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GAME OPENING: The next game here will be "Turnabout Dip." This is one of my own designs, in which the former neutrals have become the Great Powers, and the Neutral SC's will be drawn from the Regular Great Powers. The map and rules are appearing in the next issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD, which may or may not arrive in your mailbox before you read this. For the benefit of those who don't receive D.W., I'll reprint them in the next issue of BUSH. See below for information on who's signed up. If the game is filled, Standbys are always welcome. (See News Flash on Pg. 10)

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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PERSONAL NEWS

- ★ The North American Variant Bank files finally arrived in Baltimore around Veterans Day. Thanks to the tender loving care of the P.O., the boxes were just about to collapse (from old age?) by the time they got here. The files will have to be re-housed and reviewed before the Bank can open for business. Please don't send in any new orders until I advise you that I'm ready to accept them.

Some of you received my 7½ page essay on my career with the Social Security Administration, titled "A Square Peg in a Round Hole." I had originally planned to write a 4-page article for BUSHWACKER, but when it grew of its own will to 7½ pages, I had to abandon that plan, and limit circulation to just a few friends in and out of the Postal hobby. To my amazement, Larry Peery has reprinted the entire article in his de luxe 20th anniversary issue of XENOGOGIC (Vol. XIX, No. 4, Oct. 1985). Copies are available from Larry @ \$3.00 a copy. The address is: P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA. 92102. There are over 100 pages of worthwhile material in this issue. Don't buy it for my piece alone. Those of you who do read "Square Peg" will gain some insight

into why a very bored neuretic decided to invest his psychic energy into the Postal Diplomacy hobby (and Mensa) instead of into the molasses and spiderwebs of a civil service program which was going nowhere.

We hope all of you in the U.S.A. enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving. (Canadians celebrated their Thanksgiving about six weeks ago). Our next issue will come out after Christmas, so we want to send you our Christmas greetings now. Inge will be flying to Germany on 2 December, and will be carrying those copies bound for Continental destinations with her, for a very special type of Air Mail delivery.

DIPLOMACY SIG NEWS

I again resumed the Chair of the Mensa Postal Diplomacy Special Interest Group in mid-November, taking over from Bruce Poppe, who has been doing a good job of running the SIG for the past two years. The SIG runs no games itself. It recruits members of the Mensa club in North America and introduces them to the Postal hobby. Every time 7 players are lined up, a new game begins in a zine or game report run by a SIG member. We also offer information on how to join Mensa to hobby members, as we've found that many players could qualify. (An SAT of 1250+ or an I.Q. of 130 will get you in).

The SIG's newsletter, DIPLOMAG, comes out on a bimonthly basis. In some cases, where BUSHWACKER readers are also Mensans, the two publications may sometimes arrive together, if conditions warrant. The next issue will be called "January/February 1986," since the Sept./Oct. issue didn't arrive until November 13th.

Anyone interested in joining, or having an urge to run an all-Mensa game in their zine, is requested to contact me.

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STATUS OF "TURNABOUT" GAME

The following people have paid their Game Fee to play in this game: Bob Cheek, Calif.; David Rice, Oregon; Alan Stewart, Ontario; Russ Wallace, Colo.; plus one other person who may or may not play in this game, depending on events elsewhere. I have also received statements of interest in playing or being a Standby from: Karl Brockmeier, Colo.; Ronald Brown, Ontario; and Phil Dancause, Va., but have not received payments from them.

If you gentlemen will send me your Game or Standby Fees, we may be able to post a starting lineup in the next issue. Anyone else is also welcome to sign up. Let me know if you're willing to take a Standby slot if all of the starting slots are filled when I hear from you.

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PLUG: PRAXIS, a new zine from out of the Frozen North. The first issue was most interesting. Some of the funniest writing I've seen in a long time. The zine is divided into "departments," like a news magazine. One dept. is an historical trivia quiz; one is an article to help novices; one discusses the editor's personal life, etc. Apparently, many of the dept. titles are permanent ones.

The publisher is Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ont., CANADA M4Y 1R2. Subs are 10 issues for \$5.00 to U.S. readers; 10 for \$7 Canadian. No game fee for those getting their applications in before the next issue goes to press in early December. (May be too late for that). There are openings for three Regular games and one Variant. The Far East - Revised ^{game} is printed in the Fake DW #40, is being suggested. A good choice. I'd say (since I had a hand in its design).

