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*Diplomacy is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer, and Copyright by the Avalon Hill Game Co., Baltimore, Md. 21214. This zine is named for my comic strip character, "Bushwacker," whose picture is on the masthead. I was only in the 6th grade at the time, and didn't know how to properly spell it.

GAME FEE (Effective November 1, 1986): \$9.00 for newcomers, \$8.00 to current readers. STANDBY FEE: \$5.00 to newcomers, \$4 to people currently on our Mailing List. All Mensans will receive an additional \$1.00 deduction. Games are run on a Flat Fee basis. For your Fee, you receive copies of the rules/maps for your game(s), plus receipt of BUSH for the duration of your game. Only if you drop out without a formal resignation will the zine stop coming.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for non-players. 12 issues for \$6.00, effective Nov. 1, 1985. We also Trade with many zines on an all-for-all basis.

GAME OPENING: The next game will be called "Turnabout Dip." This is a new design by Ye Editor, in which the Great Powers are the former neutrals, and the Neutral SC's will be drawn from the Regular Great Powers. I'm not at liberty to print the rules or map here yet. Will probably do so next month. All I can say here is that the design has been reviewed by two other Variant experts to catch any flaws, so I hope the version we play won't have any "bugs" in it. Everyone who wrote to say "sign me up" may now do so at the old rate (\$7.00). You know who you are. Others may sign up at the \$8. rate if you're a regular reader. 'Twill be first come-first serve. If you'd rather be a Standby, just say so and pay the Standby fee. Try it, you'll like it.

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 WILL SURVIVE

Larry Peery reports that as of 15 October, DIPLOMACY WORLD had received sufficient sub renewals, pledges, and contributions to the Endowment Fund to avert bankruptcy, and to continue publication. Larry and Mike Maston spent \$200 on flyers and postage to raise \$1200 in cash and another \$500 in pledges. As Larry says, "Actual cash in hand donations and pledges represent the largest positive accomplishment ever achieved in the hobby."

(Around 15 November).

The reorganized DIPLOMACY WORLD will be printing its next issue shortly./ To subscribe, send your check or M.O. in U.S. funds to: D.W., Box 8416, San Diego, CA. 92102.

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In U.S.A., send \$12.00 for four issues, by First Class Mail.

In Canada, send \$14.00 for four issues, by First Class Mail.

If Overseas, send \$16.00 for four issues, all by sea mail.

For a copy of The Anthology, send \$8.00 for orders received by 1 December. This is a reprinting of the best articles from the first 39 issues. After 1 December, the price will be \$10.00. All proceeds go to the D.W. Endowment Fund.

20/20 Club Membership. Send \$20 and receive the next four issues of D.W., plus an \$8.00 donation to the D.W. Endowment Fund. (Includes Canadians).

Everybody is urged to write articles for D.W. Regular articles should be sent to Aethy Byrne, with a copy to Peery. Hot news (news of cons, game openings, new zines, special projects, etc.) should be sent directly to Peery. No feuding items, please. All items should be typed or block-printed. Larry is particularly interested in adding some columnists to D.W. Write him if you're interested.

Oh, the next real issue of D.W. will be called #40. If they had asked me, I would have called it #41. See next story for why.

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DIPLOMACY WORLD FAKED

Some readers thought a miracle had happened when DIPLOMACY WORLD #40 followed D.W. #39 by only a few weeks. Alas, it was a fake issue, compiled and mainly written by Bruce Linsey. For the benefit of the uninitiated, the fake was "confessed" to in the last article on the last page.

I enjoyed reading the articles in the fake. Indeed, much useful information was contained in this so-called D.W. #40. Most of it was true. * Yes, that Far East (Revised) variant was by Vern Schaller, and I did make the amendments. It is a perfectly playable game. The article on me was so flattering I practically blushed when I read it. No, I did not write it. I was interviewed by Bruce in a surprise late night phone call. Of course, I knew the "game was afoot" after that, but when nothing more happened for several weeks, I thought maybe Bruce had postponed the project. As it was, "No. 40" arrived only two or three weeks after the arrival of the real #39 by Third Class Mail. For all I know, it may have arrived ahead of #39 in some parts of the world, as the mailing of #39 was badly screwed up.

