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This is the 182nd consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Diplomacy Variants. This is being brought to you by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted between 7 and 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 12 Noon to 9:30 p.m. weekends, Eastern Time. Since there is no guarantee that I'll be home, please submit your orders by mail except in emergencies.

People are reminded to use our new address. I'm still receiving material which was mailed to Clairidge Road. This delays your mail an average of three days.

*Diplomacy is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer, and Copyright by the Avalon Hill Game Co. of Baltimore, Md. This zine is named for my comic strip character, "Bushwacker," whose picture, in combat uniform, is on the masthead. I was only in the 6th grade when I created "Bush," and didn't know how to properly spell the word. However, I note that Sears, Roebuck also spells it without an "h" in their garden tool ads. Between 1941 and 1948, "Bush" defeated many a foul fiend while zooming around the Solar System in his spaceship. He also suffered unfortunate mishaps due to things like forgetting his parachute. When the time came to name my zine, I resurrected him, as I'd intended to have a 40's and 50's theme here. I reprinted some of the comic strips in early issues, until the humane society begged for mercy, and I have occasionally run a bit of nostalgia, such as articles on the old movie serials, but these days about the only bit of 40's and 50's you see here are my old-fashioned abbreviations for the States.

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GAME FEES: \$9.00 Flat Fee for newcomers, \$8.00 for current readers. STANDBY FEE: \$5.00 for newcomers, \$4.00 for the rest of you. For your Fee, you receive copies of the rules/maps for your game(s), plus receipt of BUSH for the duration of the game. There is NO sub requirement to have to keep track of. Saves both of us a lot of work. Members of the Mensa Postal Diplomacy SIG receive an additional \$1.00 discount.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are also available for non-players, at the rate of 12 issues for \$6.00. Sample copies are 50¢. We also Trade with many other zines on an all-for-all basis.

GAME OPENINGS: There is a problem with Balkan Wars III. I haven't heard from two of the starting players. If someone wants a starting slot, I may be able to give it to you. Write or phone me immediately. See Balkan Wars inside for later info. I'd like to offer Ancient Empires III, Character Dip., or the 5-man Woolworth II-D as the next game. One person signed up for Ancient Empires, but in the confusion of unpacking I misplaced that note, so please tell me again, whoever you are.

We also need Standbys for Turnabout and Vacation Dip rather badly. We will now give a Standby slot to a current reader for \$2.00, or \$3.00 to a newcomer. Also, let me know if there is some other variant game which you'd like to play.

WE RETURN TO HOWARD COUNTY

A few of our older readers may remember that we wrote an article "On Moving to Howard County" when we first came out to this area in February 1974. In it, we pointed out that the area had been mostly rural until around 1969, when the new city of Columbia began to grow. We complained that there was virtually no public transportation, and joked about riding to hounds.

There is still no public transportation, but a few things have changed in the ensuing 13 years. The five County Commissioners are now elected on a district basis, to balance the western rural interests against the urban giant of Columbia, which now has nearly half of the county's population. Columbia gets two Council seats, Ellicott City gets one, the East County U.S. 1/I-95 corridor one, and the western area, which contains over 50% of the land area, has the 5th seat for its own. So, everyone gets a chance to speak at the Council sessions. The term "Ellicott City" has been enlarged by the Post Office to include all addresses in the ZIP Code 21043 area. In the U.S. 40/I-70 area, this goes a tremendous way out into the boondocks. If you try to find us on the map, we are not in the dot indicating the historic Ellicott City mill town (site of the oldest R.R. station in the U.S.). Rather, we are up on U.S. 40, about 4 miles west of Baltimore Beltway Exit 15, in what is called the Normandy Woods Apartments. From our third floor windows, we have an excellent view of some genuine woods. How much longer they'll escape the developer's bulldozer I don't know, but at least for the moment there is a real woods out there. Fortunately, we are far enough away from Route 40 that we don't hear the traffic.

