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This zine is named for my comic strip character, "Bushwacker," whose picture is on the masthead. The "World War I" helmet fits the Diplomacy theme, although this is actually supposed to be the helmet worn by American soldiers until about Nov., 1942. (Yes, Virginia, the "Bushwacker" comic strip was created before Pearl Harbor).

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★ Effective November 1, 1985, there will be new Game Fee and Sub rates. This is caused by an increase in printing costs. The NEW RATES will be a \$9.00 Game Fee (\$8.00 to current readers), a \$5.00 Standby Fee, and Subs @ 12 issues for \$6.00. So, if you want to sign up now or renew your sub at the current rates, please hurry. No subs for more than 12 issues will be accepted at the old rate. The Mensa discount will still apply.

This issue contains reports on ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11), L'IMPERIALISME II-B (1984Hxm16) and VACATION DIP III (BUSH #17).

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DIPLOMACY WORLD HAS NEW PUBLISHER - AND CONSERVATOR

Larry Peery is DIPLOMACY WORLD's new Publisher - and Conservator. What the latter means is that under the normal laws of commerce, D.W. is bankrupt. It has more debts in the form of subscriptions than assets in the form of cash, stamps, and back issues. Accordingly, it will reorganize along the lines of a Chapter 11 or 13 bankruptcy proceeding. What this means in our hobby world is that Larry is going to produce a Special Issue of D.W. (#40), which will go out to every publisher in North America and everyone else on the subscription rolls, with a request for new subscriptions. All old subs will be cancelled, and D.W. will try to start over again with a clean slate. (I'm assured this will not affect any new subs which have just been rec'd by the D.W. staff in the past few months).

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The alternative is to fold the zine, leaving the hobby without a flagship, and re-funding the current subscribers a few cents on the dollar. I'm sure most subbers would rather receive more issues of D.W. than a small refund. I don't know at this point whether the current sub rate can be maintained (\$8 for 4 issues in U.S., \$11 in Canada & Overseas). However, if you want to send in some money right now as a vote of confidence, you can send either of the above sums to: Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102, U.S.A.

Kathy Byrne will remain as Editor. Several other people will be lending a hand. This includes Ken Peel, Mark Berch, Walt Buchanan, Gary Coughlan, Bruce McIntyre, Rod Walker and me. (I'm Variants Editor). The Special Issue will be financed by all of the above people, and several others. For every \$20. each of us donates, Larry Peery will plunk down a matching \$20, up to a maximum of \$200. Issue #40 will feature highlights from the first 39 issues of D.W. Meanwhile, Kathy will be gathering new material for issue #41, which will be the first on the new subscription list. D.W. #40 could be out in October, and #41 may be out in December or January.

Note that everybody will be pitching in from all sides of the hobby. There will be no mention of any feuding in D.W. If the hobby wants a flagship, we must all hang together, or the ship will sink.

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DIPCON XIX WILL BE AT MARYCON

MaryCon IV, the Dip-only con held at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, was awarded the right to host the 1986 DipCon. Apparently, this will be held over the weekend of May 30-June 1, 1986, although it could be a week later. I am very pleased to see DipCon returning to a Dip-only format, as was done in the early years of the hobby.

Fredericksburg is only some 50 miles south of Washington, D.C., on I-95. If you fly, bus and rail service is available from Washington. Mary Washington will be changing its name to "Washington-Monroe College" in the near future, but I don't know whether this will be before or after DipCon. So, MaryCon may soon need a new name.

The new DipCon Society Administrative Comm. consists of Ed Wrobel (Chairman), Ken Peel and Greg Ellis. Flyers describing DipCon XIX will start going out to the various publishers shortly, with greater details on what to expect. We hope you will plan to attend.

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POST OFFICE NEWS. Asst. Postmaster General Michael Coughlin has announced the cancellation of any plan to close about 12,000 small rural post offices. An average of 124 such offices were closed annually between 1979 and 1984, but many of these had been "suspended" for several years before their formal closing. The main reason for closing small PO's is an inability to find new suitable space when a former location is lost due to destruction or closure of a business. 339 offices are currently suspended, mostly in remote areas. Many of these may disappear, but at least there will be no massive closings of operating offices. (Many small towns in America are dying. I've heard of some where the business district has decayed to just one tavern and one gas station - the two essentials of life.)

