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This is the 185th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Diplomacy Variant games, and whatever else I feel like writing about. This has been inflicted upon you by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted daily between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time, except between 6 and 7 p.m. Since there is no guarantee that I'll be home, please submit your orders by mail except in emergencies. This phone number used to belong to the Howard County recruiting sergeant, and you'd be amazed at some of the calls we've received!

*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 a comic strip character I created back in the 6th grade. That's his picture, loaded for bear, on the masthead. (Historians can date his creation - and my age - by recalling that the U.S. Army continued to use this W.W. I style helmet to the end of 1942).

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GAME FEES: \$9.00 Flat Fee for newcomers; \$8.00 for current readers. STANDBY FEES: \$5.00 for newcomers; \$4.00 for everyone else. No sub requirement to keep track of. For your Fee, you receive copies of the maps/rules for your game(s), plus receipt of BUSH for the duration of your games, providing you don't drop out. Mensa Diplomacy SIG members receive an additional \$1.00 discount here.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are available for non-players, at the rate of 12 issues for \$6.00. A subber who wants to get into a game can apply the unexpired part of his sub to his game fee. Sample copies are 50¢. We also Trade with many other publishers on an all-for-all basis.

GAME OPENINGS: This seems to have narrowed down to two games for the next start. They are Character Dip (6 players), and Woolworth II-D (4 players). Three of the people signed up for both games are the same people, so I suppose it doesn't make much difference to them. In any case, I need a little more time, to see if one of the current games shows signs of reaching beyond the mid-game point before starting another one. Since I have six players for "Character Dip", I'd like to start that one next, if anyone would care to announce himself as the seventh player.

This issue contains reports on VACATION DIP III (1985R rm39), TURNABOUT (1986C ca02) and BALKAN WARS III (1987A pb06).

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IN SOME CASES, last month, we only mailed readers copies of the Runestone Poll Ballot, without the Cancer Society contribution letter, because of weight problems. We did not want to print the two forms back-to-back, since in theory they were to go to two different sources, and every issue which contained both went over the one oz. weight limit and cost me an extra 17¢. If anybody wants a copy of the "Diplomacy Alliance Against Cancer" letter, please send me a postcard and I'll be glad to mail you one,

ORIGINS '87 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ORIGINS will be held in the Baltimore Convention Center and the adjacent (via a second level walkway) Hyatt Regency Hotel, from Thursday, July 2, to Sunday, July 5, 1987. Registration is \$20. if you sign up by May 31; thereafter it will be \$25. You must be pre-registered to sign up for specific events. The Diplomacy Tournament will consist of two rounds, starting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. Sun. Registration is \$2. The designator is "NYO1". Robert Sacks and John Boardman will host and run this. Bring a Diplomacy set, if possible.

At 7:00 p.m. Friday night, I will offer to run up to four sections of the SkinnyDip variant. As this has only 22 SC's, we hope to finish by 11 p.m. Registration for this bit of nuttiness is only \$1.00, and the designator is "NYO3." To insure we have enough pieces, please bring a couple more sets. Wooden blocks only! Death to stars and anchors. We're planning to give out certificates for the first three places and 7 best countries. If my brain can't handle all this at once, be sure I have your addresses, in case I have to mail these later.

There will also be a Diplomacy Seminar at 7 p.m. on Saturday, to be followed immediately by a "Diplomacy Hobby Meeting" at 9. There is no charge for these events, called "NYO4" and "NYO5," respectfully. They will probably be in the same room, and are open to everyone. The catalog says "May discuss services, groups, tournaments, zines, controversies." I will be glad to provide straight low-key information on the Variant Bank and the Mensa Group, and can provide some info on DIPLOMACY WORLD.

To get a copy of the catalog, write to: ORIGINS, P.O. Box 15405, Baltimore, Md. 21220.

Hotel rooms will be \$70/night single or double, \$80 triple or quad, at the Hyatt; \$59 flat rate at the Days Inn for 1-4 people (with free parking). Further details, including a room matching service, in the flyer. There are no food packages, but both fast food and fancy dining are available across the street in Harbor Place. Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the hotels, unless you request the room matching service. The Days Inn, at 100 Hopkins Pl., Baltimore 21201, is your best bet if you want to do it on your own. Be sure to mention you're with the convention to get these reduced rates. A one night's deposit is required, and a two-night stay is the minimum stay permitted. Major credit cards may be used to secure a reservation. Their phone no. is (301) 576-1000.

Hopefully, we'll be seeing some of you in Baltimore.

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AWARDS DEADLINE DELAYED

The finalists have been selected for the Miller, Walker and Koning Awards. Larry Peery will be mailing out copies of the ballots shortly, perhaps even before BUSH arrives. However, with the delay in getting the ballots published in as many zines as possible, the deadline for voting will be postponed to July 6, 1987. Therefore, it will not be possible to announce the winners at DipCon on June 6th.

