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This is BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting on Diplomacy Variants, plus whatever else I happen to feel like writing about. This monument to my colossal ego is produced by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. Phone: (301) 747-7248. Phone calls accepted between 7 and 9:30 p.m. weekdays, and between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m. weekends, Eastern Time. There is no guarantee that I'll be home when you call. (Lately, it seems that all I have to do to get a phone call is to leave the house). So, please mail in your orders, except in emergencies.

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GAME OPENINGS: None for Starting positions. However, we can always use more Standbys, both for Turnabout and for Vacation Dip. III. Our next Game Opening will probably be for "Balkan Wars III." If you're interested in a scenario involving the 1910 Balkans - Greece, Turkey, Transylvania and the like - drop me a line and I'll sign you up. This is a little gem, with just 21 Supply Centers. You wouldn't have to wait until 1995 in real time for the outcome.

This issue contains reports on ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11), L'IMPERIALISME II-B (1984Hxm16), VACATION DIP III (1985R rm39), and TURNABOUT (1986C ca02).

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REDUCED AIR FARES TO DIPCON '86. U.S. Air is offering discount flights to Washington, D.C. from Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles, for DipCon attendees. These flights will arrive in Washington on Friday afternoon, and return on Sunday evening. The prices from Chicago, Houston and L.A. are \$215, \$246, and \$298 respectively (round trip). The only catch is that there must be at least 20 people signed up for each flight. You can, of course, fly into one of those cities from elsewhere and join it there. You would receive instructions on bus connections between National Airport and Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, a distance of about 50 miles.

If you're interested, please contact Pace Consolidated Travel Agency, 700 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas 78701. It's best to make a formal reservation. You can either enclose a cashiers check or M.O., or furnish them with your credit card # (American Express, Visa or Master Charge). This has been arranged by Greg Ellis, a Diplomacy player and employee of Pace Consolidated Travel.

OUT OF THE VARIANT BANK FILES

We plan to bring back some long-forgotten variants which seem worth considering, on a space-available basis, from time to time. The first one offers a good solution to the problem of "How can we shorten the games?":

DIPLOWINN - by Norman Nathan - originally printed in DOLCHSTOSS #22, 11 August 1974
(North American Variant Bank edition, 1986)

Preface:

Very few FTF games produce a single outright winner, even after eight or nine hours of play. Some games end in a joint win, but more frequently, there is a three or four-way draw. So often one hears, "If only we could play another game year or two, then..." The same complaint is heard when it is agreed that the game will end at a fixed time, as prescribed in Rule III.

The Rule Change

In Winter 1905, the number of units on the board is adjusted to be one less than the number of Supply Centers controlled by each country. In the next Winter, this becomes two less, and so on. The Victory Criterion remains the control of 18 SC's.

This change should produce the desired effect. Those countries still in the game with only one or two units will be rapidly eliminated. Static battles and stalemate lines cannot be maintained, since there will be fewer units available to man them. The strong countries will lose a smaller proportion of their strength than the weak ones, and hence become relatively stronger. With a decreasing number of units on the board there is more scope for movement and more need for diplomacy. Progressive weakening of all countries makes stabbing and risk-taking more attractive and more necessary.

This should eliminate the stagnation which often sets in when a game reaches the 1905-1906 period. It also bears a resemblance to reality. In real wars, a country initially gets stronger as it mobilizes its resources to the utmost, and then gets weaker as its human and material resources get depleted.

It could also encourage players with just two or three units on the board to agree to a concession or draw sooner, in order to guarantee their own survival on the game records, whether FTF or Postal.

((And of course, with fewer units on the board, it would be easier to GM, if this were played postally. The name DIPLOWINN stands for "Diplomacy Intended to Probably Leave an Outright Winner by Nineteen Nine." The author has also suggested an alternate title of DAFTEOR ("Diplomacy Allowing for The Exhaustion of Resources").))