ZINE REGISTER PROJECT AND ZINE BANK

The new Editor of the ZINE REGISTER is Simon Billenness. Simon is a recent arrival from Britain, where he edited 20 YEARS ON, the U.K. version of our Z.R., for two years. 20 Y.O. came out quarterly. Simon proposes to have the ZINE REGISTER appear three times a year, so as to keep the information muchmore up-to-date.

While no price is quoted, I'm presuming that the price will continue to be \$2.00 per issue, so why not send Simon \$4 or \$6 for the next couple of issues. I've seen his work in 20 YEARS ON, and can highly recommend him. His address is: 61A Park Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12202.

Simon wants to Trade with all possible N. American publishers. In addition to trading to provide information for the Register, he plans to establish an American Zine Bank, similar to one in operation in Britain. All the zines he receives will be kept in stacks. Anyone wanting to see a random sampling of zines has only to send him a large self-addressed envelope and \$1-\$2. He will then fill the envelope with as many zines as he can mail to you for your money via Third Class mail. Pubbers are requested to send surplus copies of their zines to Simon by 3rd Class mail. In a concession to the feelings of certain publishers, no zine will be listed if its publisher does not wish to have it listed. This, plus the fact that Simon is a "neutral" party, coming from another country, should end the strife and bitterness which surrounded the April 1985 issue.

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THE REAL EPIDEMIC IN THE U.S.

There has been so much hysteria about AIDS that we ought to step back and look at the problem of "epidemics" in perspective.

The worst epidemic of this century was the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918-19. At least 25 million people died worldwide from that disease. Millions of others survived, but carried a defect which caused them to develop a type of Parkinson's Disease in middle or old age. (Many of these younger flu victims are still with us, suffering Parkinsonianism in their 70's and 80's).

In the U.S., 634,000 servicemen died in the official wartime periods of four wars in this century. However, during the 1900-1984 period, 2,533,000 people were killed in highway accidents, including pedestrians hit by vehicles. This includes 45,000 who died in 1984 alone. Only 56,700 died in VietNam in ten years. If this were some sort of disease, some TV or movie personality would be running a telethon to combat it. But we seem to ignore it, and people won't even fasten their seatbelts!

For your information, here are the figures on U.S. wartime casualties, 1917-1973:

	<u>Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Non-Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
World War I	53,000	63,000	116,700
World War II	292,000	115,000	407,300
Korean War	*	*	54,200
Viet Nam	*	*	56,700

*My data did not furnish separate figures for the two most recent wars, since nearly all the fatalities were due to battle deaths. Note the tremendous disproportion of non-battle deaths in W.W. I. Many of these were due to Spanish Flu.

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HOW TO CONDUCT YOUR FEUD

I am delighted to see that we now have a Feud Number Custodian, who will be happy to register your Feud, and assign it an intensity number ranging from 1 (a joke feud) through 5 (a regular feud) up to 10 for a no-holds-barred where's my lawyer feud. The Custodian is: Chris Carrier, 1215 P St., #12, Sacramento, Calif. 95814, USA. There is no charge for registering feuds. You must inform the Custodian of the names of the parties involved, and send him some documentation, such as a copy of a public letter. "If you are sending out a mass Feud mailing, please put the FNC on your list."

My little feud with Ed Wrobel, for example, is now designated as "1985AC," so all correspondence on this matter should include that Feud No. at the top of the page. The 1984 Feuder of the Year Award went to Bruce Linsey, who was listed as participating in 21 feuds. (Each feud is reported as a separate one-on-one situation, although we know that many feuds are interrelated). There will also be an award for Best Feud Letter of the Year. You're invited to send your nominations to the FNC for 1985. A copy of the letter must be included.

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Speaking of feuding, I understand that Mark Berch has been labelled a "criminal" for discovering and using a pay phone which refunded his money at the end of his calls back in his courting days. It seems to me that if everyone who ever made a free phone call, whether on his bosses' phone or a pay phone, is a "criminal," there aren't many of us who wouldn't be wearing stripes. I will gladly compile a list here of all Diplomacy players who have never - and I mean never - made a phone call he didn't have to pay for, by one or another method. Said persons will be nominated for sainthood.

