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## GAME OPENINGS:

Our next game has been filled. It will be "Character Dip" (rm49), which appeared in DIPLOMACY WORLD #44. The first seven people signed up for this game are: Ralph Baty, Robert Cheek, Jack McHugh, David Rice, Doug Williams, Brad Wilson and Jeff Zarse. Brad & Jeff have already paid the Game Fee. If the rest of you will send in your money now, I will be able to announce a starting lineup in the next issue. We would also like to have a standby or two, so this is an opportunity for a new reader to come on board cheaply. I will save the lists of the names of those of you who were interested in playing Ancient Empires or Woolworth II-D, and get back to you later.

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

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## NO MARYCON IN 1987

Ken Peel regretfully reports that MaryCon has been cancelled for 1987, but will again return to Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1988. Circle the weekend of June 3-5, 1988, for your next visit to Mary Washington College. For those of you who had been planning to attend MaryCon, may I suggest that you consider participating in the Diplomacy Tournament at ORIGINS in Baltimore instead, on the weekend of July 3-5, 1987. This will apparently be the big East Coast meeting for 1987.

EUROPE IN 1939 (Review of an unpublished manuscript)

We have a very dear friend who has written a manuscript describing her experiences as a tourist in Europe in the summer of 1939. Her maiden name was Jane Hanchett. She kept a diary from the date of her arrival in London on July 13, 1939, to the date of her return to New York under wartime conditions on September 16th. Most of the text is verbatim from her diary. This manuscript may be published later. Meanwhile, she has given me permission to quote a few lines in BUSHWACKER.

Jane Hanchett's European trip was to be her "Grand Tour," to see at first hand the many things she had only read about, or seen pale photographs of. She had also planned to immerse herself in both the French and German cultures, and to practice speaking those languages while touring. Thus, she was not the typical American tourist of the time. She knew what she ought to see, and had a definite schedule arranged for her visits. (It should be remembered that in 1939, many educated people both here and abroad felt that Hitler was only a passing aberration who would soon pass, allowing Germany to return to being one of the great cultural fountainheads of our civilization. In the long run, they were correct. However, in July 1939, virtually no one realized that the Long Night was only just beginning.)

Jane sailed for Europe on the German liner, Europa, then one of the largest ships in the world. There was much Gemütlichkeit on the voyage over. She toured England, France and the Rhineland. She then went south to visit Switzerland and Italy. Then, at last, she arrived in Munich on August 21st, planning to spend another four weeks touring Germany before sailing home from Bremerhaven on September 19th. By that date, talk of a possible war had become part of the daily conversation among tourists of all nationalities, but most people still declined to think the unthinkable - that a second major war could come to Europe only 20 years after the last one.

At which point we pick up a few entries:

August 24: Today the newspapers indicate that Germany & Russia now have a pact - and the French are being sent home. People here talk a little about it. Frau Doktor ((the landlady)) isn't particularly worried, but one "alarmist" here thinks I should head for Switzerland. Two Scottish lads pooh-pooh the idea. Stopped in to see the American Counsel, who has told all Americans it is up to them -- and if they don't go now they may be delayed for several weeks. I don't mind ... I'd rather be here than anywhere else now and am not upset at all. Aunt Leila writes that it really is a crisis. You'd never know it from the peoples' actions, and still the consensus is that war won't come.

August 25: The Americans at the University, as well as the French & English, have been told to leave. And my mind was made up to go Sunday morning - East ((to Salzburg)). After an hour of indecision, Allister, the Scot, came in and said he & his friend had been tipped off to leave pronto. He, who had been so encouraging, told me to leave, too. Frau Doktor said to stay on -- that all would be well here for me. After dinner, was told the Germans sent 1000 planes to the Polish border today and that Poland has mobilized. ... What to do?

August 26: Went to American Express and found many Americans there getting advice, money, etc., and one girl, who had just come in this morning for a year, was leaving for Rotterdam. Several women were leaving at once. Despite the slight alarm, I have no desire to leave Germany, and continued to hold off making definite arrangements. Picked up my Salzburg tickets, and was advised by a man at Hamburg-American line to go to the festival and then ask a friend of his there whether it is safe to go to Budapest.