FTF Diplomacy would be far more satisfactory were it reasonably certain that after about five hours' play there would be an outright winner or one player would be in a sufficiently strong position to claim a clear win. DIPLOWINN may be the answer to that need.

((Reports on the results of FTF DIPLOWINN games would be appreciated, to see how they actually work out in fact.))

OF NICARAGUA AND GRAMM-RUDMAN (An Editorial)

We were glad to see that Reagan was defeated on his bid to dump \$100 million down the rathole of "Contra Aid" in March. If there were a bona fide organization of democratic Freedom Fighters opposing the Nicaraguan regime, there might be some sense to the Radical Right's proposal, but the evidence seems to indicate that most of the Contras have connections with the former Somoza dictatorship, which did not exactly win any awards for respecting human rights during the 40-odd years they were in power (backed by U.S. Marines and the United Fruit Company). With due respect, I think the President has seen too many "Rambo" films.

The most obscene part of this operation is that the Administration wants to give away this \$100 million at the same time that Gramm-Rudman is virtually destroying great parts of the social fabric at home. For lack of financing, AMTRAK may close down October 1st. As one commentator said, "Under Reagan's plan, you may be able to fly from Los Angeles to Tokyo in two hours, but you won't be able to take a train from L.A. to San Diego." (Or from Baltimore to New York, where the Northeast Corridor is already dangerously overcrowded on the highways and in the air).

The Small Business Administration is reported to be dead. This is the agency which helps the little people, including many minority clients, to achieve the goal of self-employment - supposedly one of the great ideals of the Republican Party. The funds for many family planning organizations at home and abroad have already been cut off. This President seems to equate contraception and "sin." (I wonder if he changed his mind after reading his daughter's book?) There seems to be no understanding that for every dollar spent on family planning now, we may save \$70 a year on Welfare costs for the next 18 years. Or that birth control pills are more powerful than Rambo's bullets in the fight for whether parts of the Third World are going to go Communist. A man rarely joins the guerillas until he has hungry children to feed, and nowhere else to look to for help.

agriculture,

There are also going to be horrendous cuttings in Federal funds for education, college scholarships, school lunch programs, Medicare, air traffic controllers, mass transit, even for meat inspectors who are trying to keep us from becoming sick eating the bad meat the beef barons would foist on us. They have even closed the Library of Congress on Sundays and evenings. This is almost the equivalent of burning the Library at Alexandria, since scholars come from all over the world to study the material in the Library of Congress, which does not circulate. Thousands of research projects may now be down the drain, since many researchers have to work during the day at other jobs in order to eat. (A grand total of \$500,000 is being saved by that move. I guess the military spends that in a few minutes.) Another \$350,000 a year is being saved by closing all the Smithsonian Museums at 5:30 p.m. daily. They used to stay open till 7:30 from May through September.

I'm sure anybody who can think realizes that the "deficit crisis" was deliberate. The President himself may have believed in the fairy tale of "supply side economics" once taxes were cut in 1981, but the people around him knew exactly what they were doing. To quote Richard Reeves in the Baltimore Sun, Senators Gramm and Rudman "have devoted their political lives to trying to reduce the federal government to nothing more than an external and internal police force."

The FEDERAL TIMES editorial of March 10, 1986, states: "Revenues were arbitrarily cut by President Reagan during his first year of office... The target was not to create a deficit but to create a frame of mind that would allow the administration to dismantle large portions of the federal government, some of which are highly valued by private industry... But, remember that some of the services have had to be provided by the government because private industry either refused to supply them or did an inferior job."

(more)

Read the history of what happened in this country between 1929 and 1937 for some examples of what the Federal government did not do under Hoover, and what it did do under F.D.R., when people needed help which could not be provided by either private industry or private charity. Nobody has had to go to the county poor house since 1936, but the way things are going that institution may be making a comeback. (Oh, yes, Hoover did do one thing. When the W.W. I veterans gathered in Anacostia Flat to ask for their bonus money, he sent General MacArthur down there to burn their tents and drive them out of town at bayonet point. Is it any wonder the Socialist Party received one million votes in 1932?)