Text for today: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

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NEW MONEY UPDATE: The new multi-colored U.S. bills will start circulating in 1988. Still no word on whether every denomination will have exactly the same pattern, or whether the Treasury Dept. will have the good sense to make each one a different hue, as is done in every other country in the civilized world. The old money will not be called in. Since the average dollar bill has a life of only nine months, it won't be long till the smaller denominations are all new bills. However, the big bills last much longer. You will sometimes see a \$50 or \$100 bill dating back to the Eisenhower era.

The big bills ought to be called in after a couple of years. Otherwise, we will still be faced with the danger of counterfeit money for the next 20 years. Besides, calling in the money would be a good way to make those people with safe deposit boxes full of unaccounted-for dough have to cough up and pay taxes. As I understand it, even the big bills used prior to 1928 are still legal tender, except for goldbacks. Every time a crooked politician dies, they find a pile of old bills in his safe deposit box. They found \$3,000,000 in cash in the box of a former Chicago mayor.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN... (Our roving spacefiller)

You still look to see whether a bottle has a twist-off cap or the kind that needs an opener.

You can remember when said opener was called a "church key."

(As some of you know, we are also railfans, with emphasis on rail passenger and mass transit operations. On that theme, we present...)

HONG KONG COMES UP WITH SOLUTION TO DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Many cities have struggled with the problem of how to get people out of their cars and into the new rapid transit systems they're building (or into existing ones which are being refurbished with new cars and cleaner stations). The September issue of MASS TRANSIT describes one city's solution.

"Hong Kong is introducing electronic road pricing. This will involve all private cars being fitted with tamperproof electronic number plates linked to a central computer. Electronic loops will be embedded at various places on busy roads to record and transmit to the computer the registration number, type of car, date and time that each car passes.

"The fee for using the road will then be added to the owner's account and a bill will be sent out every month. It is estimated that, at present levels of usage, the system will cost car owners about \$HK200 (US\$25.70) a month....

"Introduction of charges in the main urban area would aim to discourage about 10% of vehicles from using busy roads at peak periods. The system would operate only on weekdays, between 7 am and 7 pm."

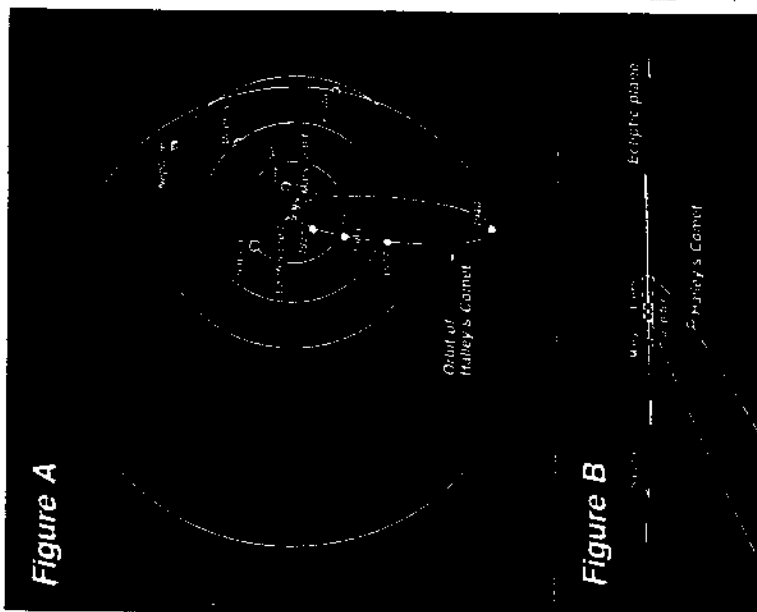
Such a system would be readily adapted to New York City, where there has been talk for years of banning all private autos on Manhattan Island on weekdays south of 59th St., except for vehicles belonging to residents and the handicapped. (Except on the expressways and a special "path" from the Lincoln Tunnel to the Queens-Midtown Tunnel and certain bridges). Exceptions would have to be made for tourists, but all license plate holders in southern New York and northern New Jersey could be brought into the system, perhaps under the aegis of the Port of New York Authority.

It would be more difficult in other cities, where the downtown area is not so dramatically isolated as is New York's, but it certainly bears looking into.