This area is properly called "Normandy Heights." There is a branch Post Office quite near us, and a shopping center across the street. In a pinch, we could actually do something as un-American as walk to the stores. My Dad lived in an apartment up near Rte. 40 from 1974-77. We thought he'd be able to walk to the supermarket, but his arthritis was too bad.

Howard County is the second smallest Maryland county, in size, and the only one which doesn't touch a state line or the Chesapeake Bay. It's roughly triangular in shape, with its base adjacent to Baltimore County and BWI Airport, and its apex just 16 miles from Barbara Fritchie's Frederick. It was named for Revolutionary War hero John Eager Howard. It has an excellent school system, which is the main reason why we moved back here. We can still use the same shopping centers in the western edge of Baltimore Co. which we've always used, and get into Baltimore City fairly quickly, but the high schools here are as different from the one in Woodlawn which Kevin would have had to have attended as night is from day.

We don't have as much room to put up visitors as we had at the house, but if two of you come together, we'll take you to the famous Brown's Motel on U.S. 40, which is a prewar "tourist cabin" construction with a big sign saying "Two people for the price of one." They put that sign up because the travelling salesmen kept trying to bring in their ladyfriends in their cars' trunks. I guess the owner felt sorry for the poor girls. As long as you can write "John Smith" on the register, you can have a room for one or two for the same \$28 rate. It's also the only motel within four miles of Normandy Woods!

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FACING ADVANCING OLD AGE, he never should have run for a second term as President. He could have retired after one term, beloved by his countrymen, secure with all of the honors he had accrued. Tragically, things began to fall apart in his second term. There was rising unemployment and an unbalanced budget. His memory began to fail him, and certain politicians and military men took advantage of this condition...

Oh, who did you think I was writing about? I was only commenting on the status of Paul von Hindenburg, President of Germany under the Weimar Republic, 1925-1934. (La plus ça change, la plus le même choisit).

GOOD NEWS ON THE FLYERS

The first piece of good news is that Avalon Hill has agreed to again insert the PBM flyers in the new Diplomacy sets. Thankyou, Tom Shaw! This new flyer will use the P.O. Box of DIPLOMACY WORLD (i.e. Larry Peery) as the contact point. This is a permanent address, which will not change as long as either Peery or someone else in the Southern California area produces D.W. It was important to have a permanent address, since these flyers sometimes produce responses many years later.

I don't believe there will be any effort to put flyers in any older boxes already on the market. However, the second bit of good news is the current stock of Diplomacy sets is quite low, so the next printing will be undertaken almost at once, perhaps even in January. So, the sets containing the flyer should be on store shelves within a comparatively short time. New blood should be coming into the hobby very shortly.

The third good news item is that Ken Peel and Simon Billenness have created a second flyer for bringing word of Postal Diplomacy, designed for posting in game and hobby stores. There was to be a field testing in a few shops in New York City, Pittsfield, Mass., and Washington, D.C., and then copies were to be made available to all hobby members who could volunteer to bring them to their local gamestores.

Each of you must know of the location of at least one or two quality game and hobby shops in your area. I mean mostly independently owned stores, where the owner or manager is aware of the gaming hobby, and permits the occasional posting of such notices. (Obviously, there is no point in trying to communicate with the giant chains, like Toys 'R Us and Kiddie City). I'm going to ask each of you to contact Ken Peel and ask him to send you two copies of the flyer. (You can always make more photocopies yourself). Then, go to such shops and see if the owner or manager will let you post a copy somewhere in the store. Keep going back to make sure the flyer doesn't get removed, and, if it does, put up another one. If there are several Diplomats in your area, you could divide up the territory, so you don't duplicate your efforts. You can also use the Yellow Pages to locate shops which you may not be familiar with. This way, everyone can help the Postal hobby to grow. You can also post or distribute copies at club meetings, SF and game cons, schools, libraries, etc.