I will be displaying some of the plaques at both DipCon and at ORIGINS, so if you're curious about what the perpetual and individual plaques look like, you'll get a chance to see them at both locations. However, I won't be able to formally present any of them to any winners who may be in Baltimore in July.

WHAT DO THE NUMBERS MEAN? ((Miller Numbers, that is))

From time to time, newer players ask "Where do the numbers come from?" for Variant games. The short answer is, "From the Miller No. Custodian," but that's only part of the story. In the Beginning, every variant had its own designator. The late Don Miller began this system by assigning a lower case letter to every game; thus, the very first game classified, a 3x3 Team game, Turkey omitted, became "a". This was added to the end of a Boardman-type number to indicate a specific game. This system began to break down after the number of known variants passed the 150 mark. Nobody could remember what the letters stood for. Several variant buffs worked on coming up with a system under which the games would be classified into different categories. The final breakdown was done by Rod Walker when he took over the North American Variant Bank around 1980. There are now 22 categories. The first letter of each game's designator represents the Major category. The second letter is the subcategory.

Within each subcategory, each game is numbered in accordance with the order in which it is received in the Bank. This does not necessarily match the order in which a game was designed or published. The final number for each game simply indicates how many players are in it. So, if the first major category is "A" for Ancient Period, and the first subcategory under Ancient is "b" for Britain, the first game in the Ancient Britain subcategory is "ab01/07" (a 7-player game). The last two numbers do not have to be shown when identifying a game.

Because Walker was publishing a zine called ARDA for the NAVB, and used some issues of the zine to print the Bank's Catalogues, there was a tendency to call the designators "Arda Numbers." However, the correct title is "N.A.V.B. Catalog Numbers," or CN's for short. (I call my catalogs by the shorter name, to distinguish them from the "Catalogues" put out by Walker and the United Kingdom Variant Bank).

The Miller No. Custodian is kept abreast of all of the new games added to the Bank. If he receives a request for a specific number for a new game which is not in the Catalog, he sends a copy to the Bank's Custodian for proper classification. This is why a copy of every new design should be sent to the Bank. Other variant banks in England, Germany, etc. also collect new designs in their areas, and pass them on to the NAVB for classification. The NAVB also mails new designs to the other banks. Thus, everyone uses the same system.

Many designs, such as Youngstown, Mercator and Downfall have had many, many versions, often designed by different people. The Bank tries to issue a new Mark No. for each version. Occasionally, the revision will be so minor that the symbol "R", for "Revised," will be added to the previous mark, instead of using a new Roman number. Frequently, the first version of a game will be a draft, which was found to have several flaws. The higher Mark Nos. will usually be better designs. In Youngstown, however, Mark IV and Mark VI were found to be the best for ten players. Subsequent versions merely added more or different Powers, ending up with a global version called Youngstown XII.

Some categories are very broad, such as "D", Africa, and "E", Asia & Middle East, since there are few designs in those areas. Others are quite restricted. There are four different Major categories for Europe, for instance, based on different time periods, since Europe is still the most popular scenario. Most Fantasy games are listed under "F," but Tolkien designs are so common that it has its own Major category, "T". The NAVB Custodian is authorized to establish new categories as needed. Usually, this is done ^{only} after consultation with the MNC and other Bank Custodians.

I took over the NAVB Custodianship from Rod Walker in November 1985. Copies of the 1986 NAVB Catalog are available from me @ \$3.00, postpaid.

- Fred Davis

WE ENTERTAIN AN ENGLISH VISITOR

Roberto Della-Sala, of Watford, England, spent two days with us as his first stop on his trip to America on March 24-26. Unfortunately, the airline insisted on routing him in via Washington National Airport, and out via Dulles, so we had a lot of driving to do. However, this gave Roberto a chance to see more of our countryside, and of downtown Washington traffic, as well. We dragged him off to the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Baltimore's Harbor Place, as we had other friends from Chicago visiting town for just that one night. We enjoyed their outside elevators and the great view from their rooftop cocktail lounge. By the time we got Roberto home it was 11:30 p.m. here, or 4:30 a.m. London time, so he had no trouble falling asleep on our living room couch.

I gave Roberto my patented one-day tour of Baltimore, in which we hit four museums in a row, including the B & O Railroad Museum and Ft. McHenry. Our services are available to others, too, but you'll have to buy us dinner. I think we fed him rather well. Inge even went out and bought some kippered herring, so he'd feel at home. Shrimp and seafood were also on the menu. Roberto may return to the States to attend a university next year. From here, he went on to Little Rock, San Diego, and New York City. So, he'll surely be familiar with this country if and when he becomes a student here.