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Frau Doktor thinks Switzerland is the place to go ((to stay with)) Aunt Leila, or just stay in Zurich and maybe come back when the crisis is over. ... I want to stay here and carry out my plans. Is it foolhardy to remain -- is it sissy or wise to go? But they are saying that Germany is mobilizing and soldiers are being called to leave today or tomorrow early. Perhaps no trains, and baggage difficulties. The counsul's letters say he can't be responsible after tomorrow, and so after luncheon I knew I would leave -- for someplace.

(later): Wolfgang went with me to the Hauptbahnhof, where we stood in line 45 minutes for a ticket to the border. Then a cable to the family that I was joining Aunt L., and a wire to her that I was going in her direction (they weren't sure trains would leave the next day as scheduled). ... Well 'tis done now -- no Ober-amagau, Mittenwald, Garmisch, Ludwig's castles, Weimar, Berlin, Salzburg or points East. Almost no chance of being re-admitted because they'll need trains. Packed, somewhat wearily and unhappily. München -- Aufwiedersehen!

((On the train to Zurich)).

August 27: /Phil Johnson said the German-Russian pact was the most important event since the World War! Everybody wondering what to do -- where they'd have to go -- if they could get immediate sailings ((to America)). They think the crisis will last anywhere from two days to a week.

August 28: Went to the American Counsul. They told us nothing. If war comes we'll just have to wait -- and it will probably be impossible to get other sailings. ... Went to American Express. That place jammed, and we learned that the Dutch and American boats were filled until late in October! Then Nordeutscher Lloyd, United States & French Lines, and always the same story -- "Better wait."

August 29: ((Arrives at Aunt Leila's in Vevey, on Lake Geneva)).

August 31: News not so good tonight. They say a war seems practically inevitable. I don't know, but if I were threatened by a madman I wouldn't fool very much -- would take the quieter way out and think of justice as coming somehow. I firmly believe Hitler will be stopped (perhaps by Revolution), and I should think he could be at less cost than a world war!

September 1: Mrs. B. came in to tell me the Germans took Danzig. It has to be, I suppose. It must not mean war for the allies. Of course, he'll want more, and should be stopped -- but it should have been before, perhaps. ... After lunch, I followed for a while the Crier, who was summoning the men, and his drummer, as they went down the roads. General mobilization for Switzerland. Wonder if we'll stay here long?

September 3: When we went down to lunch, Mrs. B. told us that at 11:00 a.m. war was declared. The English and French had to do something, no doubt, and now there is no way out. Italy is still remaining neutral. Germany continues to bomb Poland.

September 4: Glaring headlines: L'Europe en Guerre. And a frightful thing happened: the Germans sank the Atheria off the Hebrides -- full of Americans and Canadians returning home. 1400 are in lifeboats tonight, and reports say more lost. Naturally, it scares one a bit. ... Orders to darken houses at night so that the Germans can't see the Swiss hill lights to guide them to French shore across the lake. The owner of the hotel worked all afternoon covering windows and doors with dark blue paper.

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To make a long story short, on 5 September Jane was able to book/passage on the Italian liner Rex, sailing from Genoa. She arrived safely in New York on the 16th.

I have been advised that our friend Jane's manuscript will be privately printed, mainly to provide copies to her friends and relatives, and, hopefully, a few copies to certain libraries. I cannot promise you that additional copies will be available, or what they might cost. However, if anyone wishes to order a copy, please send me your name and address, and I'll forward your request on to her. The booklet would run approximately 60 pages. A great deal of the manuscript describes her impressions of castles, churches, museums, works of art and scenery as she travelled around Western Europe in that last bright summer before the catastrophe. There are also some sharp insights into various national characteristics.

