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

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PERSONAL NOTES

THIS WILL BE our first Post-retirement issue. As such, there may be certain changes in format. On the pro side, we ought to have more time to do a neat job. On the con side, some of this issue may be printed by mimeograph, so we don't know yet how well it will come out. Do not be mislead by the word "retirement." We are as busy as ever. The only difference is that we don't have to interrupt important projects like writing letters or designing variants for annoyances like going to the office. After we get this issue put out, we'll have a better idea of how long each issue of BUSH will take to produce, and how it's going to look, so bear with us.

By the way, one party wrote to ask if we were 65 already. No, in the Federal Civil Service you can retire at 55 if you have at least 30 years' service. We had 33 years, counting our military service during and shortly after the Korean War. So, we are not quite ready for the rocking chair and the false teeth yet. We still have all of our choppers except two wisdom teeth (that makes us a half-wit), and except for being nearly blind without our glasses, all our physical parts are still working properly. (We won't make any guesses about the brain).

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HOBBY NEWS

WINNER OF THE DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD for Meritorious Service to the hobby was Bob Olsen of Wichita, Kansas. This was for services in 1984, including hosting of FudgeCon. Since Masters of Deceit, the Novice Package he edited and printed, did not appear till the Spring of '85, I suppose that was not officially counted in his credits, but it does make the Miller Award that much more significant. (Work on the MoD actually began in 1984). I understand that Bob also won the NIXON Award this year! Good heavens, this must mean that Bob plays Diplomacy!

This year's voting on the DMMA was a two-man horserace right to the finish line.

The 1985 Rod Walker Award for Literary Achievement was won by Bruce Linsey, for his article, "The History of a Diplomacy Zine." This appeared in VOD #100, its last issue, and gave a complete history of that zine's stormy existence.

You will recall that the ballots provided a space for a write-in vote for the Miller Award, but the rules permit no write-ins for the Walker Award. There were no write-ins for the Miller Award. However, a surprising number of identical write-in ballots, all from the Washington/Northern Virginia area, were submitted for the Walker Award. These votes must have been the result of individual spontaneous behavior, for no one in our hobby who has made a reputation for himself by denouncing others for the slightest deviation from the noblest behavior would ever stoop to anything less than totally honorable behavior for himself. Tusk, tusk, Dale City.

There was apparently some other Zine Poll, called the "Undarkside Poll," run by Terry Tallman, although I saw no mention of it in any of the zines I receive. (There are certain zines I don't trade with by choice, and one which refuses to trade with me). Apparently the 265 of us who voted in the Runestone Poll belong to the "Dark Side" of the hobby, while the handful who participated in Tallman's poll are the sunshine kids. Anyway, Keith Sherwood's THE INNER LIGHT was the winner. It finished 14th on the Runestone Poll. Congratulations, Keith.

THE TOP 3 WINNERS of the 1985 ORIGINS XI Diplomacy Tournament were: Dan MacKeigan, Frank Jones and Jim Yerkey. The latter two gentlemen also were high finishers at MaryCon, you may recall. MaryCon winner Bill Thompson finished 16th, and MaryCon host Dick Warner was 10th.

THE LIFERS AWARDS for 1985 have been announced by Don Del Grande. Among others, the Most Improved Zine award went to Steve Hutton's NO FIXED ADDRESS, and the Dirtiest Fold to Keith Sesler's MANIFEST DESTINY. Bob Olsen was voted Hobby Genius. (Hey, I was a nominee, too. How badly did he beat me, Don?) And, the Award we were all waiting for with bated breath, the True Hobby Master, went to Kathy Byrne. No argument there. Nobody else in North America has remotely as much influence. I voted for her myself.

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LIST OF 1985 CONTRIBUTORS to the Don Miller and Rod Walker Award Fund:

This is the fund which pays the costs for the purchase, engraving and mailing of the plaques awarded to the winners. Each winner receives custody of the Master Plaque for one year, and a smaller plaque to keep as a permanent possession. 1985 contributions ranged from \$2 to \$15, with most being for \$5 to \$10. They came from:

Doug Beyerlein, Mark Coldiron, Fred Davis, Don Del Grande, Michael Ditz, John Kador, Bruce Linsey, Bruce McIntyre, Larry Peery and Clark Reynolds. Hope we didn't forget anyone.
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POSTSCRIPT TO DMMA AND RWA DONORS: My Bank has suddenly turned nasty, and begun charging \$3.00 for processing all Canadian cheques. Until now, they did not do this as long as the checks were written in U.S. funds. So, I will have to ask all Canadians to send their contributions in Canadian Postal Money Orders, made out in U.S. funds; or in U.S. dollars. While I have no objection to receiving Canadian currency for BUSH subs or Game fees, I cannot use such funds in this Treasury, since I am only its custodian, not the owner. This refers only to checks made out to me. I am not certain whether this problem exists if you make out your check to Larry Peery.