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ZINES DEAD AND ALIVE

COSTAGUANA is not dead! We're very happy to report that Conrad von Metzke has decided to continue publishing, after a 3-month hiatus. The only catch is that there will be no more Trades, except for special cases like the BNC and MNC. Everyone else is requested to subscribe. Conrad has suggested that everyone send in \$5.00 now, to get the finances straightened out, and his "Treasurer," Doug Brown, will advise you later on the status of your sub. Believe me, COSTAGUANA is worth whatever the subscription price turns out to be. It was voted Number One on the 1986 Runestone Poll, and will probably be in the Top Three again this year. So, send in \$5.00 (or more) to Conrad, at: 4374 Donald Ave., San Diego, CA. 92117. Ask him if he can start it with Vol. XI, No. 7, so you can see the fantastic postwar Austrian stamps on the cover. These stamps, all designed by the same artist in 1946, are truly extraordinary as symbols of Europe's recovery from the dark night of Nazism.

EUROPA EXPRESS is dead. We're crushed to see the end of Gary Coughlan's zine, which was voted No. 1 on both the Runestone and Marco Polls for a number of years, and came in second in 1986. However, Gary felt that he no longer had the time to produce the zine properly. He has refunded all subscription fees. I will especially miss his World War I Chronology, which had reached March 1917. Hey, Gary, will you check to see if anyone else would like to finish the job? (I'd also given Gary a copy of my W.W. II Chronology - far less detailed - which he was going to run next. Maybe that could also be picked up by someone with more pages to spare than BUSHWACKER.)

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POSTAL RATE INCREASE IS COMING

According to the FEDERAL TIMES, there is going to be an increase in postal rates in 1988. The First Class rates will probably rise to either 23¢ or 25¢ for the first ounce. Usually, the politicians try to avoid a postage increase in election years, but under Gramm-Rudman they may have no choice in fiscal '88. Chances are they will try to put the new rates into effect as early in the year as possible, hoping that people will have forgotten about it by November.

MYSTERY OF THE MISSING SETS SOLVED

Canadians have reported a disappearance of the Waddington's "original" Diplomacy sets from store shelves. One report noted that only Avalon Hill sets were in stock in his area. Now, the GAMES BY MAIL BARGAIN LETTER, published by Andrew Webber, provides the solution:

"Old-fashioned Diplomacy may be alive and well in Canada. Waddington's version is being revised. We know they're changing the box, and believe that's all. It will be back in print in two months (they tell us), and we'll let you know. If you're on back order, we'll fill your orders as soon as we can. Our price is \$26.00 (\$23.40 US to Americans) postpaid." Their address is: Games by Mail, P.O. Box 98, Sta. "D", Toronto, Ont., CANADA M6P 3J5.

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CURIOUS STATISTIC. Just noted in EVERYTHING #71 that Game 1984H, which has just ended in a two-way E/F Draw, had five different GM's in the course of its 13 game years. It started in Jim Bumpas' LIBERTERREAN, which was later taken over by Kevin Kozlowski. Jim Burgess, the Orphan Game Custodian, ran the Spring 1912 season, and then handed the game over to Howard Christie (STAB-BACK). One turn later, Howard folded and gave most of his games to his father, Hugh Christie, who finished the game in his OVER THERE. Is the use of 5 GM's a record for a Regular game?

NEW ORPHAN GAME CUSTODIAN. Effective immediately, the new Custodian is Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Ensenitas, CA. 92024. Scott Hanson (BIG HITS) will remain as his assistant. Go get 'em, Rod!

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WE VISIT FLORIDA

After an absence of three years, we again visited Orlando, Florida, and went to several of the attractions down there. We're happy to report that EPCOT Center is better than ever, with the completion of "The Living Seas" exhibit, and some updating elsewhere. Don't miss "Energy," "Horizons" and "Land of Imagination" if you're there. But don't waste your time standing in line to see "Captain EO," the 25-minute film which ripped Disney off for \$50 million. It's utterly ridiculous. Try to go on a Tuesday, Wed. or Thursday, and try to get there when the gates open at 8:30 or 9 a.m. The parking situation gets horrendous after 11.

There was an unusually cool spell for several days (for Florida), with temps rarely going over 80° F. It was too cold to swim for 3 consecutive days. We did miss a lot of damp, raw weather in Maryland. The ironic thing is the weather warmed up here the day we returned, and was actually warmer on Tuesday & Wednesday than on any but one day of our visit to Orlando.

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I've included a press clipping on MAIL FRAUD on the next page, since this is a mail hobby, and you may be interested in knowing your rights. We have had about two known cases of mail fraud in the Postal hobby in the past 16 years. (One fellow in North Carolina collected a huge amount of game fees, published about three issues of a zine called CARPETBAGGER, and then disappeared with the dough). Fortunately, most publishers who fold are conscientious about refunding subscription monies. Nevertheless, we are still in a caveat emptor world.