Most of the places she describes did survive the war. Either Civilization was very lucky, or there is some Higher Power watching over these things. Today, we can get there in a few hours on our jets, compared to the weeks it used to take. So, more of us can afford to visit London, Paris, Rome, and, yes, Berlin. But are we any smarter for all of our technological advances? For how long will our luck hold out? Will these great places still be standing in 2039? Or will they have been washed away by radioactivity and acid rain? (F.C.D.)

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GAMERS GUIDE TO DIPLOMACY, by Rod Walker.

They tell me a few of you still haven't bought yourselves a copy of this book from Avalon Hill. Sales continue to be quite brisk. A second edition corrected the typographical errors and updated some material. Order your copy directly from The Avalon Hill Game Co., 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214. I believe the price is now \$3.50, plus 50¢ for mailing and handling. There are 36 large pages, including many maps, photographs and drawings. What every diplomat needs to know.

THERE IS A REPORT that Avalon Hill is going to close out about 60% of its wargaming titles once current stocks are exhausted. However, these are mostly going to be the poorer sellers, or those games on which current sales are going downhill. It is not going to affect DIPLOMACY sales. After eleven years, Avalon Hill's sales of the game are reportedly at least steady, if not rising slowly. Overall, the cumulative sales over the span of those eleven years makes Diplomacy one of the best-sellers on A-H's all-time list.

Avalon Hill will reportedly concentrate more on sports games and adult games from now on. As you probably know, one of their subsidiaries is producing "Dr. Ruth's Game of Good Sex" (a best seller). So, if you read about some new game like, say, "Trip to Bimini," it may not be a war game!

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INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE will be a copy of the 1987 Awards Ballot. This will cover three different categories: The Don Miller Memorial Award for Service to the Hobby, The Rod Walker Award for Literary Excellence, and the John Koring Memorial Award for Outstanding Diplomacy Player. These are all limited to services and actions performed in the calendar year 1986. Anyone winning the first two Awards in 1985 or 1986 is ineligible for consideration this year. (The Miller Award went to Bob Olsen in '85 and Bill Quinn in '86. The Walker Award was present to Bruce Linsey in '85 and to Daf Langley in '86). Please vote. The more people who participate, the more valid the outcome. The deadline is Monday, July 6, 1987, but please try to get your votes in by June 30th.

X = MY VOTES

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBY ROLE: \_\_\_\_\_

1987 AWARDS BALLOT

Instructions: Vote for one choice only. Write in ballots are allowed for the Miller & Walker Awards. The ID portion of the ballot must be completed, but it will be removed prior to the counting of the ballots. PRINT your name clearly. Allow 5 days for the return of the ballot in the USA, ten days in Canada. Mail all ballots to AWARDS, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. USA. Receipt deadline is 6 July 1987. Enclose a SASE for the official results.

1987 DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

For Service to the Hobby:

- WON ☒ SIMON BILLENNESS: for work with the Zine Register and Zine Bank.
- ☐ JIM BURGESS: for work with the U.S. Orphans Service.
- ☐ GARY COUGHLAN: for work in promoting the international hobby in Europe Express.
- ☒ BRUCE LINSEY: for work on the 1986 Ruststone Poll and publication of Once Upon a Deadline.
- ☐ KEN PEEL: For work on the 1986 DIPCON Administration Committee, Masters of Deceit, and his development of a flyers program for the hobby.
- ☐ WRITE IN \_\_\_\_\_

1987 ROD WALKER AWARD

For Literary Excellence:

- WON ☐ J.R. BAKER: for his Dippy Doodles cartoons in DW and elsewhere.
- ☐ DON DEL GRANDE: For his sub-zine Meeting of the Minds and development of the International Tournament Rating System, in Life of Monty (A Series).
- ☐ MORGAN GURLEY: for his "DIPCON XLX: My First Tournament Games," in DW #43 (Summer '86).
- ☐ MELINDA ANN HOLLEY: For her "England" in DW #44 (Fall '86).
- ☐ DEAN JUDSON: For his "Scientific Diplomacy," in The GENERAL (Vol. 23, No. 2).
- ☐ DICK MARTIN: for his editorial role in House of Lords (A Series).
- ☒ ROD WALKER: for his "The Nastiest Rating System In the World," in Politesse #47, etc. (Include copy).
- ☐ WRITE IN \_\_\_\_\_