* Certain peoplebashing items should have been omitted, but I roared at the idea of having a Feud No. Custodian and a Custodian Custodian. On a more serious note, the solution to the Crossword Puzzle should not have been disclosed.

My main regret is that the fake #40 arrived at the wrong time. As I wrote to Bruce, "the patient was fighting for its life in the Intensive Care Unit" when the fake arrived. This took a bit of the edge off the fun. It would have been better if the fake had arrived two months ago labelled "#39," or had been held up to better times. I'm assuming that Bruce was unaware of the desperate illness of the real DIPLOMACY WORLD when he mailed out his fake. Larry Peery had only just started mailing out his material on the D.W. bankruptcy and the need for help a few days before the fake was put into the mail. I understand that a few readers were unaware that "#40" was a fake. Some thought that Peery's call for help was a fake!

I told Bruce Linsey that he should now volunteer to use his red-hot typewriter to produce material for the real D.W., and I understand that he has done so. I also suggested that he donate any actual sales of the fake, which is listed as \$2.75 per copy, to the D.W. Endowment Fund. If you want a copy, write to Bruce at: 73 Ashulot St., #3, Dalton, Mass. 01226, USA. I don't know if he made extra copies, or if he really intended to charge \$2.75. Warning: There is a hideous photo of me on Pg. 8. Looks like I've been living under a rock. I assure you I'm human. It's just a bad photo and worse photocopying.

TWO PROPOSALS MADE FOR ENDING THE FEUD

Both Ken Peel and Bruce Linsey have submitted letters to all publishers with proposals for ending, or at least containing, The Great Feud. Since the complete letters may be published in other zines, I'm just giving condensed versions here, but I wish to say that I am in complete agreement with Peel's suggestions, and agree with all but one of Linsey's six proposals. I've sent letters to Kathy Byrne, Peel, Linsey, Larry Peery and other hobby leaders, informing them of my opinions.

Ken Peel suggests that all publishers cease and desist from printing any more comments about The Feud in their zines; and that after a certain (to be announced) date, any publisher who continues to debate the matter in his zine would be faced with the resignation of his players and the cancellation of subscriptions. (Players could request the continuation of their games by fliers, or the transfer of their game to a non-feuding zine). Peel's proposal would be applied to both sides of the feuding zines with impartiality. This does not rule out the writing of letters by publishers to other people in the hobby; it is meant only to remove such feuding items from the pages of our supposedly "for fun" gaming zines.

Peel also suggests that "an 'honorable' feuder will assign a temporary substitute for important custodial projects, rather than allow his or her continued involvement in the great feud to harm the projects by osmosis. If a person formally ((formerly?)) active in the feud draws back and ceases participation, that person ought to retain his or her position, despite the rantings of those who choose to continue."

I have informed Ken Peel that I will refrain from any further discussion of The Feud in BUSHWACKER, other than any straight news item which may need reporting, such as "The Feud is over!" providing that my name is no longer dragged in the mud. Accordingly, I see no problem with my continued operation of the North American Variant Bank. I added that it was my understanding that this referred only to The Great Feud. It would not apply to my being able to respond to some small private disagreement not related to The Feud, which might come up from time to time, nor would I be prevented from warning my readers about some publisher who might be ripping off novice players.

I requested Bruce Linsey to waive his request for a public apology from Kathy Byrne for the good of the hobby. (His Point #4). All his other points seem reasonable to me. They are all aimed at ending The Feud by a cessation of publishing Feud material in such zines as FEUDESSE, THE NOT FOR HIRE and NO FIXED ADDRESS, as well as by everyone directly involved in The Feud. (I've been advised that FEUDESSE has already folded). It's been suggested that when people have differences to resolve, they attempt to obtain needed information privately, either directly from the party in question, or thru intermediaries, beforebursting into print. This would be a great improvement over the "shoot first, and ask questions afterwards" style.

Ken concludes his letter: "This great feud is a holocaust of a different nature than the simple feuds of the past, save perhaps the Boardman/Walker feud of many years ago that literally split the hobby. Let's not let that happen to us again. It is time to move forward and reclaim control of our own destiny."