They are even stating that Gramm-Rudman will force severe cuts in the ranks of the FBI, the Coast Guard and the Border Patrol. To say nothing of the financial losses to virtually all classes of pensioners outside of Social Security beneficiaries. Meanwhile, money continues to be pumped into the military. What price glory, Mr. President? How do you save a country with military might when its heart is dying?

The Supreme Court will probably throw out Gramm-Rudman as unconstitutional when they review the case in July. But, that will not stop the Radical Right from trying to dismantle the government. Fortunately, the Supreme Court is not the only line of defense. There will be an election in November 1986. This will give all the little people who are being so badly hurt a chance to give the President a message - that we're not going to throw the baby out with the bath as we settle the deficit "crisis." We want more attention paid to the Americans in the Center, and less to Central America!

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A SCIENCE FICTION STORY REVIEW

RAILFANS as well as regular SF fans will enjoy reading "The Iron Elephant," a short story by Harry Turtledove in the May 1986 issue of ANALOG. This is the latest of his "alternate world" series in which pre-human hominids (called "sims") and other prehistoric animals like woolly mammoths and sabre-tooth tigers survived in the New World, to be discovered by the Europeans in the 16th century. Earlier stories included one in which Samuel Pepys reports in his Diary how the English intellectuals in the Royal Society of the 1660's (including Newton and Halley) make an intuitive leap from a study of the sims to the theory of evolution, some two centuries earlier than happened in our universe.

In the current story, railroads have arrived in North America around 1790, as new thinking speeds up development. However, they are powered by teams of woolly mammoths controlled by mahouts the British imported from India. These creatures can pull much heavier loads than horses. The inevitable happens one day when the train pulls into the station to find the arrival of the first steam engine out of Boston. A race is set up between the team of elephants and the steam engine. I was expecting something like the race between the "Tom Thumb" and the white stallion here in Maryland, or perhaps a tragedy along the line of "John Henry and the Steam Drill." However, the authors puts a different twist on the ending, which I won't reveal here.

I believe this is the same Harry Turtledove who used to be a member of the Mensa Diplomacy SIG, and played Russia in a Swiss Dip variant game in DIPLOMAG and BUSHWACKER (1978V jc). He used to write under the name "Eric G. Iverson," which is why I didn't know anything about him, but he began using his real name in 1985. I voted his "Vilest Beast" (the first sims story) the best novelette of 1985 in ANALOG's annual readers' poll. I'll let you know how it fared when I see the results.

A COMIC STRIP QUIZ

Here are some questions for you, mostly on older comics. The prize for the most correct answers will be a year's sub to BUSHWACKER, or, if you're already getting BUSH as a Player or Trader, your choice of a copy of the "Diplomacy Chronology" & any two variants; or a copy of the 1986 NAVB Catalog (when available).

We will allow two months for the answers to come in. Deadline is May 31, 1986.

Part I. Going to the Dogs. Name the dogs owned by the chief characters in each of these comic strips.

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| 1. Dinglehoofer Und his Dog | 5. --- & Uncle Elbie |
| 2. Donald Duck | 6. The Phantom |
| 3. Little Annie Rooney | 7. Barnaby |
| 4. Blondie | |

Part II. Unusual Things. What was so unusual about:

1. The costume worn by The Dutchess in "Col. Potterby and the Dutchess"?
2. "The Little King"? (Besides his short stature).
3. Barnaby's dog?
4. The horse owned by Brick Bradford? (For an extra point, what was its name?)
5. The pet owned by Popeye? (For an extra point, what was its name? I mean its individual name - not the generic name of the species.)
6. What was the unusual pet owned by Tim Tyler when he was a member of the Ivory Patrol? (For an extra point, what was its name?)

Part III. Names:

1. What was the Lone Ranger's real surname?
2. What was Captain Midnight's real surname?
3. What was Jack Armstrong's rich uncle's name?
4. What was Captain Marvel's real name?