Chances of the First Class postage rate going to 25¢ in 1986 are quite good, however.

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TOP PLAYERS ON CALHAMER POINT COUNT RATING LIST

Randolph Smyth presented the complete list of over 1500 names of the players who have won or who participated in a share of a draw in a Regular Postal Diplomacy game run in North America in DIPLOMACY WORLD #51 (Summer 1988). This included every Regular game ever played to completion and reported to the BNC. It also includes the names of those Overseas players who participated in an International game in an American or Canadian zine, but not, of course, their total ratings. As such, it is complete to about June 1988. Many of the people listed have long since departed from the Postal hobby, but it is an amazing historical document. I thought you might like to have the names of the Top Players. An " * " indicates a retired player.

Rank	Player	Calhamer Rating	Total No. of Wins #	
1.	Ron Kelly*	40.86	24	(Points are awarded only for Wins and Draws. A Rulebook Victory gives you 1.00 point. A Draw divides the single point among the Drawees. No points are awarded for Second place, etc. Therefore, the <u>only</u> listings shown are those for Wins & Draws. Many people may have completed more recent games without getting a win or draw, but those finishes are not included on the CPCL.)
2.	Doug Beyerlein	19.90	16	
3.	Edi Birsan	18.31	15	
4.	Eric Verheiden	18.15	9	
5.	Kathy B. Caruso	16.32	8	
6.	Lee Kendter, Sr.	15.86	11	
7.	Randolph Smyth	15.78	14	
8.	Andy Phillips*	14.88	12	
9.	Blair Cusack*	12.36	9	
10.	Dan Stafford	12.00	8	
11.	Dave Ditter	11.28	6	
12.	Dave Carter	10.90	3	
13.	Tom Ripper*	10.28	9	
14.	Steve McLendon*	10.11	8	
15.	Dick Martin	9.35	7	

Including Wins as a Replacement Player

I've taken Randolph Smyth's figures and worked out who are the Top Players based on Starting positions only. Randolph included the "Starting Only" Calhamer ratings in his report, but did not break them down separately. This may be a more valid rating of the better players, but note that seven of the first ten names are the same.

TOP TWELVE PLAYERS BASED ON STARTING POSITIONS ONLY

Rank	Player	Starting Only Ratings	Total No. of Wins#	Overall Calhamer: Rating	Rank
1.	Ron Kelly*	20.20	24	40.86	1.
2.	Lee Kendter, Sr.	15.03	11	15.86	6.
3.	Randolph Smyth	14.33	14	15.78	7.
4.	Kathy B. Caruso	13.68	8	16.32	5.
5.	Edi Birsan	12.28	15	18.31	3.
6.	Blair Cusack*	11.20	9	12.36	9.
7.	Tom Ripper*	10.28	9	10.28	13. @
8.	Steve McLendon*	10.11	8	10.11	14. @
9.	Dan Stafford	10.00	8	12.00	10.
10.	Dave Ditter	9.41	6	11.28	11.
11.	Don Ditter*	9.26	6	9.26	16. @
12.	Brenton ver Ploeg*	8.50	8	8.50	18. @

#Including Wins as a Replacement player

@Player whose Wins were All as a Starting Player

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An interesting addition would be a listing of those players who won all, or nearly all, of their Postal games. Over the years, I've heard of the almost legendary performances of a few players, but have never seen a black-and-white printout of their accomplishments. Among those starting from scratch, who achieved very high ratios of Wins to Total games were:

Walt Buchanan (ranked 27th), 7 Wins; Dave Crockett (26th), 8 Wins; Bob Sergeant (34th), 6 Wins; Brenton ver Ploeg (18th), 8 Wins; and Steve McLendon (14th), 8 Wins.

And for the most number of Wins from a Starting position, I would guess that it would be a very close decision between Edi Birsan, with 15 Wins, and Randolph Smyth with 14, with Lee Kendter, Sr., right behind them with 11 total Wins. (I've been told that most of Ron Kelly's wins came as a Standby, but haven't seen figures to prove this).

Anyway, it would be interesting if someone could come up with the figures on the Top Ten players on the Wins to Total Games ratio. Minimum of 5 Wins required. Anyone care to work on that? Obviously, the best All-Time players have to be a combination of Total Wins, Total Wins as a Starter, and Wins to Total games. All of the players mentioned here are certainly in the top ranks. You can use them to set up your own hypothetical "dream game."