I was hoping to reprint a reduced copy of Ken's flyer here, but in my move I seem to have misplaced my copies. In any case, Ken Peel's address is: 8708 First Ave., #T-2, Silver Spring, Md. 20910.

I wish to congratulate Ken and Simon for performing one of the most useful acts that the Postal Diplomacy hobby has seen in quite some time. Also, much thanks to the several people who wrote to Avalon Hill requesting the reinstatement of the game box flyer. While Ken and Larry Peery did most of the negotiating, there were also several more of us who put our 2¢ in.

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NEWS FROM BRITAIN

THE NEW ASST. MILLER NO. CUSTODIAN for the British Isles (U.K. & Ireland) is: Martin Lewis, 95 Vicarage Rd., Watford, Herts. WD1 8EJ, ENGLAND. (Replacing Peter Sullivan). I have already contacted Martin to insure that he has the NAVB Catalog.

THE 1986 BRITISH ZINE POLL RESULTS ARE OUT. This year, the Poll went back to including only British and Irish zines, with the Continental Europeans running their own poll. After a big debate, it was decided to also include any zines written outside of the British Isles by Brits, where the bulk of the readers are in the U.K. BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY was the only zine in that category in '86, I believe. (more)

The winner of the 1986 Poll was HOME OF THE BRAVE, by Geoff Challenger, 117 Shrubbery Rd., South Darenth, Kent, DA4 9AP. Second place went to my favorite British zine, DOLCHSTOSS, by Richard Sharp, 27 Elm Close, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 5DD. You may wish to consider a Trade or Sub to either of these, to see how things are going across the pond.

Other top finishers were: 3. THING ON THE MAT, 4. TAKE THAT, YOU FIEND, and 5. DENVER GLOUT. I found THING "incomprehensible." I'm not familiar with the other two. I was disappointed to see that my second favorite British zine, BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY, finished 41st. B.R.'s only fault is that it doesn't come out often enough, but most of this has been outside the control of its publisher, Malcolm Smith. (Crashed programs, a move from Belgium to Norway, lost mail, a folding publishing service; in short, almost everything bad which you can imagine happened to Malc in '86). I can still recommend a Trade or sub, as this zine is more similar to American zines than most British ones. Write to Malc at: Odvar Solbergsevi 206, 0973 Oslo 9, NORWAY.

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Letter from Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA. 92024:

Here I am, writing again. This time, a belated response to "Where Is Everyone?" (Part IV). You may want to consider my ruminations "Part V".

While SETI is an ingenious idea, I don't know why anybody would even expect a "hit". We can hardly expect anything like a clear signal for one thing. For another, we're going to have to assume that an intelligent signal may in fact not look like one to us. Language conditions signaling, and it's more than likely that another intelligent race is going to be physically quite different, and therefore have a vastly different system of "language". SF writers have also speculated that an advanced, star-travelling civilization might also develop a way of communicating that bypasses the electro-magnetic spectrum. The existence of so-called "virtual particles" (subatomic particles which fill "empty" space with as potential only, and flit in and out of existence as parts of subatomic transactions) suggests this is entirely possible. Furthermore, a technological society could go directly from wire-transmission to laser tight-beaming and thus never radiate a signal we could pick up. All in all, it seems to me that there are so many variables and probabilities that we shouldn't expect to pick up anything even if the galaxy is teeming with earth-like planets. We could even still be alone (or virtually so). That is a theme we find in SF: the galaxy of Frank Herbert's "Dune" novels, for instance, contains only one intelligent race (apparently): Man. Ditto, the universe of Asimov's "Empire". We would expect life on every Earth-like planet; intelligence is another matter (although what "intelligence" is has never really been defined & we're likely not to understand it as a universal concept until we start running across different manifestations of it) (which we may have done: who is to say, yet, that whales [e.g.] aren't "intelligent"?).