Mail Fraud Information

from the U.S. Postal Service:

Misleading or inaccurate solicitations aren't illegal, said Jack E. Swagerty, the assistant chief inspector, criminal division, Postal Inspection Service, in an interview.

To violate the law, he pointed out, a solicitation has to violate either the criminal mail fraud statute or the postal false representation statute.

Thus, one problem facing his operation is deciding if a particular solicitation is merely confusing (in which case it's protected from prosecution), or an actual violation of the law (in which case it isn't).

"To prove mail fraud, we must show that the defendant used the mails as an essential part of an intentional scheme to defraud," Swagerty explained. "To prove false representations, we must show that an attempt was made to obtain money or property by mail through mis-

representation of a fact."

Mail fraud can include false billings, offers of nonexistent products or merchandise and other ruses. False representation can include chain letters, fake charities, bogus diet and nutritional products, "cure-alls" and offers of nonexistent jobs or land.

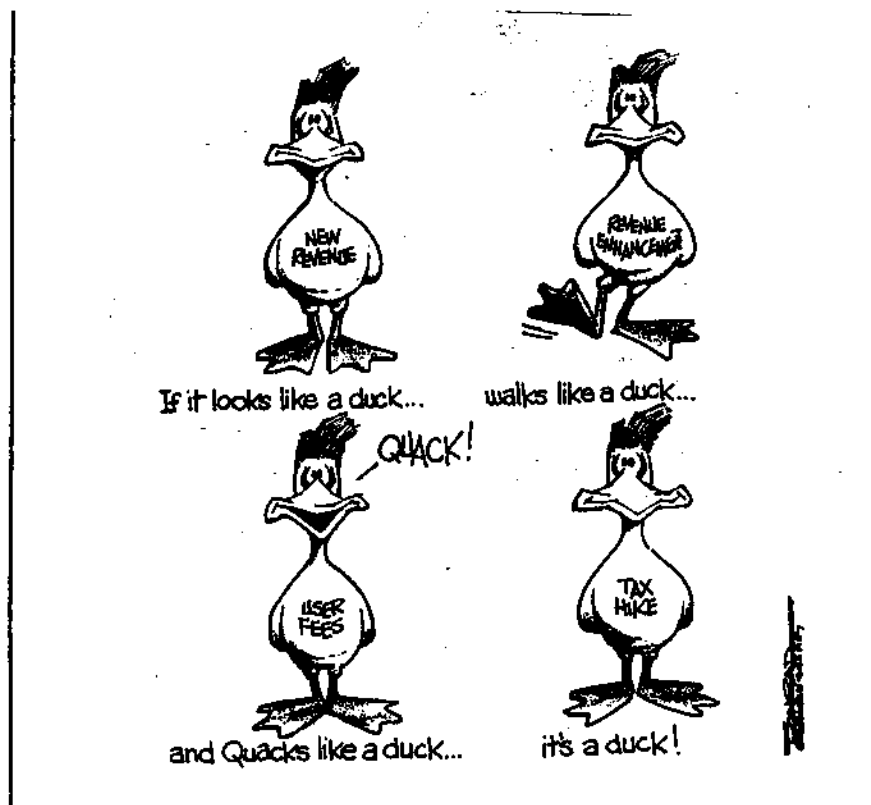
Where there is reason to believe that either statute is being violated, an investigation begins. If a violation is identified, enforcement action is taken. In mail fraud cases, the results of the investigation are presented to a U.S. attorney. If a defendant is convicted, he or she could be fined, serve time in prison or both.

In the case of misrepresentation, an investigation could result in a cease and desist order.

The law, however, doesn't permit the postal service to require refunds to victims. Nor can legal action be taken against a solicitor because mailings confuse some recipients.

- AARP News Bulletin, Vol 28, No. 4, April 1987

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- Federal Times,
April 27, 1987

VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39

FALL 1908

GERMANS TAKE BOHEMIA, BUT CAUGHT IN CROSS-FIRE IN MOSCOW. RUSS TEMP ARMY LEADS CHARMED LIFE IN VENICE. TURKS JOIN RUSS IN DESCENT ON ITALY. ENGLISH HOLD OFF INVASION, HELP AUSTRIANS TO GO HOME. FRANCE RISES FROM THE DEAD.

NOTE: Bill Young (GERMANY) will be vacationing in England for the next couple of weeks, and therefore out of touch. He will return about May 23rd. Don't worry, he's made sure he won't miss the next move.