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DIPLOMACY WORLD NEWS

My copy of D.W. #39 finally wended its way into my mailbox a few days after the last issue of BUSH was mailed. It took only about 30 days to get here all the way from Newark, N.J. (That means it moved an average of 6 miles per day).

There are several interesting items in this issue. Among these are a listing of the five best players for each of the seven Great Powers (over the past several years); the top 28 players on the DragonsTooth rating system; the 40 best players on Dan Stafford's Influential Player rankings (uses only games completed in the past four years); and the All-time Top 40 on the Calhamer Point Count Rating kept by Randolph Smyth. These different Rating systems yield considerably different results.

On DragonsTooth, for example, the Top Four players are Dan Stafford, Dave Carter, Jack Masters and Mark Berch. On the Influential rankings, the Top Four are Kathy Byrne, Dan Stafford, Dave Carter and Jack Masters. The All-time CPC list is topped by Ron Kelly and Doug Beyerlein. Then, come two retired Masters, Andy Phillips and Edi Birsan. The next two active players are Eric Verheiden and Lee Kendter, Sr.

Kathy Byrne is rated first on Influential, ninth on All-time, and 25th on DragonsTooth. Dan Stafford is first on DragonsTooth, second on Influential, and 22nd on the All-time. These are just two examples of how scores can change, depending on what one is measuring. Certainly, all of the above people are top players.

You will also find the results of several other polls, comments by Allan Calhamer on the new Rulebook, several articles, a list of "new" zines, an exceedingly tough crossword puzzle, and six pages devoted to Mark Stegeman's variant, World Diplomacy VI.

Incidentally, my name is shown as the new Variants Editor, but I had nothing to do with issue #39. My appointment becomes effective with issue #40. People having new variants they'd like to have reviewed in D.W. are invited to submit copies to me. I will want copies for the N. American Variant Bank in any case. Once every three months, one variant will get selected for publication in D.W., complete with map. Designs with nice clean maps and clearly written rules will receive preference, but imagination and playability are still the most important factors. Also, we will prefer to publish games whose rules and maps remain in the moderately-sized range. No War and Peace, please. If space is available, we may also do short reviews on other designs.

To order DIPLOMACY WORLD, send \$8.00 for 4 issues to: R. C. Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA. 92024. Canadian and Overseas readers must send \$11.00 US. For First Class mail within the U.S., the price is \$11.00.

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MILLER NUMBER CUSTODIANSHIP - TRUE OR FALSE

Everyone in the Postal Dip hobby throughout the world, with the exception of Robert Sacks, has recognized that Lee Kendter, Sr. is the Miller No. Custodian, and has been for quite some time now. An Asst. MNC has been appointed in the United Kingdom to assign Miller Nos. to the Postal Variant games running Over There. His name is Peter Sullivan. I don't have his address at hand. I'm not certain whether his jurisdiction covers all European zines, or just these published in the British Isles.

Since I will be officially taking over the North American Variant Bank as soon as it wends its way here from San Diego (As I type this, it has not yet arrived), Lee has asked me to serve as an Asst. MNC. Since the MNC must work hand-in-glove with the Variant Bank to obtain the designators for new variant designs, this makes sense. So, I have accepted the post, with the title "Asst. MNC - NAVB."

One Sacks has denounced Lee Kendter for failing to sign some "Covenant" which he drew up with a prior MNC several years ago. That Covenant was between Sacks's Diplomacy Variant Commission and that particular MNC. I have no information that it was etched in stone tablets for all future generations. Anyone know of any burning bushes on Manhattan Is.?

Anyway, one Sacks has solitarily declared that Lee is no longer the MNC, and that the post is vacant. Something called the New York Games Board is going to "select" a new Custodian, through what is called the Registry of Projects. Guess who heads this Registry of Projects? Mr. Sacks, of course. He names two other people who supposedly will assist him on this matter, and also lists a whole slew of names, including mine, who will be eligible to participate when we "register" our projects with him, Sacks.