A lot depends, too, on whether life tends toward articulate intelligence. We assume that "intelligence" (whatever it is) is tied in to the "large brain". This is to some extent a fallacy, since some of our most brilliant thinkers have had relatively small brains. Nevertheless, the growth of a large brain is part of the evolutionary story of our species. And there does seem to be a certain evolutionary trend toward big brains in other animals. Aquatic mammals have developed big brains (although we're not sure why). Dinosaurs showed a trend toward larger brains in certain smallish bipedal carnivores, some of whom at the end of the Cretaceous had brains as large as any birds of comparable size. Is this an evolutionary trend we can expect to see elsewhere? Nobody can say for certain yet. The great pity of the porpoises, perhaps, is that they developed big brains but no hands.

There is also the possibility that if there is an evolutionary trend in the direction of "intelligence," it's not merely a random occurrence. Some cosmologists, such as Teilhard de Chardin, believe there is such a trend, and he imputes it to divine intelligence and intervention. I find myself in certain agreement, although I disagree in the sense that the record indicates that the cosmic tinkerer can never be certain of results. A large brain can

be put to many uses besides the construction of a technological civilization, so that aspect of our existence may be pure accident. ...

((Re: FTL travel, in our own or alternate universes...))

A favorite speculation along this line, and in sf, is "another dimension"--by which is meant a universe with more dimensions than our own. Say, 4 dimensions. The problem is, this isn't a 3-dimensional universe but a 10-dimensional one (not counting the 11th dimension, time). The other 7 dimension don't exist in perceptible real space, but exist, coiled in upon themselves, in the sub-atomic plane. The latest writing I've seen on this subject proposes that a coherent space-and-matter universe can't exist with more than (nor less than) 3 spatial dimensions; that a "4-dimensional" universe would, if it existed, be incoherent and chaotic.

Of course, we have to be careful in saying "such-and-such a thing is impossible". But the old sf fantasy of "endless possibilities" so popular in sf may ultimately get closed in by the hard realities of existence. For instance, we're still not finding any clear mathematical indication of the possibility of the "hyperspace" with which sf writers have been so long gleefully cheating the speed limit of the Einsteinian universe. We can still hope, of course, but that doesn't lay reality under any obligation. As you say, Fred, new discoveries are in fact being made all the time, but none of those I've read about are particularly encouraging in the way you and I would probably like them to be. In fact, the one consistent theme of the new knowledge is that the universe is not the way we have imagined (nor hoped) it would be.

((Thankyou, Rod. I, too, believe that the universe has been programmed to bring forth life on all suitable planets at the appropriate time. I would like to believe that this programming is set up to yield intelligent life, but this has not been established except in one small spot in our galaxy. I would also like to believe that there is a reason for this creation of intelligence, but it is obvious that any such reason is beyond our understanding at the present time. If there is a reason, it is certainly not one of the parochial ones relating to the enhancement of any one particular group on Planet Earth, as claimed by so many traditionalists.

In any case, contact with other intelligent life forms may not be possible until or unless we develop some sort of telepathy. Since we can think ourselves to Jupiter or another star instantly, thought waves may not have to obey the inverse square or speed of light laws imposed on all other forms of matter and energy.))

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PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION RELIEF AUCTION PRESENTS ITS THIRD AUCTION

In an effort to help finance the various Diplomacy hobby projects, the PDO has risen from the dead to offer its "WINTER 1987" Auction. A list of 72 different items have been donated for bidding. These range from game openings and zine subs to phonograph records, a New York Mets pennant, and a poster of the Statue of Liberty. There is even a free registration and accommodations for PerriCon VII in August 1987!