1987 JOHN KONING MEMORIAL AWARD

For Outstanding Play of Diplomacy:

- WON ☐ EDI BIRSAN: Ranked 4th among all time players and top active player in the Calhauer Point List.
- ☐ KATHY BYRNE: Perhaps the best player of Italy in the history of the game, and among the top of every rating system and poll.
- ☐ MORGAN GURLEY: A newcomer to the hobby who played his first tournament at last year's DIPCON and started with an elimination and ended with a win, and took two best country performance titles.
- ☐ DAVE LINCOLN: Now at the top of the Dragonstooth Rating System, having won his first 3 PEM games, and he's played very well in tournaments.
- ☐ MALC SMITH: He won the DIPCON championship this year.
- ☐ RANDOLPH SMYTH: Fifth in the DTRS with more wins than most PEM players have played games. He's one of the few to win playing every power on the board.
- ☐ DON SWARTZ: He's third in the DTRS with five wins.

LIFER AWARDS WINNERS

Don Del Grande has announced the winners in the 1987 Lifers Awards. Voters could vote for up to five names in each category, and the scoring was done on a 15-10-6-3-1 basis. So, the numbers after the names refer to scores, not no. of votes.

Most Improved Zine: 1. REBEL (Holley) (51), 2. COSTAGUANA (Von Metzke) (40),  
3. (tie) DIPLOMACY WORLD and HOUSE OF LORDS (Martin) (30).

Best Zine for Hobby News: 1. (tie) COSTAGUANA and MAGUS (Langley) (46),  
3. HOUSE OF LORDS (28)

Best Letter Column: 1. KATHY'S KORNER/WHITESTONIA (the Carusos), 2. HOUSE OF LORDS (Martin), 3. COSTAGUANA (Von Metzke).

HOBBY Genius: 1. Bob Olsen (51), 2. Steve Hutton (30), 3. Steve Langley (26).

Biggest Hobby Personality: 1. Conrad von Metzke (73), 2. Kathy Byrne Caruso (61),  
3. Linda Courtemanche (25).

No one qualified to join Kathy in the True Hobby Master category this year. Only 13 ballots were cast. Bruce Linsey was named on four; Bob Olsen and Conrad von Metzke on 3 each. Three ballots said "None." A name had to appear on 3/4 of the ballots to qualify, so no one came close. Maybe next year.

For Best Game (Other than Dip/Variants), it was Titan first (30), followed by a four-way tie at 25 between Trivial Pursuit, Jeopardy, Monopoly and Third Reich. Last year Trivial Pursuit was first, Titan second, & Civilization third.

Again, Austria was voted the Hardest Country to play (103), followed by Italy (82), and Russia (64). So, what else is new?

Since only 13 ballots were cast, these results must be taken with a statistical grain of salt. Don advised me that very few ballots were sent in from non-readers of LIFE OF MONTY this year. We'll have to do better next time. I asked Don if he could tell me who finished in fourth and fifth place in several categories, since many of us had voted for five people or zines. He informed me that there would have been many ties, since each first place vote was worth 15 points and each second place 10 points. I found the omission of Larry Peery from a top three finish in any category surprising (I'd nominated him in three categories). I'm also disappointed to see no recognition for two fine Canadian zines, PRAXIS and EXCELSIOR, or for two quiet geniuses, Ron Brown and Ken Peel. I also felt that the EUROPA EXPRESS letter column, with its international coverage, deserved more recognition.

However, I guess we shouldn't take the LIFER Awards too seriously. If we get a larger voter turnout next year, maybe Don will list all top five finishers. Please.