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Halley's Comet Report:

Below: if viewed from above the plane of the solar system (the ecliptic), Halley's Comet would appear to cross the orbits of all the planets except Pluto (Figure A). The comet's positions at given dates are here indicated on its orbital path. But if viewed from a point (Figure B) looking along the ecliptic, the comet would appear to come from below, crossing the ecliptic and rising above it at perihelion (its closest approach to the Sun).
Drawing: S.A. Smith



While we disagree with much of the Reagan Administration's mad buildup of military equipment, we are Battleship buffs. This seems to be an excellent solution to brushfire wars, which are the only kind anyone in his right mind would want to fight nowadays.

Lehman's Broad-Beamed Babies

Washington.

WHEN it becomes operational in 1989, the battleship Wisconsin will make its home port in Corpus Christi, Texas. That announcement a few days ago from Navy Secretary John Lehman, was good news from Galveston to Brownsville, but the pleasant thing about Mr. Lehman's rebirth of the

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battleship is that the program is good news all around.

The Wisconsin will be the fourth and last of the big ships to be taken from mothballs and returned to duty at sea. The New Jersey, based in Long Beach, California, came back in service two years ago. The Iowa, which temporarily is in Norfolk, came next. The Missouri will join the Pacific fleet toward the end of this year and will work out of its home port at Treasure Island, San Francisco.

The taxpayers have become so inured to the astronomical costs of defense that they should welcome the story of Mr. Lehman's broad-beamed babies. The four battleships will average something in the neighborhood of \$400 million each. That is less per ship than the cost of a new frigate. It is like getting a low-mileage used car with no wear on the tires.

In return for its \$400 million, the Navy gets a mighty platform for the kind of sustained bombardment that only a big ship can deliver. Each of the ships is fitted with the latest state of the art in missiles and electronic equipment. Despite the weight of their 19-inch armor, the battleships can show their sterns to any companion vessel. They are formidable weapons of war.

Mr. Lehman, to put the matter mildly, is a battleship buff. He recalls with evident satisfaction the New Jersey's role off Beirut at the peak of the fighting there. Parts of the city were being systematically destroyed by artillery from the hills to the east. The New Jersey opened fire with her 16-inch guns. Though it was impossible to correct aim,

through spotters (ground coordinates had to be used), the ship delivered 301 rounds before retiring. Each round weighs 2,250 pounds. Says Mr. Lehman: "The (hostile) artillery stopped."

For such a purpose, nothing beats a battleship. During World War II, our carrier aircraft repeatedly bombed the Japanese base on Truk. Great damage was done, but the base stayed operable. By contrast, when seven battleships went to work off Kwajalein on January 31, 1944, their effectiveness could not be doubted. By that evening, according to historian Samuel Eliot Morison, the bombardment had killed, possibly half the Japanese defenders. Hardly a tree was left standing on what had been a pretty wooded island. Only 372 of 41,000 U.S. troops committed to the Kwajalein operation were killed. The Japanese lost 7,870 men out of 8,675.

Lessons of the more recent war of the Falkland Islands confirmed the Pacific experience. British carrier aircraft repeatedly hit the airfield at Port Stanley, but they could not stay over the target long enough to knock out the field. This is not to denigrate the awesome power and versatility of today's manned aircraft with their "smart bombs," but an A-6 Intruder carries a normal bomb load that is equivalent to only five rounds from a battleship — and it costs \$1 million to train a pilot to fly it.

When the Wisconsin joins the Atlantic fleet four years hence, it will just about complete the restoration of our naval presence in the Gulf of Mexico. The city of Corpus Christi will get the Wisconsin, with its crew of 1,500, along with the training carrier Lexington and several other ships. Other Gulf ports — Pensacola, Mobile, Pascagoula, Galveston, New Orleans and Lake Charles — will also have a piece of the home port action.

The benefits are substantial. Mr. Lehman's advisers estimate that the economic impact on the Corpus Christi area will be about \$500 million a year once the plan is fully developed. Twenty-nine ships, all told, will be engaged in surface operations out of the Gulf area. They represent a bonanza for merchants and builders.

The Navy investigated 16 sites for the Wisconsin's home port and narrowed the list to six, but it was no contest. The state of Texas put up \$25 million and the taxpayers of Corpus Christi committed themselves to an additional \$25 million in bonds.

It was "by far the most attractive choice," says Mr. Lehman. "We got a bargain." The whole nation will share it.

AUSTRIANS GO ALL OUT FOR MUNICH, BULGARIA. ITALIANS SNEAK IN THE BACK DOOR OF VIENNA, MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND. HAMLET TO ELISINORE. STANDOFFS IN EDI, LIBYA.