ENGLAND (Chang): F NAO-Ireland; F Wales-Irish Sea. F Liverpool (S) F Wales-Irish Sea. (8)(7 units) F Brest (S) AUSTRIAN VF North Sea-Eng. Channel. F Livonia-Baltic Sea. (1 short) A St. Pete-Moscow. A Edi (H).
 FRANCE (Wilson): Plays Card #39A to create French VA in Persia. VA Persia-Armenia. (0)(1 unit)
 GERMANY (Young): F Holland-North Sea. F Norway-Norwegian Sea. A Munich-Bohemia. (7)(6 units) A Silesia (S) A Munich-Bohemia. A Moscow-Ukraine. A Warsaw (S) A Moscow-Ukraine. Plays Card #98 making Iceland passable, and a SC. (1 short)
 ITALY (Hoffman): A Rome-Tuscany. A Venice (S) A Rome-Tuscany /d/, Annihilated. (6)(6 units) F Naples-Tyrr. Sea /d/, (R) to Rome, Apulia or Calabria. A Tyrol-Piedmont. VA Gascony-Belgium (IMP). A Marseilles twiddles its (1 short) thumbs (H, in C.D.).
 AUSTRIA (Rice): VF North Sea-Eng. Channel. VF Norwegian Sea-Hebrides Sea. (0)(2 units)
 RUSSIA (Cheek): TA Tuscany-Venice. VF Gulf of Lyon-Piedmont. A Bohemia-Silesia /d/, (6)(8 units) Annihilated. A Vienna-Tyrol. A Sev-Moscow. A Ukraine (S) TURKISH A Galicia-Warsaw. F Hebrides-Irish Sea. VF Spain (S) TURKISH VF MAO.
 TURKEY (Kenny): F Ionian-Naples. F Tyrr. Sea (S) F Ionian-Naples. F Aegean-Greece. (10)(10 units) F Con-Aegean. A Galicia-Warsaw. A Rumania-Galicia. A Trieste (S) (1 short) RUSSIAN TA Tuscany-Venice. VF MAO (S) RUSS F Hebrides-Irish Sea. F N.Africa (S) VF MAO. F Tunis-Western Med.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, VACATION DIP III, WINTER 1908: GAINS, LOSSES

AUSTRIA:	(None)	0 (-), No change
ENGLAND:	3 Home, Brest, Ireland, St. Pete, Sweden, NORWAY	7 (-1), No change (was 1 short)
FRANCE:	(None)	0 (-), No change
GERMANY:	3 Home, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Warsaw, MOSCOW, NORWAY	9 (+2), Build 3 (was 1 short)
ITALY:	Rome, Piedmont, Marseilles, Paris, NAPLES, VENICE	4 (-2), No change Remove 1 (1 annihilated) (was 1 short)
RUSSIA:	Sev, Portugal, Spain, Vienna, VENICE, MOSCOW, RUMANIA	5 (-1), No change (1 annihilated) TA now (S) by a SC.
TURKEY:	3 Home, Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia, Sicily, Trieste, Turin, NAPLES, RUMANIA	12 (+2), Build 3 (was 1 short)
NEUTRAL:	Iceland	

Austria and Russia each have 2 Vacation units. France, Italy & Turkey have 1 each. England & Germany do not have any Vacation units. There are now 38 SC's, so the V.C. is now 20. The Italian F Marseilles comes out of the deep freeze in Spring 1909.

PRESS:

TUNIS TIMES: The Ottoman Fleet which was docked here for so long has been suffering from an illness incurred from the female Austrian comforters imported from Vienna. Not only have many Turkish sailors been removed from the line for treatment, but it has been discovered that the birds of Vienna carry the same social disease! Therefore, our Doctors have named the new disease "Cherpees."
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ARABELA ((That's in Armenia these days)): Darius Lives!

VOTES ON THE NEW DECK: There was only one "No" vote on Proposition 1, to reshuffle the Deck after Fall 1909. Therefore, this passed by a vote of 6-1. There were two "No" votes on Proposition 2, to add the new cards I've designed to improve the game. That proposal fails, since I said the vote to do that would have to be unanimous. Too bad, since I think it would be a better game with generic rather than specific Event Cards, but you're the ones paying the freight. This month, you're still getting cards from the original shuffle. Next month, we'll start over. You may still wish to keep track of which cards are being played, as it appears that Vacation Dip will go on for some time. We've already agreed that it will not end after 1912.

The following cards were played in 1908: 39A, 42, 80, 83, 85, and 98.

Your next Event Card is: # _____

The next DEADLINE will be WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1987, as we work our way back to the end of the month. This will be for WINTER 1908 only, but you may submit tentative orders for Spring 1909, if you wish. The telephone deadline will be Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. (Monday will be a holiday in the U.S.).

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BALKAN WARS III - 1987A pb06

FALL 1911

ITALY HAS A NEW RULER, BUT WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED TO RUMANIA? TURKS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GREEK "OPEN DOOR" POLICY. ALBANIANS GET THE BOOT. SERBIA SCORES.