O.K., that's 17 questions, for a total of 20 points. For a tiebreaker, here's one more question. Which of these questions relates to a subject which was never made into a regular comic strip?

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IF ANYONE WONDERS WHY SWITZERLAND IS IMPASSABLE, you may wish to read the article on Switzerland in the March 1986 issue of The NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. Among other things, the article describes how the field of fire has been computed to the last centimeter in every mountain pass, and the necessary weaponry is set in place. I was amazed to learn that underground radiation-proof shelters have been built to hold about 90% of the native Swiss population in the event the balloon goes up. I don't think any other country in the world has developed nearly so much protection for its civilian population. Assuming that there was a limited exchange of nuclear weapons, and not a Nuclear Winter, it appears that the Swiss would come out of it better than anyone else, although there might be no one else left to sell watches and insurance policies to!

I saw some of the "Dragon's Teeth" fortifications on the Swiss frontier when I was a G.I. stationed in Germany in the 50's. A Swiss Army officer in my train compartment stated that they were still paying the bill for fortifications which were already obsolete. Apparently, a lot more fortifying has been done since then. These run all around Switzerland - not just on the side facing Germany. The Swiss don't want anybody to get the idea of making a quick gain via their space. So, I guess Calhmer was right.

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THE DOMINANCE RATINGS

Elmer Hinton has produced a player rating system called the "Dominance Ratings." I won't bore you with the technical basis for his system. I'll just say that he has now produced a second report, called Dominance II, which includes all games reported through EVERYTHING #65. I don't know how far back this Listing goes in counting games, but it has been pruned of deadwood, reporting only on the 189 players who are currently active (or were recently active) who have won at least one Postal game or played in two games which have been completed. The results are quite different from what has been reported under other ratings systems, such as "Dragon's Tooth."

In the Dominance I Listings, the Top Ten players were: 1. Dave McCarty, 2. Greg Fritz, 3. J. Punches, 4. Ron (Canada) Brown, 5. David Frick, 6. Stephen Wilcox, 7. Ichiro Matsumura, 8. Andy Lischett, 9. Steve Langley, and 10. Bert Schoose. (I've never ever heard of three of those people!). Dan Stafford (first on some other systems) was rated 22nd, and Kathy Byrne 97th!

In Dominance II, which includes more recent games, you will be surprised to learn that first place is occupied by - Elmer Hinton. Other top players are: 2. Dave McCarty. 3. Andy Lischett (+5), 4. Greg Fritz (-2), 5. J. Punches (-2), 6. Stephen Wilcox (-), 7. David Frick (-2), 8. Philip Redmond (+9), 9. Julie Glass Martin (+9!) and 10. Tom Graessle (+5). Dan Stafford is now rated 13th, and Kathy Byrne has gained 47 points to be rated #40. Com'on Kathy!

Since no Wins are shown for Kathy, and only 2 Wins for Stafford, it does not appear that this system has a very large database. In fact, no one on the list is shown to have more than 2 outright Wins. It may be that this system is useful for showing who is "hot" right now, whereas other systems usually show who has been on top over a period of the past 5 or 6 years. Ah, the mysteries of statistics.

This material appeared in FOUNDATION, which I think is the bimonthly publication of the Granite Archives. It carries no games, but reports on a lot of valuable information. No price is shown. To receive FOUNDATION, write to Elmer Hinton at 20 Almont St., Nashua, N.H. 03060.

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NEWS ON TURNABOUT DIPLOMACY, 1986C ca02.

"WINTER 1900"

In accordance with requests from certain players, the start of this game will be delayed until April 30, 1986. I had advised you that I would not start the game this month unless everybody said to go ahead and submitted orders. I do have orders for nearly everybody on file, but you will all have an extra month for diplomacy. You may change your orders if you wish.

Herb Barents will not be the #1 standby. That honor goes to David Anderson of Pontiac, Michigan. The #2 standby will be Tony Dousette of Richardson, Texas.