Change in Change of Address Notice: Ralph Baty (TURKEY) will not be moving to West Germany before January. Continue to use his San Diego address until further notice.

AUSTRIA (Dancouse): A Switz.-Munich. A Berlin, A Bohemia & A Silesia all (S) A Switz. Munich. A Piedmont-Venice. A Tyrol (S) A Piedmont-Venice. A Budapest-Trieste. A Greece-Bulgaria. A Rumania (S) A Greece-Bul. (9)

ENGLAND (Keller): F Eng. Channel-London. F Clyde-Edi. F Sweden-Denmark. F North Sea (S) F Sweden-Denmark. (4)

FRANCE (B. Wilson): F Wales-Eng. Channel. A Picardy-Belgium. A Paris-Burgundy. (3)

GERMANY (Cheek): A Munich-Switz /d/, Annihilated. F Morocco-Algeria. A Burgundy (S) A Munich-Switz. A Marseille (S) A Munich-Switz. A Denmark-Kiel. A Holland-Belgium. A Ruhr (S) A Holland-Belgium. (7)

IBERIA (Kozlowski): A Liverpool-Edi. F Irish Sea-Liverpool. A/F MAO-North Atlantic. F Lisbon-Bay of Biscay. F Western Med.-MAO. F Cadiz (S) F West-term Med.-MAO. A Catalonia-Leon. F African Sea-South Atlantic. F Sudan (S) TURKISH F Red Sea-Egypt. A Equitoria (S) A Sudan. F Somaliland-North Indian Ocean. A Eritrea-Somaliland. (15) (13 units)

ITALY (Anderson): A Bulgaria boards F Aegean, A/F Aegean-Eastern Med., A disembarks Palestine. F Gulf of Lyon-Catalonia. A Libya-Algeria. F Tunis-Libya. F Ionian (S) F Tunis-Libya. A Trieste-Vienna. A Sard (H). (9) (8 units)

TURKEY (Baty): A Egypt-Libya via Fast Ferry. F Levant Sea (C) A Egypt-Libya (FF). A remains aboard F, which becomes A/F Levant Sea. F Red Sea-Egypt. F Const.-Bulgaria. A Ankara-Const. A Smyrna (S) A Ankara-Const. (6)

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, WINTER 1916: GAINS, LOSSES

AUSTRIA:	Budapest, Rumania, Berlin, Greece, Munich, Poland, Serbia, Switz., BULGARIA, TRIESTE, VENICE, VIENNA (+2)	11, Build 2 (Room for only 1)
ENGLAND:	Edi, London, Norway, DENMARK, LIVERPOOL	4, No change
FRANCE:	Brest, Paris, MOROCCO	2, Remove 1
GERMANY:	Kiel, Belgium, Holland, Kamerun, Marseille, Nigeria, MOROCCO, DENMARK	7, No change (Build 1) (Annihilated) (No room to build)
IBERIA:	4 Home, Abyssinia, Belg. Congo, Cape, G.E.A., Madagascar, Mozambique, Rhodesia, Senegal, Somaliland, Sudan, Transvaal, LIVERPOOL (+1)	16, Build 3 (was 2 short)
ITALY:	Rome, Naples, Libya, Algeria, Tunis, Sardinia, VIENNA, PALESTINE, VENICE, SMYRNA, TRIESTE (-1)	8, No change (was 1 short)
TURKEY:	3 Home, Egypt, SMYRNA, BULGARIA, PALESTINE (-1)	5, Remove 1

PRESS:

GERMANY to World: Hopefully, this time I've fooled all of the world.
 GERMANY to Iberia: I hope you kept the faith!
 GERMANY to Austria: Dizzy?

ITALY: And this month's vacation is in Palestine...

DEADLINE for WINTER 1916 adjustments is MONDAY, December 30, 1985. Telephone deadline will be Sunday, Dec. 29th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Hopefully, this will allow time for your orders to make it through the Christmas rush.

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SPRING 1947

CHINA TRIPPED UP BY CLERICAL ERROR. U.S.A. KEEPS CREEPING FORWARD. MOST UNITS ON BOARD STALLED BY STANDOFFS OR BEING PUT ON HOLD.

Change of Address #1: See notice under L'Imperialisme II-B of postponement of C/A for Ralph Baty (GERMANY) until some time in January.