Catalogues can be obtained by sending a SASE to either John Caruso, 29-10 164th St., Flushing, N.Y. 11358; or Simon Billewess, 630 Victory Blvd., #6F, Staten Is., N.Y. 10301. (I guess Canadians can just write for one). Some zines may have room to print the complete Catalogue. In any case, please mail all bids, showing the item numbers, to John Caruso. Do not send money. High bidders will be notified that they have won, and will then be asked to pay. The deadline for submitting bids is Feb. 28, 1987, so please hurry. Good luck.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I have received a copy of the lists of the most common Boys and Girls Names as they were recorded on their birth certificates in the years 1950 and 1983. As you know, I've been providing lists of the most common first names and surnames on the Postal Diplomacy Census for about the past 8 years, so I thought you might like to compare this with the National statistics. (These figures are only for the U.S. It's interesting to see that boys' names are still overwhelmingly Anglo-Saxon, while girls' names have become more French and Irish.)

The "1950" names are in the right era for many of our postal players, who seem to have debarked on this planet mainly between 1945 and 1965. The "1983" list may be typical for most of our own offspring.

				(All dropped from or new to Top 50 except where indicated)	
<u>BOYS</u>				<u>GIRLS</u>	
<u>1950</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1983</u>
1. Robert	(-17)	Michael	(+1)	1. Linda	Jennifer
2. Michael	(+1)	Matthew	@	2. Mary (-32)	Sarah
3. James	(-17)	Christopher	(+42)	3. Patricia	Jessica
4. John	(-13)	Brian	(+35)	4. Susan	Amanda
5. David	(--)	David	(--)	5. Deborah	Nicole
6. William	(-28)	Adam	@	6. Kathleen	Ashley
7. Thomas	(-25)	Andrew	(+40)	7. Barbara	Megan
8. Richard	(-37)	Daniel	(+9)	8. Nancy	Melissa
9. Gary	#	Jason	@	9. Sharon	K/Catherine (+5)
10. Charles	#	Joshua	@	10. Karen	Stephanie
11. Ronald	#	Ryan	@	11. Carol(e)	Elizabeth (+29)
12. Dennis	#	Nicholas	@	12. Sandra	Lindsay
13. Steven	(-6)	Jeffrey	(+22)	13. Diane	Rebecca
14. Kenneth	#	Eric	@	14. Catherine (+5)	Erin
15. Joseph	(-1)	Justin	@	15. Christine	Amy
16. Mark	(-10)	Joseph	(-1)	16. Cynthia	Michelle (+30)
17. Daniel	(+9)	John	(-13)	17. Donna	Jamie
18. Paul	(-23)	Robert	(-17)	18. Judith	Heather
19. Donald	#	Steven	(-6)	19. Margaret	Rachel
20. Gregory	(-27)	James	(-17)	20. Janice	Kelly
21. Larry	#	Jonathan	@		
22. Lawrence	#	Brandon	@		
23. Timothy	(-2)	Aaron	@		
24. Alan	#	Anthony	(+7)		
25. Edward	#	Timothy	(-2)		
26. Gerald	#	Benjamin	@		
27. Douglas	#	Mark	(-10)		
28. George	#	Kevin	@		
29. Frank	#	Sean	@		
30. Patrick	(-7)	Nathan	@		

"Change" refers to up or down on the list of the first 50 names between 1950 & 1983.

= No longer on the list of the Top 50 names in 1983.

@ = Was not on the list of Top 50 names in 1950.

Except for the two ^{names} indicated, none of the Top 20 girls names of 1950 remained on the Top 50 in 1983. And only three of the Top 20 of 1983 were anywhere on the Top 50 list in 1950. Thus, there has been almost a revolutionary change in feminine names, while the change in masculine names is merely evolutionary.

(more)

In boys names, note the disappearance of old standards like Charles, Donald, Ronald, Edward, George and Frank. Richard, Thomas and William have taken a beating. Even James, John and Robert have fallen in favor. Only David, Michael and Joseph have held their own in the Top 20 over three decades.

Many of the new top boys names seem to have a biblical connotation. Names starting with a "J" have suddenly become popular. Jason, Joshua and Justin are names which were virtually unused in the first half of the 20th century. Brian, Eric, Kevin, Ryan and Sean represent a strong Irish or Celtic influence. (We'd selected "Kevin" as a possible boy's name when we got married because it was a rather rare name at the time, but our Kevin didn't arrive until some 15 years later, by which time it had become quite common).