I failed to mention in print last month that I intend to use the Army/Fleet rules for Convoys here. If anyone needs a copy of the "Army/Fleet Rules Module," just drop me a postcard, and I'll send it to you. Note that the Miller No. Custodian has already given us a MN, which should be used from now on.

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Note the enclosed Ballot for the 1986 Runestone Poll. Please vote.

VACATION DIPLOMACY III (1985R rm39)

FALL 1904

FRANCE SHOT IN BREST BY NORDIGS. ONE-TWO PUNCH ROCKS RUSSIA. TRIESTE TURKS TRIPPED BY "TROLL." AUSTRIA BECOMES A GHOST COUNTRY. CRUISE SHIPS ALL HEAD FOR TYRRHENIAN.

Change of Address for Bill Young (GERMANY), until about July 1st: P.O. Box 676, Carnegie, PA. 15106.

ENGLAND (Wallace): A Norway-St. Pete. F Barents Sea (S) A Norway-St. Pete. F Sweden-Baltic Sea. A Denmark-Sweden. A/F MAC-Portugal (Space MAO was frozen for one year by play of Card #102 by Russia last turn. It will thaw in Sp. 1905.) F Irish Sea (H). F English Ch. (S) GERMAN F Picardy-Brest. F North Sea (H). VF Western Med. (S) GERMAN VF Calabria-Tyrr. Sea (NSO).

FRANCE (B. Wilson): A Paris-Burgundy. A Brest-Picardy /d/, (R) to Paris (only space open).

GERMANY (Young): (Playing 1 unit short). A Livonia-Moscow. A Prussia-Warsaw. A Silesia (S) A Prussia-Warsaw. F Picardy-Brest. VF Calabria (S) ITALIAN F Naples-Tyrr. Sea.

ITALY (Hoffman): (Playing 1 unit short). A Piedmont-Tyrol. A Venice (S) A Piedmont-Tyrol. VA Burgundy-Gascony. (Not identified as a "Vacation Army" last season). F Naples-Tyrr. Sea. F Spain(sc) (H).

AUSTRIA (Rice): A Galicia (S) GERMAN A Silesia-Warsaw (NSO). F Helgoland (H)(C.D.)

RUSSIA (Cheek): Play Card #87 against Russia (all Supports against Austria fail). (1 unit short). A Warsaw-Livonia /d/, (R) Ukraine (only space open). F Gulf of Bothnia-St. Pete. A Moscow (S) F GoBothnia-St. Pete. VF Portugal (S) ITALIAN F Spain(sc). A Budapest-Galicia. A Vienna (S) A Bud-Galicia (cut by play of Card #87 by Austria). F Rumania (H).

TURKEY (Kenry): A Trieste-Tyrol. A Serbia-Trieste. A Bulgaria-Greece. F Ionian-Tyrr. Sea. VF Tunis (S) F Ionia-Tyrr. F Albania-Ionian. F Black Sea (H).

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, VACATION DIP III, WINTER 1904: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

AUSTRIA:	TRIESTE, SERBIA	0 (-2), Remove 2
ENGLAND:	3 Home, Denmark, Ireland, Norway, St. Pete, Sweden	8 (--), No change
FRANCE:	PARIS, BREST, PORTUGAL	1 (-1), Remove 1
GERMANY:	3 Home, Belgium, Holland, BREST, WARSAW	7 (+2), Build 3 (was 1 sh)
ITALY:	3 Home, Marseilles, SPAIN, PARIS	5 (--), Build 1 (1 short)
RUSSIA:	Moscow, Sev, Budapest, Rumania, Vienna, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, WARSAW	6 (-1), No change (was 1 short)
TURKEY:	3 Home, Bulgaria, Greece, Tunis, SERBIA, TRIESTE	8 (+2), Build 2

GM's Comments: Austria is not out of the game, since it could be brought back to life by the play of Cards #34, 39, 39A, 74 or 83. Vacation units also remain on the board until annihilated. (Unfortunately, Austria's VF is in C.D.). Also, the Austrian player can play some of the cards dealt to him, and use them as bargaining chips. David Rice apologizes for NMR'ing last month. He will remain in the game.