Using only people who are still around, my dream game would consist of Edi Birsan, Doug Beyerlein, Kathy Caruso, Lee Kendter, Dave Ditter, Dan Stafford and Randolph Smyth. And, if we could get Walt Buchanan to come of retirement, I'd ask him to be either the GM or first standby. I'd also ask Dave McCrumb to standby. (Stafford, Smyth and McCrumb have won the first three Koning Awards as Best Hobby Player).

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POLITICAL COMMENTS

Someone has come up with an interesting idea as to why George Bush picked a nonentity like Dan Quayle as his running mate. This theory is that if Bush wins the Presidency, and the Ollie North trial begins in January (Wasn't it convenient that the trial was postponed until after the election?), it will come out that Bush was involved up to his eyebrows in the Guns for Hostages deal with Iran. Normally, there might be a move to impeach Bush for this behavior. However, with Quayle ensconced as his successor, no one will dare to impeach Bush! This is similar to the way Nixon insured his own security by selecting Spiro Agnew as his V.P. The "impeach Nixon" movement didn't start rolling until Spiro had been replaced by Jerry Ford.

Seen on a bumper sticker: "September 7th - A day that will live in Infamy!"

In the Election Prediction Contest being run by Bruce Linsey, I had predicted a Dukakis victory by an Electoral Vote of 303-235, with a 52-48 vote split. Now, it looks like the race is going to be neck-and-neck, like 1960. I'll predict a virtual 50-50 split in the popular vote, with the victory going to whichever side squeezes out a narrow win in a few key populous states. With the Electoral Vote skewed in favor of the less populous states, mostly in the West, Bush could win with less than 50% of the popular vote by carrying most of the trans-Mississippi states.

Someone said that if "None of the Above" were on the ballot, he would win!

If you want to get into the Prediction Contest, send a note to Bruce Linsey at his new address: P.O. Box 1334, Albany, N.Y. 12201. I think there is a \$1 entry fee, with a prize going to the winner.

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Letter from Ed Wrobel, dated Aug. 27, 1985:

"I did nothing whatsoever improper with regard to the Rod Walker Award. You should apologize to me in Bushwacker. The ballots were identical because they were published in Feudese. A similar ballot was published in Politesse. I sent in one ballot and one ballot only. The others were sent by my supporters, many of whom happen to live in this area."

- Heavens to Betsy, Ed, I can see that you are pure as the driven snow. You just happened to print a revised ballot with your name on it in your two zines, knowing that no write-ins were permitted in the Rod Walker Award. How were you to know that your friends would actually fill them out and mail them in?

I never said that you mailed more than one ballot. Only that the envelopes all bore postmarks from the Washington and Northern Virginia areas. I feel that you owe an apology to your readers, who wasted 22¢ each on the mailing of said ballots. -F.C.D.

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VARIANT PLAYTESTING OPENING. Tom Swider is offering free positions to players willing to playtest his new variant, VANDALS! This game reproduces some of the features of the last days of the Roman Empire in the 5th century A.D. This is a six-player game: A dying Rome, four German kingdoms (Vandals, Franks, Goths), and (gulp) the Huns, led by Attila. There are different Victory criteria for each. While the game compresses the events of a century into the twelve years from 441-453, it effectively captures the atmosphere of the era.

While the game is free, anyone signing up must agree to stick around to the bitter end and to make a few comments on the rules, map, etc. from time to time. Also, to do a brief critique of the game at the end. To play, contact Tom Swider at: P.O. Box 1324, SUNY, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901.

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CAVEAT EMPTORI Advertisements are circulating informing players of the establishment of a new Dipzine by Bernie Oaklyn, 13412 Brackley Terr., Silver Spring, Md. 20904. This is the same Bernie Oaklyn who produced LE FRONT a few years ago. That also happens to be the same address as that given by Buddy Tretick. That isn't hard to understand, since Tretick and Oaklyn are the same person. Both Tretick and Oaklyn have been accused of serious violations of Postal Diplomacy ethics in prior years. These included such things as having his live-at-home son playing in one game under a false name and address, and replacing bona fide orders from a player with other orders written by the GM. There have also been reports of games abandoned without refund of game fees. So, think three times before you send any money to this gentlemen!