By the way, Fred has now become an uncommon name, too. It was still listed in 38th place in 1950, but has now disappeared from the list. Funny thing, it was never common any place where I lived. Until about four years ago, I could have said that in my lifetime I'd had only one friend also named Fred.

I'll leave the mystery of the almost total change in girls' names to someone with more knowledge in that field, except to say that I think the movies and TV have had a lot to do with the changing fashions. When my son started school, it seemed as if every third girl in his class was named Jennifer, Michel or Rachel, so the trend began long before the 1980's. I was surprised to find the "old" name of Elizabeth so popular. It was also surprising to see how many old favorites have completely disappeared from the Top 50 now, including Ann, Beverly, Joan, Kathy and Shirley, all of which were quite common in "my day." I had learned while working for Social Security that certain names were associated with certain decades, or quarter-centuries, and this continues to be true. Our names do go out of style as we get older, alas.

My thanks to Bruce Linsey for sending me the press clipping which inspired this article, from the Berkshire Eagle. Sorry, Bruce, your name has also dropped (from 34th on the 1950 list) to beyond the Outer Limits.

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BALKAN WARS III - 1987A pb06 (First Miller No. of '87!)

STATUS REPORT

This gamestart will be delayed. Russ Wallace has disappeared, so his position as RUMANIA will be reassigned to Bruce Geryk, 5748 S. Blackstone Ave., #206, Chicago, Ill. 60637. (That's a school address).

The SERBIAN situation is still up in the air. At this point, I don't know whether it is going to be played by Phil Dancause, Ralph Baty, or someone else. (Ralph is somewhere in transit between West Berlin and San Diego, and can't be reached). If anyone else will plunk down his \$8 or \$9 immediately, I will give him that spot, at once. Phil, please let me hear from you within the next ten days, or I can't hold the position for you.

So, we'll have to postpone the starting deadline to March. I'll let all the players know as soon as we get a confirmed player for Serbia.

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I am due to have cataract surgery on my right eye sometime in February. I don't know the exact date yet, but it will be sometime after Feb. 11th. I may allow for a longer deadline in March, to allow sufficient time for my recovery. However, everyone says that cataract surgery is now a milk-run operation. Most people are back to driving in one week, and engaging in most other activities except heavy lifting after two, so I don't see any problem in manning this typewriter.

TURNABOUT DIP - 1986C ca02

FALL 1903

AUSTRIA SEES RED AS BALKAN ARMY ADVANCES. SLAVS SLICE INTO TURKEY. SPANISH AND ARAB FLEETS BATTLE TO STANDOFF IN MED. IRISH RULER DISAPPEARS.

BALKANS (Dousette): (7)(6 units) (Replacing Brockmeier). A Bosnia-Austria. A Hungary (S) A Bosnia-Austria. A Rumania-Sofia. A Macedonia-Athens. F Milan (ec) (S) F Naples. F Naples (S) F Milan(ec).

BENELUX (R. Brown): (6) F North Sea-Skag. F Copenhagen (S) F North Sea-Skag. A Rhine-land (S) F Copenhagen. A France-Aquitaine. A Luxembourg-France. A Prussia (S) SLAV A Austria (It tried to move).

IRELAND (Wallace?): (7) NMR. A England (H). F's Channel, Hebrides, Lapland, MAO, Norwegian Sea and Scotland all (H).

MID-EAST (Stewart): (5) A Central Med disembarks Sicily. F Central Med-Tyrr. Sea. F Eastern Med-Central Med. F Libya (S) F East Med-Central Med. A Turkey (H) /d/, may (R) Cauc, Dam, Mac or Mesop.

SCANDINAVIA (Cheek): (3) F Oslo (S) F Skag. F Skag (S) F Oslo. A Stockholm (S) F Oslo.