Now that you have picked yourself up off the floor after a bout of hysterical laughter, I'll assure you that I have absolutely no intention of "registering" the NAVB, or anything else, with the Registry of Projects or the New York Games Board. And I'm sure that most of the other people on Sacks' list likewise have no desire to get enmeshed with any such shadow organization.

So, here's a wonderful chance for someone to become a phantom MNC. Gloriosky, Zero, an opportunity like this doesn't come along every day!

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LATEST POST OFFICE SNAFU

The 1985 Postal rate for sea mail Overseas is 37¢ an oz. This happens to be the same as the old rate for two ounces of Domestic postage, so the P.O. had a lot of 37¢ stamps left over when the rates went up last March. (Our new First Class rate is 22¢ for the first oz. and 17¢ for ea. attitional oz., so they've now printed up a lot of 39¢ stamps for those overweight letters). I've finally used up my supply of 37's, and went to the P.O. to try to buy more. First, the clerk insisted that the only rate to Europe was 44¢ per half-oz. I tried three times to make him understand that I was talking about surface rates, not Air Mail, but couldn't penetrate. Finally, I got him to go and ask his supervisor. That lady looked it up in the book, and was amazed to see that I was right - you could send mail Overseas for 37¢ an ounce! However, she promptly added, "We don't carry 37¢ stamps any more." She offered to sell me some 30's and 7's, but that's too much work. I wound up buying some 39¢ stamps, and will take the 2¢ loss on each zine sent Overseas.

Will Gary or Conrad please advise me whether it's true that the P.O. no longer sells the proper stamp for the Overseas surface rate. I tried phoning the Information number at Baltimore's Main P.O., but was never able to get through. I either got a busy signal or got put on a hold which no one ever answered. It seems incredible that Postal employees don't know their own rates. It seems even more incredible that the correct stamp denominations are not even sold!

A PAIR OF MOVIE REVIEWS

BACK TO THE FUTURE ("Life in 1955")

I was particularly interested in the time frame of this film, since the 50's, particularly the years 1951 to 1957, were my salad days. I can still remember returning to college in February 1954, after spending 18 months overseas in the Army, and noticing the many changes in entertainment, slang, etc. which had occurred in just that short a time. ("Hey, who is this Liber-Ace anyway?")

The acting is well done; the story very funny. The mad scientist, Christopher Lloyd, steals the show. Somebody worked very hard on the anachronisms. Example. Here: "Give me a Tab." Counterman: "I can't give you your tab until you order something." (One thing overlooked here was the danger of Michael Fox, the young hero, using money with the wrong dates. Apparently, he leaves the lunchroom without paying. What if he'd laid down a "sandwich" quarter dated 1984?) I appreciated the little things, like the hero trying to twist the top off of a Pepsi bottle. There were a few flaws. By 1955, virtually every urban family not on welfare had had a TV set for years. It doesn't ring true that the family in question has just bought their first set. Coast-to-coast TV had arrived in 1951, and "I Love Lucy" in '53.

The cars, clothes and hairdos were perfect. I doubt a white high school would have hired a black band in 1955. But, they were needed for the plot. The ending is a paradox. When Michael returns home to 1985, everything has changed, but he has no memory of those changes. He could never fit in with those 18 years of "amnesia." This is glossed over in the movie, but it's something you think about afterwards.

Go for a good time, and keep your eyes open for anachronisms and paradoxes.
3½ stars.

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COCOON ("Life begins at 60")

They stole the Mother Ship from "Close Encounters," and the ending is dragged out too long, but the first three-quarters of this film is very good. I was glad to see some old-time movie stars being given a chance to display their talents. Don Ameche is particularly good. "Cocoon" shows that people in the 60's and 70's are still interested in - ah - PG-13 romance. (As Baby Boomers age, those of us over 30 are taking over the world).

Apparently, the Aliens have been unable to overcome the limitation of the speed of light in their travels. This is why they've taken so long to return to Earth, it seems. One could assume that there's been a war or some cosmic catastrophe to account for some of the delay. In any case, their home world must be a long way off.