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DIPLOMACY PRICE LIST: When ordered by mail, directly from The Avalon Hill Game Co., 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214.

Complete Diplomacy set - \$17.00. Mapboard (new) - \$8.00. Rulebook - \$4.00. Play-By-Mail sheet - \$1.00. Fleet & Armies (Complete set) - \$4.00 (Stars & anchors?). Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy (softcover book) - \$4.50. Conference maps - 7 for \$2.00. Set of 10 wooden blocks (specify color and whether Fleet or Army) - \$1.00.

Postage charges. U.S. residents, add 10%. Canadians add 20%. Overseas residents, add 30%. All payments must be in U.S. funds.

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ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Seven people participated in this Quiz, although one party submitted answers to only two questions. Two readers drew a complete blank, so we won't mention their names. Here are the names of the others, and the letter by which they will be identified as having correctly answered a question: Peter Anseff (A), Don del Grande (D), Lu Henry (H), Michael Liesnard (L), Brad Wilson (W).

1. The only American cruiser named for a foreign city was U.S.S. Canberra. She was built in 1943, and named for the Australian cruiser of that name lost when operating with the American fleet at the Battle of Savo Island, August 9, 1942. (A), (H), (W). H & W got 5-point bonus right. (See footnote on cruiser names).
2. The smallest sovereign power in the world is the single building, Villa Condotti, in Rome, owned by the Knights of Malta. At one time, they owned the island of Malta. Before that, they owned Rhodes, and during the Crusades they at one time controlled Jerusalem. Their government and passports are recognized by most Catholic countries. H, L. Several people said "Vatican City."
3. In World War II, one U.S. Infantry division was named the "AmeriCal" Division. My information, and that of one entrant, is that it was formed in California, with mostly Californians. Two people wrote in that it was formed mainly from units already stationed in New Caledonia. I don't think that's correct, but I gave everyone the benefit of the doubt and the bonus. D, H, W.
4. The cantilevered bra was invented by Howard Hughes (or his aeronautical engineers) for Jane Russell in the adults-only movie, "The Outlaw." (By today's standards, it would probably be rated only "PG"). H. Two people said "Mae West."
5. The oldest regiment in the U.S. Army is the Third Infantry, nicknamed "The Old Guard." It can trace its ancestry back to Washington's personal guard. Some dress in Continental uniforms for parades. In some reorganization around 1900, the former First became the Third, and the old Third became the First. No one got this right, although one person said 4th Infantry and got the nickname right.
6. The highest rank ever held by a living officer was "General of the Armies," held by John J. Pershing, commander of the AEF in WW I. Theoretically, he was entitled to wear six stars, but by the time this rank was granted, Pershing was sick and a patient at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. To the best of anyone's memory, he never appeared in public in uniform after this rank was established. A, D, H. One person said George C. Marshall. A reader advises that Pershing never wore more than 4 stars on his uniform. He was told to design his own insignia for the 6-star rank, but never did so.
7. We have two answers here. One was Harry James. My answer was Eddie Duchin, as portrayed by Ty Power in "The Eddie Duchin Story," a 1956 movie. I am told that James served aboard DE-180, named the U.S.S. Trumpeter. Do you have a feeling that my leg is being pulled? 10 points anyway to Lu Henry for that. No one answered Eddie Duchin. One reader suggested "Al Jelson." H.
8. Gen. Douglas MacArthur held Army Serial No. "025". Numbers were first issued to Army personnel in 1917. All officers' numbers were preceded by a zero. These were issued strictly in order of rank. "Blackjack" Pershing was given ASN 001. MacArthur was the youngest general officer in the army, and its 25th ranking officer. By 1939, all of the men above him had retired. By that date, he was a Lt. General, and was also Marshall of the Philippine Army. D, W.

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No one got the bonus. One person presumed that his rank as Marshall of the Philippines gave him No. 1 on that Army's list. That could have been true, but would have been irrelevant. This question was asked in another Dipzine's quiz about 10 years ago, so I thought there would be more correct answers.

9. The U.S.S. Sailfish had been the submarine Squalus, which had sunk near New London, Conn. in 1939, drowning half her crew (those in the stern half). After a sensational rescue operation, including the first use of a Navy diving bell for a real rescue, the Navy decided to rename her after refitting. However, old sailors who knew of her misadventure were wont to call her the "Squailfish." A, D, H.
10. I accepted two answers here. The French submarine Surcouf is the one I had in mind. She displaced 4218 tons submerged, mounted two 8" guns and carried a seaplane. She was rated as a "submersible cruiser" by the French Navy. Sadly, she was sunk by Allied forces which failed to recognize her when she was submerged, ca. 1942, somewhere in the Caribbean.

