. 01890. Anderson had submitted orders for Spring 1945, and had we been able to play that season, those orders would have been used. Since we were forced to hold Spring in abeyance due to the French NMR, the new British player will have time to negotiate with the others and submit his own moves for Spring.

Mark Trifkovic had been informed that if I did not hear from him by April 15th, he'd lose his positions in BUSH. This is why France is marked "NMR" although he had no adjustments to make. Effective now, the new French player will be:

Karl Brockmeier, 1350 Holly Drive West, Broomfield, Colorado 80020

I have Spring '45 moves on hand from all four of the other players, but they remain free to adjust them if they wish, in view of the entry of two new players into the game.

PRESS (Items no longer applicable were not used)

PEKING to Hamburg: Don't worry, I'm having lots of fun!

PEKING to Paris: Is anyone there? It's amazing that a country that has NMR'd so much has such a strong position.

USA to Germany: Actually, I hadn't thought I'd done that badly!

DEADLINE for SPRING 1945 is TUESDAY, May 14, 1985. Telephone deadline will be Monday, May 13th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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VACATION DIPLOMACY III (BUSHWACKER #17)

We received a formal request for a DELAY in the start of this game from one player. Also, another player did not receive a copy of the March BUSH, giving the starting lineup. So, the Deadline for SPRING 1901 is being postponed to TUESDAY, May 14th, to allow more time for initial negotiations. Incidentally, we will wait until I receive the NAVB before obtaining a Miller No. for this game. This is a simpler way of handling things, since the Bank will be arriving here in a couple of months.

There is one change. We have not heard from Mark Trifkovic, who had joined BUSH's readership with such enthusiasm. I had informed Mark that if I did not hear from him by April 15th (in view of his NMR in his other game), I would have no choice but to replace him as a starting player. I have not heard from him. Accordingly, let the record show that the new starting player for ITALY is:

Gary Floyd, 46 Spruce St., Winchester, Mass. 01890.

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The new #1 Standby player is: Bill Young, P.O. Box 15675, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15244. Bill is an Old-time BUSH reader & player (since 1976) who has just rejoined us.

Game Notes: Please use the symbol "VA" and "VF" to indicate your Vacation Armies and Fleets. Other units with unusual characteristics will be indicated by asterisks and other symbols, as the occasions may require. I have put octogonal cardboard "collars" around the pins for the Vacation units on my master map. You may wish to do the same, if you use the map pin system.

Note there appears to be nothing in the Rules to prevent you from building a Vacation Army in a space where you had to build a Fleet in 1901. In most cases, of course, you would need a F to Convoy that A to somewhere else.

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Since we only have two games to report on this month, we have found room to start our two-part article on "The Battle of Guadalcanal" in this issue. This will be found at "the back of the book." Comments are invited. (This will be deleted from a few copies going Overseas, and from Sample copies).

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NO FIXED ADDRESS #29/30, the fine zine published by Steve Hutton, devoted a great deal of its space to The Feud. I do not intend to discuss that subject here. I only wish to reprint some words by Doug Beyerlein which I feel ought to be read by everyone in the Postal hobby. Doug is a real Old Timer in the hobby, and one of its most respected members. (This was originally published as an editorial in his own zine, EFGIART #183):

"What will happen if this feud cannot be successfully ended? I hate to predict bad news, but I can easily see a widening split in the hobby structure as each side continues its war on the other. The real damage will at first come to those whose only goal is to play in postal Diplomacy games. The hobby infrastructure (services, etc.) will suffer, and people will be less willing to take on hobby-oriented tasks. Eventually, if this war of words is allowed to continue, it will rip the hobby apart and destroy much of what has been built up over the past 22 years. ...

"We are now at the start of a new year. I resolve that I will do all that I can in '85 to make this hobby of ours a better and more enjoyable place in which to spend our leisure time. Are you willing to do the same? For the good of the hobby, say yes."

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WHERE IS DIPLOMACY WORLD? I've been informed that D.W. will appear toward the end of April. Thereafter, it is supposed to resume its quarterly appearance. The new production team is to consist of Ken Peel as Publisher and Kathy Byrne as Editor. However, the current issue will contain some final material by Rod Walker.

It is most regretable that there has been such a delay in the appearance of D.W. I believe it has been eight months since the last issue. Some people have indicated to me that they wanted their money back if the zine failed to appear soon. There were many factors involved in causing this delay, some of which will probably be explained in the zine. I have been assured that the pages of D.W. will not be used to discuss The Feud. D.W. has historically taken a neutral stance on all feuds. If the zine can resume its quarterly time schedule, and if it refrains from taking sides in The Feud, I will again be able to recommend it. Since the hobby needs a flagship publication, I sincerely hope that it will meet these criteria.

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NEW ORPHAN GAME CO-CUSTODIANS (Eff. March 1985):

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(replacing Dick Martin)

The Orphan Games Project zines is called YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

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HOSSCON. Al Pearson, Box 898, Charles Town, West Virginia 25414, will host HossCon at his palacial manor located in the hills of West (by God) Virginny. Yore welkum to attend, 'vidin' you ain't a revenooer. (Yes, they have plumbing and electricity, but bring your own sleeping bag). Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5. BYOB. Events will include attendance on Saturday night at the nearby Charles Town race track. Games to be played will include Civilization, Rail Baron, Titan, and, oh yes, DIPLOMACY!

Charles Town is 50 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. RSVP, if you plan to attend. You can phone Honest Al at (304) 725-5537.

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Save QWERTY!

Eamb frg, Ekrrpat!

No, it's no typographical error. Those three words were typed upon a growing menace known as the Dvorak typewriter keyboard. Only they were typed by fingers which have hit a million keys on the traditional keyboard - the so-called QWERTY configuration which gets its name from the first five letters found on standard typewriters.

The Dvorak keyboard is a total redesign which is supposed to make typing easier and faster. It is the handiwork of one August Dvorak, a University of Washington psychologist who has devoted his life to this mischief. Obviously he is an obsessed man, but we wish he had chosen a more harmless crusade - like stamping out licorice, or putting hats on horses.

To generations of typists who learned on and still love QWERTY, Dvorak's subversion, which has already found its way into some government offices, will be received with about the same enthusiasm as if he had proposed to make Esperanto the national language.

Our opening words say it all. Typed on QWERTY, they read:
Damn you, Dvorak!

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