Forget that ET's with that much power probably wouldn't need the help of Earthlings to locate the lost Cocoon. Try to ignore the stupidity of the references to "Atlantis" and "10,000 years ago." There never was an Atlantis, and the Thera explosion which gave rise to the legend occurred in 1500 B.C., a mere 3500 years ago. Also, if there had been an Atlantis, it was just beyond the Pillars of Hercules, not off the Florida coast. And the Alien would have said "10,000 Earth years ago..." if he was using our time scale. The Hollywood writers have no concept of anything beyond the boundaries of the U.S.A. (The Alien probably meant 10,000 of his civilization's years, which may be shorter than ours).

Don't even ask why they need an earthly swimming pool for their work, or why they can't "recharge" it, with all their powers. Instead, just lean back and relax and have a good time. I was particularly delighted with the old folks' dialogue and behavior. For once, they were portrayed as people, not characatures. (over)

By the way, which actor played the part of "Pops," the Charlie-Weaver-like Grandpa? There was no cast of characters on the version we saw. I thought "Pops" deserved special credit for his role.

3 Stars.

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SPACE UPDATE

On June 10 and 15, 1985, the Soviet VEGA 1 and 2 spacecraft each deployed an instrumented balloon into the Venusian atmosphere, and VEGA 1 also placed a lander on the surface. The balloon instruments furnished 46 hours of data, while the lander functioned for 21 minutes before succumbing to heat and pressure. I don't recall seeing any headlines in the American papers about this event.

The European Space Agency's "Giotto" probe was launched for its rendezvous with Halley's Comet on July 2nd. It will intercept the comet on March 13, 1986. The probe is not expected to survive the meeting, but will "die for dear old Rutgers" reporting information. You will recall that the Reagan Administration reported that the United States was too poor to launch such a probe.

The Soviet Union will send two Mars orbiters to the red planet in 1988. One will rendezvous with the moon Phobos. Great silence from the U.S.A.

Britain is developing a space shuttle that can take off like a jet plane, and then turn into a rocket to reach orbit. Sounds similar to the Dyna-soar program which the U.S. had back in the 1950's, which we then scrapped to save money. It is reported that the unmanned ship would be able to launch 7-ton satellites into low Earth orbit once per week!

The U.S. will launch the Hubble Space Telescope in late 1986. Controlled from Johns Hopkins U. in Maryland, this will effectively double the size of the observable universe. However, Rockwell Corp. has been ordered to cease work on producing spare structural parts for the space shuttle "to save money."

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★ VARIANT IMPROVEMENTS

I've already mentioned that I've prepared a revision of the EAST INDIES variant, to eliminate Borneo as a Great Power, and give Sumatra a shot at a "sure" Supply Center. Borneo's position in the original game was worse than Austria's in the Regular game. I think the new 6-man version is a considerable improvement. Boundaries of two sea spaces have also been amended to bring New Guinea closer to Philippines, Java and Sumatra (and vice-versa). Anyone who played East Indies III postally in BUSH may have a copy of the new East Indies IV for a 22¢ stamp. Anyone else may have a copy for 50¢. I'll be sending copies to the other Variant Bank Custodians shortly.

A game of Woolworth II-D has recently ended in Ron (Canada) Brown's D-DAY (now merged with NO FIXED ADDRESS). End-game comments have been made that Scandinavia definitely appears to be a weak sister here. As you know, this game evolved from a design by Glenn Overby in which there was only one map change on the board. Since Glenn is no longer in the Postal hobby, I feel no obligation to leave things unchanged. I have proposed that in Woolworth II-A and II-D, a new ordinary space, "Jutland," be interposed between the Scana. SC "Copenhagen" and the German SC Kiel. This should give Scandinavia a break. (Under a special rule, F Copenhagen can still move to North Sea in Sp. '01 if it so wishes). I've sent a copy to Ron Brown for review by himself and his players. If anyone else wants a copy, just send me a 22¢ stamp. This is the same as the ^{2nd/3rd} revision I made in my "1885-III."

ZEUS V-F, 1984A gr11

SPRING 1946

GERMAN AND CHINESE FORCES LINK UP. U.S., BRITISH FLEETS HELP "CLOSE THE RING." FRENCH CONSOLIDATE FORCES. SIEGE OF STALINGRAD CONTINUES. RUSS TAKE NORTH SEA.