The other answer is the I-400 class of three Japanese subs. I thought they were cargo subs, but I'm informed that they were built with catapults to launch torpedo bombers. They're reported to have displaced 6500 tons each. I also received an entry for the Japanese sub I-169, but no tonnage was specified. That ship sank in a training accident in 1944.
Credits to A, D, H and L here, with 5 bonus points to A and L.

Bonus Question: The honor of being the oldest continuous unit in the U.S. Army is claimed by both the 28th Reconnaissance Co. of the 28th Infantry Div., which traces its lineage back to the "Philadelphia Light Horse Troop" of 1776; and "D" Battery, 9th Field Artillery Regt., 1st Infantry Div., which began as the "N.Y. Provisional Artillery Co." in 1778. Alexander Hamilton was an officer in the latter.

Lu Henry mentioned it was "Alexander Hamilton's Battery," current designation unknown. That's good enough for 10 points (half credit). No one mentioned the 28th Recon Co. I knew this because I served with the 28th Division in the Korean War (in Germany). I believe all Artillery Regts. were abolished many years ago, but "D" battery still exists.

So, the Final Scores are: Lu Henry - 105, Brad Wilson - 60, Don delGrande - 55, Peter Anseff - 45, Michael Liesnard - 25 (answered only 2 questions).

So, a free one-year sub goes to Lu Henry. Since Lu and I are already trading, you have the choice, Lu, of taking this out in Variant rules or Game Fees, or just leaving it "in the bank" until such time as you want to use it. (\$4.50, that is).

Lu questions my comments on Cruiser nomenclature by pointing out that two CB's were named for territories, the Alaska and Guan of WW II vintage. But these were battle-cruisers, not cruisers, Lu. By convention, no cruiser carried anything heavier than 8" guns. These mounted 11" guns. Battle-cruisers were considered capital ships, but the Navy didn't want to name them for States. Fortunately, we still had some territories in those days. A third member of the class, Hawaii, was never completed.

Peter Anseff informed me that the Navy started naming Patrol frigates (PF) and some patrol gunboats for cities long before 1973. The breakdown in the old nomenclature apparently began with the commissioning of the Raleigh and Austin class amphibious ships in the early 1960's. I was sorry to see the old system scrapped, but politics has a lot to do with the selection of warships' names.

RUNESTONE POLL FOLLOW-UP

We have received a certification from Patrick Conlon, verifying the correctness of the vote counts for zines and GM's in the 1985 Poll. You will recall that anyone who did not wish to send their ballots to Bruce Linsey had the option of sending them to Pat, and about 19 people did so. After all ballots were tabulated, Bruce sent xerox copies of all of them to Pat so he could perform a double check on the accuracy of all figures. Anyone wishing further confirmation of any particular vote need only contact Pat at Box 16047, Union Sta., LSU, Baton Rouge, La. 70893.

Bruce Linsey has written to confirm that he did phone "several dozen people" to solicit their votes in the Runestone Poll. He adds: "The rumor in this matter is that I contacted only friends. That is not true. In both my mass mailings ... and the phone calls, I used the address lists of a number of zines. To obtain phone numbers, I simply called information... (This was no secret—Gary Coughlan and Mark Berch are among the many people who knew I was doing this.)

"When a person submitted his vote over the phone, I printed his name in the signature space, then wrote next to it, "vote taken by phone" -- and in all cases, the person's phone number. ...even for phoned votes, I wanted Pat Conlon to be able to verify the ballots. So, there were no ballots, written or otherwise, that Pat did not have the means of checking."

While my personal opinion is that votes should not be solicited by phone, because the person called is liable to give the Pollster a more favorable rating for his zine than he might otherwise do, out of politeness or embarrassment, there seems to be no basis for the charge that Bruce phoned only friends. I knew from experience that people will promise anything over the phone, if only to get the other party to hang up. If everyone who promised me they'd attend the next Mensa meeting when I was Membership Chairman for Maryland had shown up, we would have had to meet in the Civic Center!