Change of Address #2: Effective December 1st, Paul Rauterberg (USSR) is moving to: 4158 Monona Dr., Monona, Wis. 53716. Paul is opening his own tavern in nearby Madison, to which all Diplomacy players are heartily invited. Drop him a line if you expect to be anywhere near Madison or Milwaukee.

GM Notice: Kevin Kozlowski sent me some Diplomacy mail some time ago, including a statement that he'd already sent me his orders for CHINA in ZEUS. I took that at face value, and didn't discover until deadline day that I had no orders on file from him for this game. Since my normal policy is not to phone for missing orders, I did not do so. It would be unfair to my out-of-state players if I were to phone a local player who missed his orders, when I never do this for long-distance calls. I'm sorry for this glitch in the game, but I cannot be responsible for missing orders. However, this will not count as an official "miss" for Kevin, and I will not call for any back-up orders.

BRITAIN (C.D.): (1) F Western Britain (H).
CHINA (Kozlowski): NMR. A's Iran, Kazakh, Siberia, Sinkiang, & Turkey all (H).
(9) F's Indian Ocean, Okhotsk, SOO and SAO all (H).
FRANCE (Brockmeier): F Stalingrad-Kazakh. F North Sea (H) /d/, (R) West Arctic Ocean,
(7) per Right Hand Rule. A Spain (H). F's Algiers, East Med., Paris and Low Countries all (H). (Per written orders).
GERMANY (Baty): A Baltic States-Leningrad. A Moscow (S) A Baltic St.-Leningrad.
(9) A Poland-Baltic States. A Rumania (S) FRENCH F Stalingrad (NSO).
A Yugoslavia-Venice. A Denmark-Sweden. F Helgoland-North Sea.
USSR (Rauterberg): F Hamburg-Denmark. F Berlin-Baltic Sea.
(4) F Leningrad (H). F Finland (nc) (S) F Leningrad. F Norway-North Sea. F London (S) F Norway-North Sea.
U.S.A. Cheek): F Washington-MAO. F New York (S) F Wash.-MAO. F West Arctic Oc-
(12) North Atlantic. F Panama-South Atlantic. F California-Panama.
F Canada (ec) (S) F West Arctic-North Atlantic. A Alaska (S) F Canada (ec). A Oregon (S) F Canada. F West Med (S) CHINESE F South Atlantic-Algiers. F East Arctic Ocean (S) CHINESE F SOO-West Arctic. F Middle East (S) CHINESE F Indian Ocean-Egypt. (All NSO). F Rome-Venice.

PRESS:

USA to USSR: Your check's in the mail!

DEADLINE for FALL 1947 orders is MONDAY, December 30, 1985. Phone deadline is Sunday, Dec. 29th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Should a lot of people miss the deadline, I'd consider waiting one more day, but don't count on it. I'd like to get this in the mail before New Years Eve (hic).

VACATION DIPLOMACY III (BUSHWACKER #17)

SPRING 1903

NEW GERMAN RULER TAKES OVER. TURKEY SLIDES INTO GREECE, AS PART OF "MERRY-GO-ROUND" MOVES IN BALKANS.

GM's Comments: Paula Dodge missed her moves again for Germany. As her participation has been sporadic since the beginning, and she failed to respond to the flyers I mailed concerning possible new Event Cards for this game, I asked Bill Young to start sending me orders for every turn, which he has done faithfully. Under the circumstances, I feel I have no choice but to replace her with Bill Young, to prevent any further deterioration of the game. Bill's new address is: P.O. Box 378, Hyde, Pa. 16843.

Everyone is reminded that now that I'm retired, I usually start adjudicating these games right after the mail arrives in the early afternoon. Don't take chances. Mail your orders early!

Hey, we could use some more standbys in this game! Just send me \$2 if you're already a BUSHWACKER reader, and I'll give you a slot. (Cheap).

ENGLAND (Wallace): F Norway-Sweden. A Denmark (S) F Norway-Sweden. "A/F" English Channel-MAO. A London-Norway. F North Sea (C) A London-Norway. F St. Pete. (S) A London-Norway. F Edi-Norwegian Sea. VF Tyrr. Sea-Gulf of Lyon. England plays Card #48 against AUSTRIAN VF Helgoland, now in C.D. for length of game, or until annihilated. A Brest-Paris. A Spain-Gascony. A Marseille-Piedmont.