Which leads directly to the next item, which comes directly from Avalon Hill...

➡ ON FINDING A DIPLOMACY SET ON THE SHELF - A LETTER FROM AVALON HILL ⬅

Rex A. Martin, Managing Editor, THE GENERAL, The Avalon Hill Game Co.,
4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214. (301) 254-5300.

"You can confidentially tell your readers that there is certainly no "overt" decision to limit DIPLOMACY sales in any manner. It has long been one of our steady sellers,
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Letter from Avalon Hill (Cont.)

and is in the lofty ranks of those titles that have sold in excess of 100,000 copies for Avalon Hill.... No, I think the difficulty you may be experiencing in finding them lies at the feet of the store owners. They obviously are interested in as fast a turn-over of shelf space as possible, and are inevitably drawn to the newer games that have current advertising and reviews support in the hobby periodicals.... Several flashy new multi-players games ... have significantly limited the amount of money store-owners are willing to invest in DIPLOMACY.

"Of course, this would change if enough folks went into their stores and asked for copies of the game. For that, you need new customers (or repeat customers), which means that you need new players. ... I don't think that the zines and hobby grognards are doing enough to encourage new folk to stay in (or even come in); indeed, some of your fellows may be actively driving them away with their feuding and other drivel. This is, I think, only one ripple effect of the course the PBM and 'zine hobby has taken over the past five years or so. And (not that it will soon), the ultimate ripple comes when it is no longer economically feasible to continue to carry DIPLOMACY in our AH line. Then, the hobby is truly dead. Maybe the difficulty you are experiencing in finding copies of the game ((on sale)) is a symptom of the illness."

((So, we'd better get our act together and start recruiting new blood. - F.C.D.))

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SETI CHALLENGE

Steven Spielberg, the producer of "E.T." and "Close Encounters," has donated \$100,000 to the Planetary Society to help expand the operations of the new 8.4 million channel META receiver which the Society operates at Harvard. (Project Sentinel). On Sept. 29, 1985, Spielberg flipped the switch to begin the operation of this receiver. The original receiver scanned 130,000 radio channels simultaneously. The new one scans 8.4 million simultaneously, a 650% increase.

Now, members of the Planetary Society and others interested in astronomy, SETI and science fiction are being asked to supply matching funds, to pay for the cost of the monitoring and analysis of what META receives over the next five years. It is expected to take five years to completely monitor the five most likely frequencies in the northern hemisphere, at the rate of one master frequency per year. The first frequency will be 1420 megahertz (megacycles), the so-called "water hole," the frequency for hydrogen.

Anyone wishing to contribute a sum to Project Sentinel (named for Arthur C. Clarke's short story, "The Sentinel") may send a check to: The Planetary Society, P.O. Box 40185, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93140-0185. Specify that it's for the operation of the META receiver.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN... (Being a collection of space fillers. Contributions gratefully received from our readers) ...

The comment, "I have a lady in the balcony, Doctor," brings back memories of a famous radio quiz program ("Dr. I.Q."), instead of more sensual thoughts.

You can actually remember when motion picture theatres had balconies.

A bit late for the Columbus Day holiday, we bring you...

COLUMBUS WAS A LATE ARRIVAL - adapted from a letter from Michel Liesnard

We're all familiar with the discovery of Vineland by Leif Erikson around 1000 A.D. Many know that both Irish and Portuguese fishermen were returning home from some mysterious place in the early 15th century with marvelous catches. Historians now believe that their "trade secret" was the discovery of the Grand Banks off the coast of Newfoundland. Whether any of these fishermen actually came ashore on Newfoundland to dry fish or make repairs is still uncertain, but it's pretty obvious that most European navigators had figured out that they would not sail off the edge of the world in the western Atlantic long before 1400.

Now comes a new entry in the discovery sweepstakes. Michel Liesnard of Belgium has sent me information about Ferdinand d'Olmen (Delmus, in Flemish), a Flemish navigator in the employ of the King of Portugal. Portugal had discovered the Azores in 1427. The King gave them to his aunt, Isabella, Duchess of Burgundy, following a dynastic marriage. Burgundy at that time controlled most of what is now Belgium and Holland. The earliest settlers were Flemish, sent there at the request of the Duchess, who was the sister of Prince Henry the Navigator.