SLAVS (Cruickshank): (5) A Austria-Bosnia /d/, may (R) Galicia or Switz. A Sofia-Turkey. F Black Sea (S) A Sofia-Turkey. A Warsaw-Riga. A Kiev-Rumania.

SPAIN (Rice): (6) F Morocco-Lisbon. A Languedoc-Milan. F Gulf of Lions (S) A Languedoc-Milan. F Tyrr. Sea-Central Med. F Algeria-Western Med. F Tunis (U) (H).

PRESS:

SPAIN to Ireland: Do you break every agreement, in every game you play? I must be dense to have trusted you so long.

SCANDINAVIA to Benelux: The more people proceed by plan, the more effectively they may be hit by accident.

SCANDINAVIA to Slavs: If you wish to form a clear judgement of your friends, consult your dreams.

SCANDINAVIA: Don't ponder the meaning of my press too long. That way lies insanity!

WARSAW, Oct. 4, 1903: The King of Poland today formally declared war on the "Balkan Barbarians." Reserve units have been mobilized, Slavic tourists have been asked to leave Sofia, and gouloush has been banned.

BALKANS to World: Greetings to all! We have a new govt. here, and therefore wish to establish friendly relations with all powers, especially those who will help us get the Slavic boot off our neck. We might even become friends of the damned Beneluxians, if they would cease their interference in Austria. ((More later))

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, TURNABOUT, WINTER 1903: GAINS, LOSSES

BALKANS:	3 Home, Austria, Hungary, Naples, MILAN, RUMANIA	7, Build 1 (-), 1 annihilated
BENELUX:	3 Home, Copenhagen, France, Rhineland	6, No change (-)
IRELAND:	3 Home, England, Iceland, Scotland, Vineland	7, No change (-)
MIDDLE EAST:	3 Home, Libya, Mesopotamia	5, No change (-)
SCANDINAVIA:	Oslo, Stockholm, Archangel	3, No change (-)
SLAVS:	3 Home, Muscovy, Turkey, RUMANIA	6, Build 1 (+1)
SPAIN:	3 Home, Algeria, Languedoc, MILAN	5, Remove 1 (-1)

Russ Wallace has not been heard from since October. Ireland did not NMR in Spring 1903 only because he'd submitted advance moves with his Winter '02 orders. I am (over)

going to ask Craig Reges, 16 W 761 White Pines Rd., Bensenville, Ill. 60106, to submit orders for IRELAND for WINTER 1903, and to take over the position unless Russ returns.

Fred Chang has advised me that he no longer has the time to participate in this game, since he has joined Vacation Dip III. Craig Reges was the next standby on the list. Usually, it would be silly to play only the Winter season when there are only three adjustments and two Retreats to make. However, I want to give Craig a chance to negotiate. However, if no one objects, and every player submits orders for both Winter 03 and Spring '04, we will play both seasons. Craig, even though Ireland has no changes to make in Winter '03, please drop me a line ASAP, and let me know whether you'd prefer to have the separation of seasons. * Cheek didn't do this

DEADLINE will be MONDAY, February 9, 1987, in any case. Telephone deadline will be Sunday, February 8th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

BALKANS-Ireland: We have arrested a young Englishman named Winston Churchill, whom we suspect is a terrorist member of the British Republican Army (BRA). He was, interestingly enough, apprehended in the company of V. I. Lenin, a follower of the radical English economist, Adam Smith. We are unable to account for Lenin's whereabouts at this time, but we expect that someone (certainly not us!) has smuggled him by boxcar into Amsterdam to get revenge for the Beneluxian support of the cowardly Slavs into Austria. Since we have little sympathy for the BRA burners and bombers, we will hold Churchill until we receive your request for extradition.

BALKANS to Slavs: King Ludwig sez: "If you don't back off, we'll smuggle Mata Hari (by boxcar) into your bedroom - then you'll be sorry!"