BRITAIN (Floyd): F Edinburgh-West Arctic Ocean. F North Atlantic (S) F Edinburgh-West Arctic Ocean.
(2)

CHINA (Kozlowski): A Amur-Siberia. A Peking-Sinkiang. A Chungking-Nepal. A Turkey (S) A Kazakh. A Kazakh (S) A Amur-Siberia. F Okhotsk & F Sea of Okhotsk (S) USA F West Arctic Ocean-East Arctic Ocean. F South Atlantic (S) USA F MAO-West Med. F Indian Ocean (S) USA F Egypt (NSO). A Middle East (S) A Turkey.
(10) (See C/A for Kevin)

FRANCE (Brockmeier): F English Channel-Paris. F West Britain-Eng. Channel. A Gibraltar-Spain. F Black Sea (S) GERMAN A Hungary-Rumania. F Libya-Algiers. F East Med.-Libya. F North Sea (S) ENGLISH F Edinburgh-West Arctic Ocean/d/, (R) TO Low Countries (per rt. hand rule).
(7)

GERMANY (Baty): A Moscow-Serbia (IMP). A Poland-Moscow. A Hungary-Rumania. A Czech-Hungary. A Berlin-Prussia. F Hamburg-Helgoland. A Munich-Hamburg.
(8) (7 units)

USSR (Rauterberg): F Denmark-North Sea. F Norway (S) F Denmark-North Sea. F Leningrad (H). F Finland(nc)-West Arctic Ocean. A Stalingrad-Kazakh.
(5)

USA (Cheek): F Sapporo-North Pacific. A Calif.-Oregon. F Mid-Atlantic-West Med. F Panama-Mid-Atlantic. F New York & F Washington (S) F Panama-MAO. A Canada (S) F New York. F Egypt-Libya. F Midway-Hawaii. F West Arctic-East Arctic Ocean.
(10)

NO PRESS (One item deferred to Fall 1946).

A comment was made that even the enlarged ZEUS map was too small. How many players would be interested in buying a really big map? I'd have to draw it, as I don't have access to an enlarging machine. I do have a pantograph for enlarging by hand, but that's a lot of work. I'd need at least 3 orders to make it worthwhile. At a cost of 50¢ each. Anyone may place an order, if you're interested.

DEADLINE for FALL 1946 orders will be TUESDAY, September 24, 1985. Telephone deadline will be Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ZEUS - A ROSE BY ANOTHER NAME

After studying the maps for the ZEUS variants IV, V, and V-F, I realize that there are some duplications in names which could cause misunderstandings.

The land space "Okhotsk" should be Vladivostok, to avoid confusion with the sea space, "Sea of Okhotsk."

Similarly, "Baltic States" ought to be Courland to distinguish it from "Baltic Sea." While I'm at it, why not shorten "Low Countries" to Benelux?

I can't change ZEUS IV, since that is Chris Northcott's design, but I would like to make these changes on "V" and "V-F," since those are my versions. I hesitate to make these changes in the middle of a game, since that could confuse players, and would require them to make changes on their maps. I will enter these amendments on my Master maps for all future games.

Will all ZEUS players in BUSH please add a line to their next set of orders, letting me know "Yes" or "No" on whether they'd agree to these name changes now. If anyone objects, the changes will not affect the current game. Thankyou.

VACATION DIPLOMACY III (BUSHWACKER #17)

SPRING 1902

GERMANY MISES MOVES. ITALIANS SEIZE BREST. AUSTRIA SLIPS INTO GREECE. RUSSIA INVADES REICH. TURKS BATHE IN BLACK SEA. NO CARDS PLAYED.

ENGLAND (Wallace): F Edi-North Sea. A London (U)(H). "A/F" Ireland-Irish Sea.
(5) (6 units) F Hebrides Sea-Norwegian Sea. F Norway (S) AUSTRIAN VF Baltic Sea-SWEDEN (NSU). VF Sicily-Ionian Sea.