So, while I find no basis for the "vote fraud" charges made by people who didn't vote, I do recommend that future polls be limited to paper ballots received by mail or handed to the Pollster in person at various cons.

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UPDATE ON "DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX"

We're happy to report that this game will be produced under the label of Avalon Hill's subsidiary, Victory Games, so it won't have to be reviewed in THE GENERAL. The retail price will be \$24.95. It should be available in the stores Sept. 28th.

This is a game for 4 to 8 players. There must be an even number, divided into teams of two. Each team is referred to as a "couple." Game length is listed as "1 to 2 hours." Game equipment includes 100 Interaction cards and 700 question cards (Trivial Pursuit never asked such questions!). The first couple to score -- reach the "Mutual Pleasure" circle in the center, wins. There's nothing saying you have to be over 21 to play. Sounds like this should be very popular at next year's ORIGINS, or in college dorms.

If you can't find the game in your friendly neighborhood toy store, you could contact: Victory Games, Inc., 43 W. 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10001. Phone: (201) 563-2630.

I'm indebted to GENERAL Editor Rex Martin for this info. He advises that "the entire design staff here volunteered to do research down at 'The Block' (company financed, of course)." It's great to know that the Monarch-Avalon people are so dedicated to their jobs. ("The Block" is Baltimore's equivalent of the Combat Zone or the Reeperbahn).

VACATION DIPLOMACY III (BUSHWACKER #17)

FALL 1902

ENGLAND STRIKES WHILE OTHERS REORGANIZE. PARIS GETS WHOPPED BY CARD #92. LAST NEUTRALS OCCUPIED. TYS ROADBLOCK BROKEN. AUSTRIA IS A NO-SHOW.

ENGLAND (Wallace): A London-Denmark. Card #3 used to gain 3 extra supports. F North Sea (C) A Lon-Denmark. A/F Irish Sea-English Channel. F Norway-St. Pete(nc). F Norwegian Sea-Norway. VF Sicily-Tyrr. Sea.
(5) (6 units)

FRANCE (B.Wilson): F Mid-Atlantic-Brest. A Marseilles-Piedmont. A Spain-Marseilles.
(5) (3 units)

GERMANY (Dodge): F Holland-Belgium. VF Ionian-Tyrr. Sea. A Kiel (S) A Berlin.
(4) (5 units)

ITALY (Floyd): Play Card #92, converting VF Brest to an A. VA Brest-Paris.
(3) (4 units)

AUSTRIA (Rice): NMR. A's Budapest, Vienna, Trieste and Serbia all (H). F Greece
(5) (6 units)

RUSSIA (Cheek): VF Western Med. (S) ENGLISH VF Sicily-Tyrr. Sea. F Sweden (S)
(6) (7 units)

TURKEY (Kenny): ENGLISH F North Sea-Denmark. (NSO). F Rumania-Sevastopol.
(5) (6 units)

A Ukraine-Rumania. A Galicia (S) A Ukraine-Rumania. A Silesia-Bohemia. A Warsaw-Silesia.
F Aegean-Eastern Med. F Bulgaria(sc)-Aegean. A Con-Bulgaria.
F Black Sea (S) A Con-Bulgaria. A Armenia-Ankara. VF Tunis (S)
GERMAN F Ionian Sea (NSO).

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, VACATION DIP, WINTER 1902: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

AUSTRIA: 3 Home, Serbia, GREECE, DENMARK	5 (—), No change, but (R) order due for F Denmark
ENGLAND: 3 Home, Ireland, Norway, DENMARK, ST. PETE	7 (+2), Build 2
FRANCE: Brest, Mars., Port., Spain, PARIS	4 (—1), Build 1 (is 1 short, but no room for Build)
GERMANY: 3 Home, Holland, BELGIUM	5 (+1), Build 1 (No room)
ITALY: 3 Home, PARIS	4 (+1), Build 2 (1 annihilated)
RUSSIA: 3 Home, Rumania, Sweden, ST. PETE	5 (—1), Remove 1
TURKEY: 3 Home, Bulgaria, Tunis	5 (—), No change

Every country except France also has a Free Vacation unit on the board).

PRESS:

PARIS ((whoops!)) to Rome: When Turkey eats you alive, maybe you'll wake up. Like being sausage pizza?