In 1439, two Belgians, Josse Van den Berghe and Ferdinand d'Olmen, were sent to the Azores, then called the "Flemish Isles," with the mission of developing them. Portuguese colonists began arriving in 1444, and according to the Britannica soon overwhelmed the original Flemish in numbers. However, the D'Olmens stayed on, perhaps as sea captains or administrators. In 1487, the record shows that a Ferdinand d'Olmen (probably the son of the original Ferdinand by then) sailed west from the Azores and discovered some Caribbean islands.

After his return, he described his discoveries to Pierre d'Ailly, a teacher and cartographer at the University of Louvain, then as now a great university in Belgium. D'Ailly listed these discoveries in his maps and in his book, Image Universum. In his records, Columbus repeatedly stated that he had read d'Olmen's diaries and d'Ailly's book. Research indicates that Columbus had several sources of information that there was land to the west of the Azores. He did not go off half-cocked, as we were told in elementary school. Columbus was wrong about the size of the earth, but he was not an idiot.

Unfortunately, I have no information as to just which Caribbean islands D'Olmen visited. It would be interesting to know which one he reached first, just as we knew that San Salvador in the Bahamas was the first island reached by Columbus. Can you check into this, Michel?

How come we don't hear anything about d'Olmen in American schools? I guess one answer might be that neither the Belgians nor the Portuguese have much of a lobby here. The only States with a substantial Portuguese ethnic group are Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and there are only 50,000 Belgians all-told, widely scattered. He has been drowned out by the Italian, Norse and Irish claims.

Of course, America was not "discovered" in 1492, or 1487, or 1000. It was actually discovered by the American Indians some 20,000 years ago!

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You're getting old when...

You try to lead a sing-a-long on "On Top of Old Smoky," and you're the only one who knows the words.

You use words like "swell" or "golly," and people stare at you as if you had stepped out of the Twilight Zone.

★ SOME CORRECTIONS ON OUR TRIVIA QUIZ

I wish to thank Jeff Breidenstein for reminding me that the Alaska-class battle-cruisers of W.W. II mounted 12" guns, not 11". I used to know this, but I must have confused them with the German panzerschiffe of the Graf Spee class and the raiding battleships of the Scharnhorst class, which carried 11" main batteries.

Also, for confirming that the largest submarines used in W.W. II were the Japanese I-400's, of which only three were built. Second largest were the Japanese I-13's, displacing 4800 tons submerged, and carrying two seaplanes. The Surcouf (4218 tons) was the third largest, although she was the world's largest sub when she was launched. Only two I-13's were completed. Surcouf was rammed by a U.S. freighter in 1942 in the Gulf of Mexico. Jeff adds that it was the Polish submarine Jastrzab which was sunk by Allied forces in 1942. (We once had a Dipzine named "Jastrzab").

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Letter from Bruce Linsey (On the Runestone Poll):

"I'd like to thank you for your Runestone Poll follow-up article and the constructive criticism contained therein. It's always refreshing to see someone debate a topic like this in a rational manner, without trying to be destructive.

"Still, I'm not sure I agree with your arguments against phone votes. Surely, this is a legitimate topic for debate. My feeling is that if Joe Blow thinks Europa Express deserves a "9", it makes no difference whether he writes this on paper and sends it to me, or tells me over the phone. As for those who might vote the pollster's own zine higher out of politeness or embarrassment, this is called the "Runestone effect," and it occurs regardless of whatever means of communication is used to submit the ballots. Thankfully, there shouldn't be a Runestone effect in the 1986 Zine Poll, as VD won't be eligible.

"I'm eager to hear what other hobbyists have to say regarding potential restrictions on how ballots may be submitted. Comments, please, anyone?" /s/ "BRUX"

((Please send your comments to Bruce at 73 Ashulot St., #3, Dalton, Mass. 01226. I will only add here that I have heard from two readers who were not phoned, and both feel they were not called because they consider themselves to have been on the Other Side of The Feud. Whether or not this was the real reason they were overlooked, they believe that to be the reason. The only way to avoid such feelings is to either phone everybody or nobody. - F.C.D.))