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THE NEW AVALON HILL DIPLOMACY COMPUTER PROGRAM is described on Pg. 60 of DIPLOMACY WORLD #46 (Spring 1987). It is designed to be run on an IBM-PC, or clone. Unfortunately, even with the elimination of the information on the right side of the board, only one-sixth of the map can be shown on the screen at any one time. Therefore, I can't see it being used for FTF games. However, I can see where some Postal GM's may wish to use it to insure the proper adjudication of their games, and some people may wish to try it out solo, playing one country against the world, to sharpen their skills. Personally, I'd hate to give up adjudicating, as part of the interest in the game is seeing out the turn comes out (sometimes referred to as "playing God.") But, it may be a busy GM's best friend.

VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39WINTER 1908

SPLIT SEASONS ADOPTED BY REQUEST. AUSTRIA GIVES ITALY A LEG UP. GERMANS AND TURKS BUILD ARMIES.

FALL 1908 Revisited. ENGLISH F Wales did not move to Irish Sea. Turkish F MAO had (S) Russian move F Hebrides-Irish Sea. RUSSIAN F Gulf of Lyon did not move to Piedmont. We had failed to underscore those moves. Sorry.

|                  |   | <u>Current Strength</u> |                  |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|
|                  |   | <u>SC's</u>             | <u>Vac Units</u> |
| AUSTRIA (Rice):  | No change. Plays Card #78, adding new Italian VF in Iceland.  | 0 (--)                  | 2                |
| ENGLAND (Chang): | No change. (1 annihilated)  | 7 (-1)                  | 0                |
| FRANCE (Wilson): | No change   | 0 (--)                  | 1 (+1)           |
| GERMANY (Young): | Build A Berlin, A Kiel, A Munich  | 9 (+2)                  | 0                |
| ITALY (Hoffman): | <del>No change</del> Naples. Unit in Marseille is a F, <u>not</u> an A. (Unthaws in Spring). (1 annihilated)<br>New VF added in Iceland by Austria. | 4 (-2)                  | 2 (+1)           |
| RUSSIA (Cheek):  | TA Venice is now supported by a SC.<br>Has 5 SC's, 5 Reg. units (1 annihil.)  | 5 (-1)                  | 2                |
| TURKEY (Kenny):  | Build A Ankara, A Smyrna, A Con   | 12 (+2) (1 start)       | 1                |

GM's Notes: 1. Iceland is now passable and a S.C., but the Winter occupation by an Italian unit does not make Italy the owner of this space.  
2. In answer to a question, a unit in C.D. is always annihilated when it is dislodged. This has no relevance to whether the country is in C.D.

PRESS:

BERLIN: Whee! Too bad I couldn't get builds like this in the early years. But, it's never too late...

RUSSIA to Turkey: The greatest thing in the world is to know how to belong to oneself.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1909 orders is TUESDAY, June 30, 1987. Telephone deadline is Mon., June 29th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. I have orders on file for Spring from almost every Power. These may be amended, of course, and additional Press submitted. This game was two years old on May 14th, by the way.

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BALKAN WARS III - 1987A pb06WINTER 1911

ROMANIA RETURNS! BUT WHERE ARE THE TURKS?

|                      |  | <u>Current Strength</u> |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| ALBANIA (Hess):      | F S. Adriatic (R) N. Adriatic                    | 3 (—)                   |
| BULGARIA (Dousette): | Build F Plovdiv                                  | 4 (+1)                  |
| GREECE (Cheek):      | No change  | 3 (—)                   |
| ROMANIA (Geryk):     | A Bucharest (R) Transylvania.<br>Remove A Galati | 2 (-1)                  |
| ITALY. (Baty):       | No change  | 3 (—)                   |
| SERBIA (Kenny):      | Build A Nish                                     | 4 (+1)                  |
| TURKEY (McHugh):     | N.R. GM removes A Arda                           | 2 (-1)                  |

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ATTENTION All Players attending ORIGINS '87. Please let me know if you'd prefer my handing you your copy in person in Baltimore on July 3rd or 4th.

GM's Notes: 1. I ruled that the dislodged Albanian F could not Retreat to Corinthian Sea, since the displacing Italian F had, in effect, jumped over that space in attacking it. The Albanian F could have (R) OTB, however, since this game permits that maneuver.