FRANCE (B.Wilson): (4) (3 units)

GERMANY (Young): (5) (5 units)

ITALY (Floyd): (4) (5 units)

AUSTRIA (Rice): (5) (6 units)

RUSSIA (Cheek): (5) (6 units)

TURKEY (Kenny): (5) (6 units)

A Kiel-Holland. A Berlin-Kiel. A Munich (S) A Berlin-Kiel. VF Ionian (S) ITALIAN F Rome-Tyrr. Sea (NSO), /d/, (R) to Calabria, per Right-Hand Rule. F Belg. (S) A Kiel-Holland. A Piedmont-Mars. F Rome-Tuscany. A Naples-Rome. E Venice-Adria. VA Paris Unordered (H). A Serbia-Bulgaria. F Greece (S) A Serbia-Bulgaria /d/, Annihilated. A Trieste-Albania. A Vienna-Galicia. A Budapest (S) A Vienna-Galicia. VF Helgoland "Awaiting orders from Allies" (H). (Put in C.D. by play of Card #48). VF Western Med-Gulf of Lyon. F Sweden-Baltic. F Sevastopol (H). A Silesia-Bohemia. A Galicia (S) A Silesia-Bohemia /d/, (R) to Silesia per R.H.R. A Rumania-Serbia. F Eastern Med-Ionian. VT Tunis (S) F Eastern Med-Ionian. F Bulgaria-Greece. F Aegean (S) A Bulgaria-Greece. F Black Sea (S) RUSSIAN A RUMANIA (NSO). A Ankara-Const.

PRESS:

RUSSIA to Germany: I hope you're still in the game. I need talented allies such as you. ((Are you happy now? - F.C.D.))

RUSSIA to Turkey: Hope this works!

RUSSIA to Italy: Hope you have better luck than I do!

HELGOLAND BIGHT to England: If your attack on Denmark was an act of an ally doing what is best for the Alliance - please give me more enemies.

AUSTRIA to the Eastern Alliance: I could no longer sit back and wait for a decision from you two.

AUSTRIA to World: Canwe Talk!?!?

ANKARA to Berlin: What are you doing? Nice game you are missing.

ANKARA to Moscow: And you talk about Germany?

ANKARA to Paris: I also like to eat fish.

(more)

TURKEY to England: You're right. I shall follow that advice, sir. Any good offers?
ANKARA to Moscow: Plan B didn't work out so hot either.
ROME to All my Potential Friends, and France, too: I've been in graduate school and have little time to write. But, with this semester ending, that will be remedied.
PARIS to "Vichy": You don't realize it, but we have come not to conquer France, we have come to liberate it from her aristocrats.

Bad Weather Cards: The new cards allow for bad weather on land as well as at sea. Each of the four cards permits a player to block all moves in any three spaces on one-half of the board. Two cards divide the board into east and west areas, and two into north and south areas.

There was only one unfavorable vote on incorporating these cards, numbered #105-108, into the current game. Likewise, there was one unfavorable vote for Card #109, the "Stop" card, which blocks the play of an Event card against you. I would include these cards in the current game if there were no objection. However, after I was badly burned in a previous game in which a rule was amended by a 6-1 favorable vote, I have decided not to introduce them into our game.

I have incorporated them into the official rules, and they will be used in future games. A set of the Revised Rules will be sent to all players in Vacation Dip III in a few days. However, you may disregard Cards #105-109 in the current game.

DEADLINE for FALL 1903 is MONDAY, December 30, 1985. Phone deadline is Sunday, Dec. 29th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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STATUE OF LIBERTY COINS. The Liberty gold and silver coins are now on sale. If ordered by Dec. 31, 1985, the silver dollar is available for \$22.50 and the half dollar for \$6.50 in proof sets. The two are available together in uncirculated sets for \$25.50, or \$29. for a proof set. The \$5.00 gold coin can be bought for \$170 proof, or \$160. uncirculated. They come in display cases, similar to those used for the Olympic coins. Send your check or money order to: The United States Mint, U.S. Liberty Coin Program, P.O. Box 42010, Philadelphia, PA. 19101. All profits go to help restore the Statue of Liberty in time for her 100th birthday on July 4, 1986.

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NEWS FLASH: DIPLOMACY WORLD #40 is out, without the "Turnabout" Diplomacy variant. I have permission to print it here next month.

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