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SPACE NEWS

The Soviets plan to land an unmanned spacecraft on the Martian moon, Phobos, on May 1, 1989 (May Day).

The U.S. National Committee on Space, chartered to propose space activities for the next 20 years, will issue its report in March 1986. Among the proposals will be the construction of space stations in both high and low earth orbits and lunar orbit. It will also weigh the pros and cons of establishing a permanent lunar base against a manned mission to Mars. Apparently, it's going to be a case of one or the other, but not both.

Eutelsat, the European Telecommunications Satellite organization, will be formally established (was established) on September 1, 1985. It provides TV, telephone and data transmission services for 20 European communications agencies.

→ **NOTICE TO ALL PLAYERS:** Players are again reminded to write on only one side of the page, and to sign their full names at the bottom of each set of orders. I maintain my files on a last-name basis. Orders should also be dated. Two people in BUSH almost lost their Press this month for putting it on the back. If your page is too small, go to the 5 & 10 and buy some 8½ x 11 notebook paper. Thankyou.

VACATION DIPLOMACY III (BUSHWACKER #17)

WINTER 1902

ITALY BECOMES A SEAPOWER. ENGLISH GO 50/50.

		Current Strength in:	
		Supply Cntrs.	Units (w/Vac. units)
AUSTRIA (Rice):	VF Denmark (R) Helgoland	5 (—)	+1 = 6 units
ENGLAND (Wallace):	Build A London, F Edi	7 (+2)	+1 = 8 units
FRANCE (B.Wilson):	No rom to Build. Use Card #23 to convert F Brest to an A	4 (-1)	+0 = 3 units (1 short)
GERMANY (Dodge):	No room to Build	5 (+1)	+1 = 5 units (1 short)
ITALY (Floyd):	Build F Rome, F Venice	4 (+1)	+1 = 5 units (1 was annihilated)
RUSSIA (Cheek):	NRR. GM removes A Bohemia	5 (-1)	+1 = 6 units
TURKEY (Kenny):	No change	5 (—)	+1 = 6 units

GM's Notes: There were two votes against introducing the revised "Storms at Sea" Cards #105-107 into this game. One player pointed out that it was still unfair to inflict a halt to all sea operations in a certain area, with no corresponding possibility of halting land movements due to snow or "General Mud." A landbound power could safely play a card stopping, say, England or Italy, without fear of retaliation. I am now working on a method for including Bad Weather cards for land areas as well. I hope to have the results ready for mailing to the players in a few days.

One player pointed out that if a card permitted you to perform two actions, such as having more than one extra support, all parts of that card must be played simultaneously. You can't save part of it for the next turn. This is being incorporated into the specific rules, although this was always the intent. I was also asked to be more specific in identifying units for or against which Cards are played. (e.g. The 3 extra supports for English A London-Denmark all went for that move).

A duplicate Card #39, "Create another Free unit where your original unit began," is being added to the Deck to make up for the potential high loss of such units. For record-keeping purposes, this will be known as Card #39A.

All but one player agreed that it would be better to start issuing cards in Winter 1901, instead of Winter 1900, since one bad card played against a country in 1901 could wreck that country's chances for the entire game. The 1901 season is too important to have it spoiled by the play of an Event card. Besides, I found there were some 30 cards which could not be used in 1901, instead of just 10 or 12, as I'd originally thought. Since I was not the designer of this game, it took me awhile to see the effects of some of the cards.

People having copies of the Vacation Dip III Rules should amend Rule 4 to show that Event Cards are first dealt in Winter 1901. Only four cards are not played if dealt in 1901 (#15, 37, 39 & 39A). Players in this game will receive a new set of Rules and Event Cards shortly.

PRESS:

AUSTRIA to World: Negotiations are again open as we have returned from vacation. General Rice has proven incompetent, and has been assigned field duty.

TRIESTE to Venice: Congratulatlons on a successful recovery.

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BUDAPEST to Moscow: You were warned about an invasion into St. Pete. And still you pay tribute to the English.