Event Cards #4, 10, 73, 87 and 102 were played this year.

Players: Your next Event Card is: # _____

PRESS:

CONSTANTINOPLE COURIER: Turkish Paratroops dropped on Trieste (details in evening editions). (more)

CONSTANTINOPLE: My hat is off to Gary Floyd. Very good moves (for Italy) during your tenure, Gary.

ENGLAND to France: I must now help by German friend, whom I cannot afford to lose. I have kept all our agreements until this point. I hope we shall meet again, under more favorable conditions.

ENGLAND to Russia: Your philosophy may be "Don't jump on a man unless he's down," but I was always taught to help that man back up. I never took advantage of France's or Germany's NMR. I know who the real enemy of the board is. It is Russo/Turkish.

RUSSIA to England: "The dispensing of injustice is always in the right hands."

MOSCOW: Let the meek (or Cheek) inherit the earth. They (he) have (has) it coming to them (him).

PARIS: Thank God the Italian idiot is gone. Too late, but thanks anyway.

ROME to World: A recent fire in the diplomatic archives resulted in the loss of all diplomatic correspondence for the last four years. Please be so kind as to send copies. Thankyou. ((from the new Italian ruler)).

ENGLAND to Italy: Welcome. I hope it will be obvious to you that the real enemy to world peace lies to your east. I hope you will be willing to join Germany and England in ridding the world of this menace.

ENGLAND to Turkey: I never get an answer to my letters anymore. Did you move?

ENGLAND to Germany: Thanks for your faithfulness. My letter-writing was sparse, due to pressures at work and at home.

DEADLINE for WINTER 1904 adjustments will be WEDNESDAY, April 30, 1986. Phone deadline is Tuesday, April 29th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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L'IMPERIALISME II-B, 1984H xm16

WINTER 1917

KRUPPS FACTORIES GO ON STRIKE

Change of Address for Kevin Kozlowski (IBERIA), effective 25 April 1986:
3207 Woodside Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21234.

		<u>Current Strength</u>
AUSTRIA (Dancause):	Build A Budapest, A Rumania	12 (+1) (was 1 unit short)
ENGLAND (Keller):	NRR. F's dislodged from Edi & London removed by GM	2 (-2)
FRANCE (B. Wilson):	No change	2 (-)
GERMANY (Cheek):	NBR. Will play 1 short	7 (-) (was 1 short)
IBERIA (Kozlowski):	Build A Madrid, F Lisbon, F Angola	19 (+3)
ITALY (Anderson):	Remove dislodged A Vienna, and A Greece	6 (-2)
TURKEY (Baty):	No change	5 (-)

PRESS:

AUSTRIA to Italy: Don't you wonder why nobody listens to you?

NAPLES (Advt.): Italian weapons on sale. Excellent condition. Fired once and then dropped.

TURKEY to "Greater Germany": I will soon be travelling to Munich and Berlin. Why is it that I need to get diplomatic permission from Vienna? (more)

Bob Cheek's NBR for Germany appears to have been a fluke, as he got his orders in for his other two games. Therefore, I won't ask for any back-up orders for Germany. If Mark Keller does not submit orders for England for Spring 1918, that two-Center Power will go into Civil Disorder. If anyone else wants to submit some orders for England, they may do so.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1918 orders will be WEDNESDAY, April 30, 1986. Telephone deadline will be Tuesday, April 29th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11)

WINTER 1948

WE PLAY ONLY ONE SEASON

FALL 1948 Revisited: There was an error in the game report. The CHINESE move F Norway-Finland(nc) succeeded, (S) by USA F West Arctic Ocean. Accordingly, RUSSIAN F Finland (nc) was dislodged and Annihilated. GERMAN A Sweden-Norway then succeeded, per Rule IX, 7 of the 1971/77 Rulebook.

The USSR SC Count is "2 (-3), Remove 1. (1 short, 1 annihilated)."