PARIS ((maybe this should read "Vichy")) to Moscow: Thanks for the note. Wish I had something to say. Maybe I could ask you to circulate ((?)) Suvarov? ((I'm sorry, Bred, I can't read your handwriting. Better print it next time.))

ROME to the future General DeGaulle: Come visit my new Papa Gino's on the left side of the Seine.

ROME to GM: Can I move my F from Tyrrhenian Sea to New Jersey? ((Now that it's been annihilated, you can move it anywhere you please, as long as it's OTB!))

MOSCOW: Thought I'd put a little English on my moves!

RUSSIA to Italy: May you get all you so richly deserve!

TUNIS TIMES: The Ottoman Admiral of the American fleet here has been fired for taking a coffee break all through the Spring of this year. His replacement, Zaganos Pasha, promises to be more aggressive. (more)

GM's COMMENTS: The only two Event Cards played this year were #3 and #92. At the end of the game, I'll publish who had what cards and when, so you'll know how lucky or unlucky you were that others were not played. Only one player specifically advised me that a Card would not be played. I do wonder whether everyone is fully cognizant of the possibilities which some of these Cards could create. Please don't forget about them. They're the sauce that spices up this game!

Thankyou, Bill Young, for your back-up orders for Germany. I've decided that from now on, any one person will be called upon only once in a game year for standby moves. That way, no Standby will have knowledge of more than one Event Card per year. So, I'm going to call upon the next Standby, James Early, to submit back-up orders for AUSTRIA for Winter 1902. His address: 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77504.

To Players: Don't forget to return your opinion forms on the proposed adjustments to Vacation Dip III to me ASAP. (These were mailed out separately about a week ago.)

Your next Event Card is: #_____

DEADLINE for WINTER 1902 adjustments will be TUESDAY, October 22, 1985. We can't make it any later, as we're going out of town for three days starting on the 25th. Phone deadline will be Monday, October 21st, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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L'IMPERIALISME II-B, 1984H xm16

WINTER 1915

SEPARATE SEASONS REQUESTED. NEW ENGLISH KING.

ENGLAND is now being played by Mark Keller, 2 Seaside Ct., Sacramento, CA. 95831.

	Current Strength
AUSTRIA (Dancause): Build A Budapest	9 (+1)
ENGLAND (Keller): Build F London	4 (+1)
FRANCE (B.Wilson): F Bay of Biscay (R) English Channel. Remove F Morocco	3 (-1)
GERMANY (Cheek): No change	7 (—)
IBERIA (Kozlowski): Build F Angola	15 (+1) (will be 2 short. Had rm.
ITALY (Anderson): No change	9 (—) (for only 1 Build)
TURKEY (Baty): No change	6 (—)

The Belgian A Picardy was also removed. England's Build came from Norway, which had been the last Neutral SC on the board.

A PROPOSAL IS MADE for a Concession to IBERIA. This proposal is from a different player. Players should vote on this with their Spring orders. Remember, if you fail to vote, you will be counted as having voted "YES."

PRESS:

GERMANY to Austria: Hard to fight someone you can't catch, isn't it?

DEADLINE for SPRING 1916 and Votes: TUESDAY, October 22, 1985. Phone deadline: Monday, Oct. 21st, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. There will probably be a five-week deadline in November, to the 25th, as we work back to the end of the month.

I have Tentative Spring orders on hand from four players. These may be changed, of course. In any case, you'll need to send me a note or postcard with your vote.

ZEUS V-F, 1984A rf11FALL 1946

USA CREEPS FORWARD, WITH CHINA'S HELP. USSR SUFFERS PURGE. GERMANY AND FRANCE FORM FESTUNG EUROPA.

Notice: Thanks to the help of Bill Young, I have been able to obtain a much-enlarged copy of the ZEUS V-F map. I've filled one order for a copy from a non-player. I have a distinct memory of someone else ordering a copy, but seem to have lost that note. Will he, and anyone else who wants a copy, please contact me. The price is 50¢, since this has to go onto two legal-size sheets. The three name changes I mentioned last time (like Vlad. for Okhotsk) were effectuated on the new map, but we will continue to use the old names in these game reports, since there was a valid objection to changing them in mid-game.