FRANCE (B.Wilson): F Portugal-MAO. A Gascony-Marseilles (NSU). A Spain (S) A Gascony-Marseilles (NSU). (This unit was erroneously reported as a "F" in Fall 1901). A Marseilles (Unordered) (H).
(5) (3 units)

GERMANY (Dodge?): NMR. A's Berlin, Kiel & Munich all (H). F Holland & F Ionian Sea all (H).
(4) (5 units)

ITALY (Floyd): VF MAO-Brest. A Piedmont-Marseilles. A Venice-Apulia. F Tyrr. Sea is in C.D. It will continue to be reported until destroyed.
(3) (4 units)

AUSTRIA (Rice): F Albania-Greece. A Serbia (S) F Albania-Greece. A Trieste (S) A Vienna. A Vienna (S) A Budapest. A Budapest (S) A Trieste.
(5) (6 units) VF Denmark (Unordered) (H).

RUSSIA (Cheek): VF Western Med.-Tyrr. Sea (that Italian F in C.D. must be dislodged first, in the usual manner). A Warsaw-Silesia. A Galicia (S) A Warsaw-Silesia. A Ukraine (S) A Galicia. A Moscow-Warsaw.
(6) (7 units) F Sweden (S) ENGLISH F Norway-Skag. (NSO). F Rumania (H).

TURKEY (Kenry): F Bulgaria(sc)-Aegean Sea. F Con-Bulgaria(sc). F Ankara-Black Sea. A Smyrna-Con. A Armenia being real nice to Armenians (H).
(5) (6 units) VF Tunis east dates, then takes them home (H).

PRESS:

RUSSIA to Austria: What about the dreaded Austrian-Italian alliance?

CON to Rome: Rush hour is a dirty word. I have to take Rt. 70 to go home. 3 circles, 17 lights, 1 jughandle and an ulcer. By the way, I like my pizza with sausage.

ANKARA to Moscow: Are you getting my letters?

BULGARIA to Serbia: Deceit? On a sunny day it gets pretty hot, and then I notice it. Actually, I got mixed up on a traffic circle.

BUSHWACKER: I didn't know that New Jersey was a province in this variant.

GM's COMMENTS: It appears that a few people have not been keeping track of the whereabouts of all of their units, and those of their neighbors. 3 units were Unordered this season. It may also have been unclear that the Italian F in C.D. still existed. Please keep better track of what you own. Fortunately, many of the errors, NMR's and Event Card disasters have cancelled each other out, as they've been scattered round the Board. Thus far, the game remains fairly even.

Brad Wilson (FRANCE) reports that he'll return to school on August 27th. His address will again be: Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045.

I wish to thank Bill Young for submitting back-up moves for France for this season. I am now going to ask Bill to submit back-up orders for GERMANY for Fall 1902. His address: P.O. Box 15675, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15244.

DEADLINE for FALL 1902 orders will be TUESDAY, September 24, 1985. Phone deadline is Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Remember, if you phone me on the deadline and get a busy signal, you may call back, even if it's after 9 p.m. We had three phone calls not related to the games on the most recent Phone deadline evening. Two were rather long, so you may have found the line busy.

L'IMPERIALISME II-B, 1984H xm16

FALL 1915

COMPLICATIONS IN BAY OF BISCAY. BELGIUM DIES. AUSTRIANS CONTINUE WESTWARD DRIVE. IBERIANS ROLL UP REST OF EAST AFRICA. STANDOFFS IN CON, PARIS.

SPRING 1915 Revisited: The Unordered IBERIAN F Mid-Atlantic was not dislodged. Rule IX. 3 states that while the Iberian (S) orders for the German F SAO-MAO were illegal for the purpose of self-dislodgement, they were legal "for other purposes," including the denial of the space to the French A/F Bay of Biscay. The French A/F Bay of Biscay also remained in place. All involved players were notified by postcard.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Kevin Kozlowski (IBERIA), 2401 E. Northern Pkwy., Baltimore, Md. 21214. (That's the same ZIP Code as Avalon Hill's).

AUSTRIA (Danceuse): A Tyrol-Munich. A Berlin & A Bohemia (S) A Tyrol-Munich, (8) A Silesia (S) A Berlin. A Piedmont-Marseilles. A Switz. (S) A Piedmont-Marseilles. A Serbia-Rumania. A Greece (H)

BELGIUM (Danceuse): A Picardy-Burgundy. (1)

ENGLAND (Hagerson): F Skag.-Norway. F North Sea (S) F Skag.-Norway. F Clyde- (3) Edinburgh.

FRANCE (B. Wilson): A/F Bay of Biscay disembarks A in Gascony. (Since there was No (4) (S) order for this landing, it succeeds. The F was Unordered. Therefore, F Bay of Biscay is Dislodged by the IBERIAN attack.) It may (R) to English Channel or Irish Sea. A Brest-Paris. F Morocco-Mid-Atlantic.