LONDON to Rome: I was just as surprised as you!

LONDON to Moscow: You were just too vulnerable. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

ENGLAND to Turkey: Time to stop those silly naval maneuvers and put it into high gear.

BORDEAUX: The legitimate French government denounced the attempt of Italian collaborationist Frederick D'Avis to set up a puppet regime at Vichy. President of the Republic M. Brad de Wilson told reporters that the legitimate government fled to Bordeaux upon the Italian advance on Paris. ((The French showed good judgement here. Bordeaux has the world's finest wines, while Vichy has only water. - F.C.D.))

PARIS-GM: That was "emulate Suverov." Apologies for my chicken scratches.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1903 orders is MONDAY, November 25, 1985. Phone deadline is Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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ZEUS V-F, 1984A gf11

WINTER 1946

DRAW DEFEATED. AND THE BEAT GOES ON.

Change of Address: "Sometime in November," Ralph Baty (GERMANY) will be returning to Germany. His new address will be: c/o M. Bartolmas, Brentano str. 11, D-1000 Berlin 11, WEST GERMANY. I suggest that any mail sent to Ralph after 2 November be sent to Germany, although it may be advisable to send a copy to his California address on mail dispatched between November 3rd and 11th, to cover all bases.

Notice: Each side of the 3-way Draw vote received less than five but more than one vote.

Notice #2: Anyone else want an enlarged copy of the ZEUS V-F map for 50¢? I've discovered that one player did order a copy with his Fall 1946 orders, but he has not yet sent me cash or stamps to cover the cost. Please do so, sir, if you want a map.

		Current Strength
BRITAIN (Floyd):	Remove F North Atlantic	1 (-1) (Lost London to USSR)
CHINA (Kozlowski):	Remove A India	9 (-1)
FRANCE (Brockmeier):	No change	7 (-)
GERMANY (Baty):	Build F Berlin, F Hamburg	9 (+1) (Was 1 unit short)
USSR (Rauterberg):	F North Sea (R) London.	4 (-1) (Captured London from Brit.
	No Removal required	1 annihilated.)
U.S.A. (Cheek):	Build F Calif., F Wash.	12 (+2)

PRESS:

LONDON to the World Leaders: I'm abdicating on Air Force One, so inform your planes not to shoot me down. We will carry on the struggle from Aussie land. SEE YA! ((I think Gary means he is resigning the position. If so, we will let it slip into Civil Disorder, since only one Center remains. Anyone want to order F West. Britain?))

USSR to Britain: A few seasons back you hit my unit in Denmark, thus damaging my advance on German Hamburg. My retreat to London will demonstrate that even if you kick a guy while he's down, that guy can still kick back from a prone position, and can still reach your groin.

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ZEUS V-F, Cont.

USA to France: When you get to the end of the rope, tie a knot and hang on.
WASHINGTON to London (sic): I think there is one smashing rule. Never face the facts.
USA to Germany: Hope is independent of the apparatus of logic.
USA to USSR: If one has lost hope one would not be on hand to say so (but are you?).

DEADLINE for SPRING 1947 orders will be MONDAY, November 25, 1985. Telephone deadline will be Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 9 p.m. Help, help. If this war doesn't end soon, there's a 17-year-old kid in Chicago who's going to receive his draft notice.

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L'IMPERIALISME II-B, 1984H xml6

SPRING 1916

THE SPANISH REIGN FALLS ON LIVERPOOL. ITALY GETS THE BOOT FROM ERITREA, BUT CONVOYS TO BULGARIA. GERMANS HOST OKTOBERFEST IN MUNICH. AUSTRIANS STALLED.

Change of Address for Ralph Baty (TURKEY). See details under ZEUS V-F Report, Pg. 8.

GM Note: The Concession vote to Iberia did not pass. It was not even close. I suggest we play at least another season before taking any more votes. There's no point in beating a dead horse. Anyone want to suggest something different?