CHINA still has just 13 Centers, but owns FINLAND, not Norway.

GERMANY now owns NORWAY. SC Count is "10 (+1), Build 1?"

Players were notified by mail on March 14th. Consequently, there has been a request for separation of seasons, which has been granted.

See Change of Address for Kevin Kozlowski (CHINA) under L'Imp. II-B, above.

		<u>Current Strength</u>
CHINA (Kozlowski):	Build A Chungking, A Peking	13 (+2)
FRANCE (Brockmeier):	No change	5 (-1) (1 annihilated)
GERMANY (Baty):	Build A Munich	10 (+1)
USSR (Rautenberg):	"Remove F Finland(nc)." This was anni- hilated. GM removes F North Sea.	2 (-3) (1 annihilated, was 1 short)
U.S.A. (Cheek):	Build A Washington	12 (+1) 0

PRESS:

USA to France: "Don't you understand the nobility of revenge? Even I don't turn the other Cheek! ."

USA to Ivan: "Everything is funny as long as it happens to somebody else."

BUSHWACKER: CHICAGO Headline: "Fred Davis drafted; Army will never be the same!"

HEADLINE for SPRING 1949 orders will be WEDNESDAY, April 30, 1986. Telephone deadline is Tuesday, April 29th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. I have tentative orders on hand from France, Germany and USSR, which may be changed if you wish.

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PLAYERS ARE REMINDED to write their orders for each game on separate sheets of paper, and to write on only one side of the page. It's also important to show the game's name, or at least the Miller No., and your country's name as well. There was some confusion in some sets of orders submitted this month, including one where I had to cut the order sheet in half to file them separately. Like most GM's, I keep a separate folder for each game, and check off your names each season as the orders arrive.

PLUG - THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT. We've recently received our first copy of this zine, which is published by Bob Acheson, P.O.B. 4622, Sta. SE, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T6E 2A0. It has very clean typography, and features several Canadian jokes. There are several openings in Gunboat Diplomacy and Anarchy. The sub fee is 5 issues for "two Yankee dollars." The Game Fee is another \$2.00.

Anarchy is a game where every SC is occupied by a player in Spring 1901. In one version, there are 34 players with one Center each. In another, there are 17 players, each owning two Home SC's (not adjacent). Bob is signing people up for both, albeit it may be a bit difficult to find 34 players. Looks like he has 13 people signed up already. He's also offering slots in "Stonehenge Dip." set in Britain shortly after the Romans left; and in the Cline 9-Man Variant. Recommended.

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Bill Quinn, Boardman No. Custodian, has announced his imminent retirement from that post. He will be succeeded by Steve Heinowski, 12034 Pyle, Oberlin, Ohio 44074. Steve is now the apprentice BNC. He and Orphan Service Director Jim Burgess are taking a survey of all zines and GM's to locate lost or abandoned games, and to make a full record of all currently running games in N. America. Every pubber and GM should be hearing from Steve or Jim soon, even if you are running only a single game. If you are not on the ZINE REGISTER (such as if you're running a single game in an untitled report), please drop Steve a line so he can make a record of your game.

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KAISSA is Elmer Hinton's main zine. He has openings in Regular Diplomacy, and in Cline 9-Man IV, as well as in his new large Economic variant, DiProduction (which requires 21 players). There is also an excellent News column, plus reviews of several zines. Subs are 8 issues for \$10. or 12 issues for \$14. His address is: 20 Almont St., Nashua, N.H. 03060. Incidentally, the latest issue of his FOUNDATION carries the start of his Granite Archives list of Dip zines, showing what Elmer has on file for the letters A-F. This is an alternative source to Larry Peety for copies of old zines. (Both gentlemen have Catalogs of what's available). You can obtain a copy of FOUNDATION just by sending in a 22¢ stamp.

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NEXT MONTH, I hope to be able to give you the publication date for the 1986 Issue of the North American Variant Bank Catalog. Right now, it looks like May 15th is it.

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