BRITAIN: (Floyd):	F North Atlantic-Western Britain. F West Arctic Ocean-North Atlantic.
CHINA (Kozlowski):	A Middle East-Iran. F South Atlantic (S) USA F MAO-West Med.
(10)	A Turkey (S) USA F Egypt-Middle East (wc). A Kazakh (S) A Turkey. F Indian Ocean-Egypt. A Siberia-Leningrad. A Nepal-India.
	A Sinkiang (S) A Kazakh. F Okhotsk (S) USA F East Arctic Ocean.
USSR (Rauterberg):	F Sea of Okhotsk (S) USA F North Pacific-West Arctic Ocean.
(5)	NMR. A <u>Stalingrad (H)</u> /d/, (Annihilated). F's Finland, Leningrad and Norway all (H). F <u>North Sea (H)</u> /d/, may (R) to Sweden, Edi, London or OTB.
USA (Cheek):	F North Pacific-West Arctic Ocean. F EAO (S) F North Pacific-MAO.
(10)	F New York-Canada(ec). A Oregon (S) F New York-Canada(ec).
	F Washington-New York. F Hawaii-Panama. F Egypt-Middle East(wc).
	F West Med-Rome. F MAO-West Med. A Canada-Alaska.
FRANCE (Brockmeier):	F Black Sea-Stalingrad. F Paris (H). F English Channel-North Sea.
(7)	F Low Count. (S) F Eng. Channel-North Sea. F <u>East Med-Egypt</u> .
	F <u>Algiers-West Med</u> . A <u>Spain (C) via MAO to Panama</u> (by whom?).
GERMANY (Baty):	A Moscow & A Rumania (S) FRENCH F Black Sea-Stalingrad. A Poland
(8) (7 units)	(S) A Moscow. A Hungary-Yugoslavia. A Prussia-Baltic States.
	A Hamburg-Denmark. F Helgoland (S) A Hamburg-Denmark.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, ZEUS V-F, WINTER 1946: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

BRITAIN:	Edi, London (barring a USSR (R) to one)	2, No change* (<i>Loses London, Rem. 1</i>)
CHINA:	3 Home, India, Indochina, Korea, Okhotsk, Tokyo, Turkey, MIDDLE EAST	9, Remove 1
FRANCE:	3 Home, Low Ctry., Greece, Spain, STALINGRAD, ROME	7, No change
GERMANY:	3 Home, Moscow, Poland, Rumania, Venice, Yugo, DENMARK	9 (+1), Build 2 (was 1 short)
USSR:	Leningrad, Finland, Norway, STALINGRAD , DENMARK LONDON	3, Remove 1 (unless a (R) to Britain. 1 Annihilated)*
U.S.A.:	3 Home, Canada, Egypt, Midway, Okinawa, Sapporo, Sendai, Solomons, MIDDLE EAST, ROME	12, Build 2
		F North Sea (R) London = 4

*(R) order requested for USSR F North Sea by phone or postcard by Sat., Oct. 5th. If I do not receive one by then, I will remove F North Sea, and the above figures will stand as correct. If USSR F (R) to Britain, I'll notify the British player immediately. All others may make their adjustments conditional on the Russian (R).

WE NOW HAVE ANOTHER PROPOSAL for a 3-way DRAW between China, Germany and USA. Please vote on this with your WINTER adjustments. A failure to vote will be counted as a YES vote, so you must vote, even if you have no changes. If the Draw passes, the above figures will stand, and I won't bother to print the Winter adjustments. (more)

PRESS:

USA to Germany: Yes, we're coming to help you out of your misery.

USA to Great Britain: You'll need a new song, as you no longer "rule the waves."

LONDON to Leningrad: All's I can say, Comrade, is I hope you're coming to help, not hinder.

FRANCE: Hang in there, Gary and Ralph. I will fight the U.S. dog to the death!

DEADLINE for WINTER 1946 is TUESDAY, October 22, 1935. Telephone deadline is Monday, October 21st, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time. If USSR drops out, there will be no replacement player, as we've run out of standbys. If any Tovarisch wants the position, just drop me a line before the Winter deadline. And don't forget your map order, if you wish.

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A HOUSE RULE CHANGE has been proposed by Kevin Kozlowski, to the effect that any country owning less than one-third of the total SC's in a game should be counted as voting "NO" if he fails to vote on a Draw proposal. (e.g. Fewer than 12 SC's in a Regular game). I'd like to have the opinions of all players on this. Personally, I feel that anyone who fails to vote should suffer the consequences.

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