ALBANIA (Hess): A Montenegro-Bosnia. A Skopje-Valona. F South Adriatic-Trieste
(3) /d/, may (R) to Montenegro, Tirana or North Adriatic.
BULGARIA (Dousette): A Constantinople (S) GREEK F Smyrna. A Sofia (S) SERBIAN A
(3) Nish-Bucharest. F Varna-Constantssa.
GREECE (Cheek): F Smyrna (S) BULGARIAN A Constantinople. A Salonika-Plovdiv.
(3) A Athens (H).
ITALY (Baty): F Ionian-South Adriatic. F Apulia (S) F Ionian-S. Adriatic.
(3) A Trieste (H).
RUMANIA (Geryk?): NEIR! A's Constantssa and Galati (H). A Bucharest (H) /d/, may
(3) (R) to Bessarabia or Transylvania.
SERBIA (Kenny): A Croatia-Belgrade. A Nish-Bucharest. A Oltenia (S) A Nish-
(3) Bucharest.
TURKEY (McHugh): A Arda-Plovdiv. F Scutari-Const. F Mediterranean-Crete.
(3)

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, BALKAN WARS III, WINTER 1911: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ALBANIA:	3 Home	3 (-), No change
BULGARIA:	3 Home, CONSTANTINOPIE	4 (+1), Build 1
GREECE:	Athens, Salonika, SMYRNA, CRETE	3 (-), No change
ITALY:	3 Home	3 (-), No change
RUMANIA:	Constantssa, Galati, BUCHAREST	2 (-1), Remove 1
SERBIA:	3 Home, BUCHAREST	4 (+1), Build 1
TURKEY:	Scutari, CRETE, CONST. , SMYRNA	2 (-1), Remove 1

Steve Smith, 1964 Kenilworth Cir. E, Hoffman Estates, Ill. 60194, is requested to submit back-up orders for RUMANIA, in case Bruce Geryk doesn't return. I wish to thank Ralph Baty for taking over ITALY. This game has been plagued by drop-outs. I wish I knew why. For the record, I'll repeat Ralph's address: 4551 Pauling Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92122.
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BALKAN WARS PRESS:

ROME: Ralph Baty, the newly selected leader of Italy, is glad to leave his San Diego vacation retreat and take over the heavy burden of Italian sovereignty. He is distressed to learn that war is rampant among his friends and neighbors. We respectfully request that the Turkish, Serbian and Albanian units which have moved adjacent to our borders kindly move back in respect to the peaceful intentions of the new Italian ruler.

BUSHWACKER: ... and I have some oceanfront property in North Dakota for sale!

GREECE to Italy: A man who doesn't trust himself can never really trust anyone.

BULGARIA to Serbia: When? How'd we manage to survive that mess?

Normally, this game's rules require the combination of the Winter and Spring seasons, which can result in the Spring orders being a big surprise. However, we have a new Italian player, some doubt as to who will be the Rumanian player, and two retreats to handle, so I'm going to make an exception for 1911. Playing just Winter will allow Italy and Rumania to catch up. This will probably be the only time we do this.

When we have combined seasons, I will allow players to make their Builds and Spring orders contingent on where a unit retreated to after a Fall season. It would simplify things if you would include a potential Retreat order in Fall for every unit threatened with dislodgement, so they could be published with the Fall moves. Remember, we're using Just's Right-Hand Rule to adjudicate Spring Retreats where no (R) orders are on file and more than one space is open. So,

DEADLINE for WINTER 1911 adjustments will be WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1987. Phone deadline is Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 p.m. Monday is Memorial Day.

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TURNABOUT DIP - 1986C ca02

WINTER 1904

		Current Strength
BALKANS (Dousette):	No change	7 (-)
BENELUX (R. Brown):	Build A Amsterdam	7 (+1)
IRELAND (Reges):	No change	7 (-)
MID-EAST (Stewart):	No change	5 (-)
SCANDINAVIA (Cheek):	No change	1 (-2) (2 annihilated)
SLAVS (Cruickshank):	A Dam (R) Jordan, N.C.	6 (-)
SPAIN (Rice):	Build F Lisbon	6 (+1)

PRESS: (Spring '05 on next page)

JORDAN, April 21, 1905: Bewildered Polish soldiers, most unsure as to how they ended up in this hot, dry land, continue to wander the streets in a daze. A typical comment was, "Well, last thing I remember we were putting down Russian rebellions in the Caucasus Mountains, and then all of a sudden we're in the desert."

Many soldiers have reportedly been migrating to Palestine, hoping to blend in with the Polish Jews whom the Warsaw government have permitted to emigrate of late. The commanding general of the Polish troops in Jordan has been quoted as saying he wishes to return to Warsaw to unscramble the situation there, where the leaders have gotten turned around on who their friends and enemies are.

SCANDINAVIA to Spain: There are no friends at cards or world politics.