2. Bruce Geryk (Rumania) advised me that he had sent Fall orders via a Hyde Park mailbox, but they never arrived. He assures me he'll mail them from the Post Office from now on.

3. Thanks to Steve Smith, 1964 Kenilworth Cir., E, Hoffman Estates, Ill. 60194, for submitting back-up orders for Rumania. I am now going to ask Steve to submit back-up orders for Turkey for Spring 1912.

PRESS:

ITALY to Greece: The man who trusts men will make fewer mistakes than he who distrusts them.

GREECE to Turkey: Solitude vivifies, isolation fills!

GREECE to Bulgaria: Anybody who is any good is different from anyone else.

ALBANIA to Italy: As long as your Fleet is attacking me from the South Adriatic Sea, our countries shall remain at war.

ORDERS for SPRING 1912 are due on TUESDAY, June 30, 1987, as we finally get back to end-of-month deadlines. Telephone deadline will be Monday, June 29th, at 9 p.m. EDT. I have tentative orders on hand for Spring 1912 from Bulgaria and Serbia.

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TURNABOUT - 1986C ce02

FALL 1905

MANY PROVINCES CHANGE HANDS, WITH LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN TOTAL FIGURES. SPANISH ARMADA REACHES BELFAST WHILE THERE'S A "GREENING" OF SPAIN. BENELUX GAINS LANGUEDOC, BUT ARMY'S AT SEA OFF NOVGOROD. SLAVS GAIN HUNGARY WHILE BALKANS CARVE TURKEY.

BALKANS (Dousette): A Bosnia-Belgrade. A Austria-Bosnia. A Prussia-Austria.  
(7) F Athens-Central Med. F Naples (S) F Athens-Central Med.  
A Milan (S) F Naples. A Sofia-Turkey.  
BENELUX (R. Brown): A Rhineland boards F Baltic, A/F Baltic-Gulf of Bothnia, A disembarks Novgorod. F Finland-Stockholm. A Switz.-Languedoc.  
(7) A France (S) A Switz.-Languedoc. A Luxembourg-Rhineland.  
A Copenhagen (S) A Lux-Rhineland.  
IRELAND (Reges): A/F Channel-Bay of Biscay, A Disembarks Leon. F MAO (S) A Bay of  
(7) Biscay-Leon. F Cork and F Vineland (S) F MAO. F Norwegian Sea-Hebrides. F Lapland-Norwegian Sea.  
MID-EAST (Stewart): F Alexandria-Libya. F Eastern Med-Jerusalem(wc). A Damascus (S)  
(5) A Mesop. A Mesop. (S) F Turkey. F Turkey (S) SPANISH F Central Med-Aegean (NSO) /d/, (R) to Black Sea or G. of Isk.  
SCANDINAVIA (Cheek): A Archangel-Stockholm.  
(1)  
SLAVS (Cruickshank): A Galicia-Hungary. A Riga-Novgorod. A Warsaw-Riga. A Jordan-Damascus.  
(6) A Caucasus and F Aegean (S) BALKANS A Sofia-Turkey.  
SPAIN (Rice): F MAO-Belfast. F Western Med-MAO. F Lisbon (S) F Western Med-MAO.  
(6) A Languedoc-Aquitaine. F Libya (S) F Central Med. F Central Med (S) F Libya /d/, (R) to Adriatic, Tyrr., Sicily or Tunis.

PRESS:

DAMASCUS: The Sublime Porte announced today that Heaven had revealed no sign of hope that the Infiden invasion could be turned back from the sacred lands. The Head Pollock  
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continues to respond to peace feelers with ultimatims demanding a response two days before they were received. Slavs will be Slavs.

Crowds continue to bewail the loss of the overthrown Balkan leader, "Brock-mai-er" (in their savage tongue) ((meaning)) "He Whose Word Could Be Trusted and Who Remembered Who His Friends Were."

DANASCUS to Benelux: Sorry. I tried.

BENELUX to Slavs: Your silence left me no choice.

SCANDINAVIA to World: Solitude is impractical, and society fatal!