((This is only part of the excellent "Worlds of If" press Tony Dousette wrote for Turnabout. More, next month, on a space-available basis.))

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VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39

SPRING 1907

ENGLISH & ITALIAN UNITS ANNIHILATED IN 3-WAY BATTLE AS TUSCANY AND TYRRHENIAN CHANGE HANDS. GERMANS & RUSS BATTLE TO DEADLOCK IN EAST. NEW ENGLISH KING GETS ORIENTED, BUT RUSS SPOIL CORONATION BY TAKING EDINBURGH. AUSTRIA GAINS A SUPPLY CENTER!

ENGLAND (Chang): A St. Pete-Norway. A Sweden (S) A St. Pete-Norway. F Livonia-St. Pete. F Eng. Channel-London. F Brest (H). F NAO-Norwegian Sea. (8)(8 units) (1 short) VF Tuscany-Gulf of Lyon /d/, Annihilated. F MAO (H) (in C.D.)
FRANCE (Wilson): (0). Sends Christmas card.
GERMANY (Young): F Belgium-Holland. F Denmark-Skag. A Warsaw-Ukraine. A Moscow (S) (8)(8 units) A Warsaw-Ukraine. A Prussia-Warsaw. A Silesia-Galicia. A Bohemia (S) A Silesia-Galicia. A Munich (S) A Bohemia.
ITALY (Hoffman): F Tyrr. Sea-Gulf of Lyon /d/, Annihilated. A Piedmont-Tuscany. (5)(6 units) A Rome & A Venice (S) A Piedmont-Tuscany. VA Gascony-Burgundy. F Mar-seilles reads world's greatest books (H) (in C.D.)
AUSTRIA (Rice): VF Baltic-Denmark. VF Helgoland returns from C.D. and steams (0)(2 units) into North Sea.
RUSSIA (Cheek): VF Sardinia-Gulf of Lyon. F North Sea-Edinburgh. A Vienna-Bohemia. (5)(7 units) A Galicia (S) A Vienna-Bohemia. A Ukraine (S) A Galicia. A Sev (S) A Ukraine. VF Spain(n.c.) contemplates contemplation (E).
TURKEY (Kenny): VF Tunis-Western Med. F N.Africa (S) VF Tunis-Western Med. F Ionian-Tunis. F Sicily-Tyrr. Sea. F Calabria (S) F Sicily-Tyrr. F Eastern Med-Ionian. F Aegean (S) F Eastern Med-Ionian. A Tyrol-Bohemia. A Con-Bulgaria. A Serbia-Bud. A Trieste drinks Slivovitz looted from Bud (H).

VACATION BIP III (Cont.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Paul Kenny (TURKEY), has returned to 426 Allison Apts., Marlton, N.J. 08053. Bill Young (GERMANY) should be back at his King of Prussia address by the last week of January. He will be "on the road" between Arizona and Rhode Island starting about January 16th, so don't expect any immediate replies.

PRESS:

BUDAPEST BULLETIN: Silvovitz stock skyrockets as sales soar. Bear market on booze, thanks to Ottoman visitors.

RUSSIA to Austria: When the multitude detests a man, inquiry is necessary. When the multitude likes a man, inquiry is equally necessary.

GOTLAND NEWS: Austrian Fleets vacationing in area, seen going home. Stated they will visit Copenhagen in the Spring.

GOTLAND to World: Have card #82. Will consider any offer.

Craig Reges is now the only Standby we have for the game. Help, help, anybody!

DEADLINE for FALL 1907 will be MONDAY, February 9, 1987. Phone deadline is Sunday, Feb. 8th, at 9:00 p.m.

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More Height of Idiocy Scenes:

The person who won't go to Europe because "it's too dangerous," who then goes to New York City instead.

"An eager young zealot of the radical right describing a female politician: 'She looks like a lesbian, so she must be a Democrat.'" - contributed from an actual event by Tony Dousette.

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