SCANDINAVIA to Benelux: It is odd how vanity supports the man who succeeds, and ruins the man who fails. (more)

TURNABOUT - SPRING 1905

BALKAN FORCES ATTACK FROM PRUSSIA TO TURKEY. IRISH KNOCK SPANISH OUT OF MAO, STRIKE THEM IN AQUITAINE. MIDDLE EAST LOSES LIBYA, TRIPS INTO TURKEY.

- BALKANS (Dousette): A Austria-Prussia. A Hungary-Austria. A Bosnia and A Milan (S) (7)
A Hungary-Austria. A Sofia-Turkey. F Naples (S) A Milan.
F Adriatic-Athens.
- BENELUX (R. Brown): F Stockholm-Finland. F Copenhagen-Baltic Sea. A Prussia-Copen- (7)
hagen. A Switz. (H). A Rhineland and A France (S) A Switz.
A Amsterdam-Luxembourg.
- IRELAND (Reges): A England-Aquitaine. F Channel (C) A England-Aquitaine (Fast (7)
Perry), (Results in establishment of A/F Channel). F Lapland-
Archangel. F Oslo-Norwegian Sea. F NAO-Vineland (legal move, as
Vineland is a Box). F Bay of Biscay-MAO. F Cork (S) F Bay of
Biscay-MAO.
- MID-EAST (Stewart): F Gulf of Isk.-Turkey. A Damascus (S) F Isk.-Turkey. F Eastern (5)
Med.-Jerusalem. A Mesop.-Caucasus. F Libya (H) /d/, (R) Alex-
andria (only space open).
- SCANDINAVIA (Cheek): A Archangel (H). (1)
- SLAVS (Cruickshank): A Jordan-Jerusalem. F Turkey-Aegean. A Riga, A Warsaw and A (6)
Galicia (S) BALKANS A Austria-Prussia. A Caucasus (S) BALKANS
A Sofia-Turkey.
- SPAIN (Rice): F Vineland-NAO (Vineland is a Box). F MAO-Bay of Biscay /d/, (R) (6)
Western Med. (per Rt.-Hand Rule). F Tunisia-Libya. F Central
Med. (S) F Tunisia-Libya. A Languedoc-Aquitaine. F Lisbon-MAO.

MORE PRESS:

BALKANS to Benelux: Just remember, Athens to Antwerp was your idea!

AMSTERDAM to Sofia: When our troops liberated France, they discovered, in a house lit with red lanterns, a woman who claimed to be related to a "Ludwig of Bulgaria." She is being held under house arrest in a Swiss ski lodge while her claims are investigated. If interested in more details, let us know.

BUSHWACKER. BALTIMORE, May 9, 1905: At a garden party held yesterday at the Warfield Mansion, Mr. Warfield's new partner, George Windsor, introduced his oldest son, David, to little Wallis, the Warfields' daughter. Someone was heard to gush, "Wouldn't they make a lovely couple?" Of course, probably nothing will come of this, since the Windsors have some skeletons in their closet, which have prevented their being fully accepted by the very conservative and proper Baltimore society. The current war in Europe has exposed some shocking stories about the Windsors.

SCANDINAVIA to Slavs: 'To betray, you must first belong.

DEADLINE for FALL 1905 is WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1987. If a Canadian Postal strike should begin, I hope that Ron Brown and Alan Stewart can phone in their orders, to keep the game going. I've heard this strike could begin as early as May 1st. Or, they may wish to appoint U.S. proxies, as the last strike lasted some 41 days. Keep me informed, guys. Our papers carry very little news about Canada. The phone deadline will be Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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The next page will be blank because with our usual brilliance we have wound up with an 11-page issue. Please turn to the back page.

BASEBALL WARZ FOLLOW-UP. I would like to make one correction in my predictions, published here last month. In the American League East, I wish to predict that the Toronto Blue Jays will finish second, and the Boston Red Sox third, instead of vice-versa. These words are being written before Opening Day, so they are not being affected by whatever may have happened in the first two weeks of the season.

The Milwaukee Brewers certainly tore up the American League in the first two weeks, but I still can't see them finishing better than 4th or 5th.

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SMALL WORLD INVESTIGATION. Social scientists in North America performed the experiment of giving a volunteer a message, and asking him to try to get that message to a "target" person somewhere on the continent strictly by going through a chain of first name acquaintances. That is, your friends are asked to forward the message through their friends, etc. The messages got through 48 times out of 100! The amazing thing is that the messages that got through used an average of only 5 to 6 intermediaries. In other words, two Americans who have never even heard of one another may be connected by a surprisingly close social network.

Excerpted from THE ODDS ALMANAC. While the report does not say so, I would guess that the experiment was biased by using only middle-class or higher volunteers, and ignoring minorities or "poverty pockets." The same source claims that the "average person" has about a thousand first-name acquaintances. This would be lower in Europe, where people are much more reluctant to go onto a first-name basis. I wonder how many first-name acquaintances the average Postal Diplomacy player has?