AUSTRIA (Dancouse): A Berlin-Kiel. A Munich-Ruhr /d/, (R) Silesia (only space open).
(9) A Bohemia-Tyrol. A Silesia-Bohemia. A Switz.-Burgundy. A Pied-
mont-Marseilles. A Greece (H). A Rumania-Serbia. A Buda-Trieste.
ENGLAND (Keller): F Edi-Clyde. F Norway-Sweden. F London-English Channel. F North
(4) Sea (S) F London-Eng. Channel.
FRANCE (B. Wilson): F English Channel-London /d/, (R) to Wales, per Right Hand Rule.
(3) A Brest-Picardy. A Gascony-Paris.
GERMANY (Cheek): F Mid-Atlantic-Morocco. A Kiel-Munich. A Ruhr (S) A Kiel-Munich.
(7) A Denmark-Kiel. A Burgundy (S) A Marseilles. A Marseilles (S)
A Burgundy. A Belgium-Holland.
IBERIA (Kozlowski): A Abyssinia-Eritrea. F Somaliland (S) A Abyssinia-Eritrea.
(15) (13 units) A Sudan (S) TURKISH F Red Sea-Egypt. F Angola-African Sea.
A Cape boards F South Atlantic, A/F SAO-MAO. F Lisbon (S) A/F
SAO-MAO. A Kenya-Equatoria. F Cadiz-Gulf of Lyon. F Western
Med-Algeria. A Leon boards F Bay of Biscay, A/F Bay of Biscay-
Irish Sea, A disembarks Liverpool. A Madrid-Catalonia.
ITALY (Anderson): F Tunis-Algeria. A Sardinia boards F Gulf of Lyon; A/F Gulf of
(9) Lyon-Western Med. (F GOL had to defend its space from attack;
hence the A remains ashore in Sardinia). A Smyrna-Bulgaria.
F Aegean (C) A Smyrna-Bulgaria(sc) (Fast Ferry). A Eritrea-
Abyssinia /d/, (Annihilated). A Libya (H). F Ionian (S) A Libya.
A Trieste-Serbia.
TURKEY (Baty): A Egypt-Libya. F Levant Sea (S) A Egypt-Libya. F Red Sea-Egypt.
(6) A Syria-Smyrna. A Ankara (S) A Syria-Smyrna. F Bulgaria(sc)-Con.

PRESS:

ITALY to World: Is the war over? ((No))

DEADLINE for FALL 1916 orders is MONDAY, November 25, 1985. Telephone deadline is Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Remember, you guys, Woodrow Wilson is watching you. The U.S.A. may jump into this war in 1917.

Late News flash: Copies of the Fake DIPLOMACY WORLD "#40" are available from Bruce Linsey for just \$1.00, not the \$2.75 shown on the cover. Address on Pg. 2, bottom.

BASEBALL WARZ

Well, we were certainly wrong about the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs winning their respective divisions. To say nothing of the total disappearance of the Atlanta Braves! At least I was right about the Kansas City Royals repeating in their division. It seems that we're not getting any "dynasties" any more. Apparently, the players get so fat and rich from winning the Playoffs and/or World's Series one year that they're too sluggish to try again the following year.

In the last two months of the season, all of the teams I was rooting for won their divisions. I rooted for Toronto because it would put a Canadian team in the World's Series for the first time. I've been rooting for the Dodgers since I was 8 and living in Brooklyn. I was never a Cardinal fan, but I always root against New York teams, so I was glad they beat the Mets. And I supported the Royals in the AL-West over the Angels. Any team that has the gall to call itself "California" when there are four other major league teams in the State deserves no better than to be overshadowed by Disneyland. They should be called the "Anaheim Angels."

I was hoping the Series would be between the Dodgers and the Blue Jays. One Canadian publisher included the words to "O Canada" in his zine, so we could get them right if an American had to sing the anthem. So, I'm a bit disappointed to see St. Louis and K.C., two teams from the same State, in the Series. Looks like it will be over by the time you get this. K.C. has certainly shown nothing in the first two games. I believe the Blue Jays would have given the Cards a run for their money.

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LAST WORD: I received only unfavorable comments on the proposal to amend the House Rules on Draws. So, there won't be any change. If you fail to vote on a second or subsequent vote, will be counted as voting "Yes." Whoever proposes a vote will always be counted as voting "Yes," unless you send specific orders to the contrary.

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