GERMANY (Cheek): F SAO-Mid-Atlantic. A Burgundy-Paris. A Kiel-Denmark. A Ruhr- (7) Kiel. A Munich-Switz. /d/, (R) to Ruhr (only space open). A Marseilles (S) A Munich-Switz. A Belgium (H).

IBERIA (Kozlowski): F MAO-Bay of Biscay. F Lisbon (S) F MAO-Bay of Biscay. F Cadiz (14) (12 units) (S) GERMAN F SAO-MAO. F Sardinia-Western Med. F African Sea-South Atlantic. A Madrid (S) F cadiz. A Catalonia-Leon. A Equatoria-Sudan. A Abyssinia (S) A Equatoria-Sudan. F North Indian Ocean-Somaliland. A G.E.A.-Kenya. A Cape (H).

ITALY (Anderson): A Gulf of Lyon disembarks Sardinia, (S) by F Gulf of Lyon. (9) F Western Med.-Tunis. A Algeria-Libya. F Ionian (S) A Algeria-Libya. F Aegean-Con. A Smyrna (S) F Aegean-Con. A Trieste (H). A Sudan-Egypt /d/, (R) Eritrea (only space open).

TURKEY (Baty): F Libya (H) /d/, (R) Levant Sea (only space open). A Egypt (S) (6) F Libya. F Arabia-Red Sea. A Sevastopol-Ankara. A Syria-Smyrna. F Bulgaria(sc)-Const.

As you can see, the Concession to Iberia did NOT SUCCEED.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, WINTER 1915: GAINS, LOSSES

AUSTRIA:	3 Home, Greece, Munich, Poland, Serbia, BERLIN, SWITZ., TRIESTE	9, Build 1
BELGIUM:	LYON	0, Remove 1 (OUT)
ENGLAND:	London, Liverpool, EDI, NORWAY, DENMARK	4, Build 1
FRANCE:	Paris, Brest, Morocco, EDI	3, Remove 1
GERMANY:	Kiel, Holland, Kamerun, Marseille, Nigeria, BELGIUM, DENMARK, BERLIN, SWITZ.	7, No change
IBERIA:	4 Home (incl. Angola), Abyssinia, Belg. Congo, Cape, G.E.A., Madagascar, Mozambique, Rhodesia, Senegal, Transvaal, SOMALILAND, SUDAN, SARDINIA	15, Build 3 (2 short) (Room for only 1 Build, in Angola)
ITALY:	4 Home (incl. Libya), Algeria, Smyrna, Tunis, SARDINIA, TRIESTE, SOMALILAND, SUDAN	9, No change
TURKEY:	Ankara, Con, Mesopot, Bulgaria, Egypt, Palestine	6, No change (more)

PRESS:

GERMANY: "Why not go out with some style."

I am requesting Mark KELLER, 2 Seaside Ct., Sacramento, Calif. 95831, to submit standby orders for ENGLAND for next turn. There is some question as to whether David Hagerson will be able to continue to play in this game.

If everybody wants to go for a combined season, I'll be happy to carry both WINTER 1915 and SPRING 1916 here next time. Why don't you submit orders for both seasons, just in case. We won't play SPRING if a single player objects. NOTE that outside of the automatic removal of the Belgian unit, we have only 3 Builds and 1 Removal this Winter. The Iberian build has to be in Angola, and the Austrians can only build an A in either Budapest or Vienna. Only the English build and French removal are uncertain.

DEADLINE for WINTER 1915 and (maybe) SPRING 1916 will be TUESDAY, SEPT. 24, 1985. Telephone deadline is Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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FLASH! AVALON HILL PRODUCES "R" RATED GAME. They showed the inside of the Monarch-Avalon Hill print shop on Harford Rd. on the evening news this week. It seems that A-H is producing a new game on (blush) SEX, designed by a lady doctor from New York. It appears to be something on the order of Trivial Pursuit, but the questions and answers will make your ears sizzle. A-H proudly announced that they expect that this game will be "their best seller, ever." How will they handle this in THE GENERAL? It will give a new meaning to the term "jumping your opponent." The game will be in the stores in a few weeks, but already a media blitz is afoot. Just hope the other games don't get lost in the shuffle.

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