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Revised Date for Launch of the Hubbell Space Telescope: November 17, 1988. This is subject to still further delay in the ongoing NASA scandals and ineptitude.

Another Height of Idiocy Scene: Demanding that we switch back to coal for power, without checking the radioactive emissions of coal furnaces (higher than that for nuclear plants), or bothering to read about the number of coal miners killed each year in mine cave-ins or from black lung disease.

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INSTRUCTIONS: You may rate any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy of which you have seen at least two issues since April 1, 1986, and which has been published in 1987. Rate each zine on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible vote, 10 the highest). No fractions, please. Do not rate your own publication. Please rate North American zines only, though any readers living outside North America are welcome to participate.

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1987 RUMESTONE ON POLL BALLOT

Please list ONs alphabetically by surname, going down the columns.

Vote	ON's Name	Vote	ON's Name	Vote	ON's Name

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CONTEST FOR GERMAN DIPLOMACY SET

Yes, I would like to try and win the free, brand new German Diplomacy game!

Print neatly:

Name

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The zine I predict will win the 1987 Rumestone Poll is

Rules

1. You must vote in the Poll and correctly guess the winning zine to be eligible for the prize.
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3. The winner's name will be published in The Green Shall Rise along with the Poll results.
4. People involved in collecting ballots for the Poll (Bruce Liney, Nelson Heintman, and David Caw) are not eligible to win.
5. The winner will be notified and allowed, at his or her discretion, to take a U.S. Diplomacy set or a \$30.00 cash prize in lieu of the German Diplomacy set.

Send your ballot to Bruce Liney, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226 (USA) or to Nelson Heintman, P.O. Box 203, Bownessville, NY 14026 (USA). Deadline for votes to Bruce is June 27, 1987. Deadline for votes to Nelson is June 20, 1987. All votes will be held in strict confidence. A voter list will be published again this year.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE POLL RESULTS BY MAIL, check this space and enclose \$1.00 U.S. (to Bruce Liney) with your ballot. The results publication is called The Green Shall Rise; it will contain an in-depth statistical analysis of the voting and such more. Publication date will be in July.

Indicate one way in which you participate in the North American Diplomacy hobby

(sub to Zine III, play in game 1986IT, etc.)

Signature

(If your ballot isn't signed, or I can't tell who you are, it will not be counted!)

Print your name neatly

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Dear Friends,

I don't have to tell any of you how desperate the need is for a cure to cancer. Almost all of us have experienced the pain of witnessing the cancer death of a relative or friend. Some of us have been blessed by the sight of a relative or friend being healed with skilled care and powerful medicine -- opportunities that did not exist just a few years ago. Please think back for a moment about that person you know who had to struggle with cancer -- struggle to live, to understand, to cope. Consider that much of their pain and yours came from feeling helpless. Now I ask you all, in the name and memory of that person, to read on and think about a simple, quick, and practical way of showing your love and helping to fight cancer.

This year's Runestone Poll is launching a pledge-drive to raise urgently-needed funds for the American Cancer Society. To support the work of the Cancer Society, simply take one or more of these quick steps: (1) Vote in the Poll. Since pledges for the drive are based on the number of votes cast, your vote automatically boosts the amount the Cancer Society will receive. (2) Urge your fellow hobbyists to vote in the Poll. (3) Make a pledge per ballot, keeping in mind that you must be able to honor that pledge no matter how large the turnout is (usually several hundred people). And just think -- if you pledge 5¢ a vote, you'll be contributing the cost of a dinner, a couple of movie tickets, a record or two. We spend this kind of money every week. Isn't a cancer cure worth this kind of investment, too? Remember, sometime there will be a dollar that puts research funds over the edge and pays for the cure to cancer. It could be yours -- but only if you participate.

All pledges must be in to me at the above address by JUNE 27, 1987. When the Poll results are published, please look for the listing of the number of voters. Then multiply that by your original pledge, make a check or money order out to me (Linda Courtemanche), and drop it in the mail by SEPTEMBER 1, 1987. I will write a total check to the American Cancer Society on behalf of the postal Diplomacy hobby.

Being a postal gamer and publisher, I have seen repeatedly the power and success of a Diplomacy alliance when 2 or more people cooperate toward a common goal. Now all of us -- Diplomacy hobbyists and friends -- can ally against cancer just by filling out the pledge-card below, signing it and returning it to me as soon as possible.

Your vote can save lives. Please join us.

Thank you.

Linda Courtemanche
Linda Courtemanche

((I will be glad to start the ball rolling with a 5¢ per ballot pledge. Many, many thanks to Linda for being kind enough to run this drive. I hope you'll all be able to help us out. Pledge forms may be returned to Linda directly, or to me with your Runestone Poll ballot and I'll forward them. -- Bruce Liney))

I, _____, PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE _____ FOR EVERY
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