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND: Because of the recent outbreaks of violence in Armagh, Spanish troops have been called in to put down a rebellion by the Irish Republican Army. Sources close to the King state that if things don't change soon in Ireland, he will have to call in additional troops. The recruiting offices have been ordered to stay open late in hopes of acquiring additional aid.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, TURNABOUT, WINTER 1905: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

|              |  |                  |
|--------------|--|------------------|
| BALKANS:     | 3 Home, Austria, Milan, Naples. TURKEY, <del>HUNGARY</del>                   | 7, No change (—) |
| BENELUX:     | 3 Home, Copenhagen, France, Rhineland, Stockholm, LANGUEDOC                  | 8, Build 1 (+1)  |
| IRELAND:     | Cork, Dublin, England, Iceland, Oslo, Scotland, VINELAND, <del>WYLLYST</del> | 7, No change (—) |
| MID-EAST:    | 3 Home, Mesop., <del>LIBYA</del>   | 4, Remove 1 (-1) |
| SCANDINAVIA: | Archangel  | 1, No change (—) |
| SLAVS:       | 3 Home, Muscovy, Rumania, HUNGARY, TURKEY                                    | 6, No change (—) |
| SPAIN:       | 3 Home, Algeria, BELFAST, LIBYA, <del>LANGUEDOC</del> , VINELAND             | 6, No change (—) |

This game is staying rather even. This indicates that it is well-balanced, or that we have some very good players, or both.

Since we have only two adjustments and two Retreats to make, let's play WINTER 1905 and SPRING 1906 together. DEADLINE for both seasons will be TUESDAY, June 30, 1987. Phone deadline is Monday, June 29th, at 9:00 p.m., eastern Time.

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CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

In this Bicentennial year of the U.S. Constitution, there is a lot of stuff and nonsense being written by people who can't seem to grasp that the world of 1787 was very different from today's world. The Founding Fathers are being denounced in some quarters for "ignoring the rights of blacks and women." I wish they would name one country in the world in 1787 which gave women the right to vote. (Under the common law, I believe women were classified as helpless, along with children and idiots, until the 1880's). Far from being reactionary, the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights adopted in 1791, was one of the most radical documents of its day, since it ratified the idea that the people (albeit white males) had the right to rule themselves. Every further improvement in the past 200 years has been based on that original doctrine. The fact that it has survived for 200 years (and is, therefore, the oldest written constitution still in force in the world), shows that it was build on a strong foundation.

I was extremely annoyed when the Baltimore Sun editorial stated that "the Constitution declared that blacks were worth only three-fifths of whites." Race is not mentioned  
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in the document. What the Constitution did do was to prevent the slaveholding states from using the massed numbers of their voiceless slaves to increase their representation in the House of Representatives, by counting only 3/5 of the slave population when assigning seats in that body. This gave the balance of power in the House to the North even before the northern population began to soar after 1825. Free Negroes were counted on an equal basis with whites. The wording on the apportionment of House seats specifically refers to "the whole number of free persons ... excluding Indians not taxed; three-fifths of all other persons."

It should also be pointed out that in the same year of 1787, the Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance, banning slavery forever in the Old Northwest Territories. This was considered by many leaders of the time to be the death blow to slavery, especially when coupled with the clause prohibiting the importation of new slaves after 1807. Slavery had already been abolished in Pennsylvania and most New England States by 1787, and by New York in 1790, so there was considerable optimism that the institution would soon vanish. Unfortunately, a Connecticut Yankee named Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1797, and upset the applecart, but that's another story.

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PLUG: SHRODIGGER'S CAT, by Mike Dominskyj, P.O. Box 702, Ignace, Ontario, CANADA POT1TO. This zine will be devoted to experimental variants, he announces. His first game will be an Economic variant called "Econopolity" (re13/07). Mike estimates the average cost of an issue will be \$1.00 (Canadian). He suggests that prospective players send him \$10 to establish an account, and he'll deduct costs for each issue. There will also be a small game fee of \$3.00. I believe he'll also trade with those zines which run variant games, since he sent me a sample copy. He's also interested in running new variants, so send him your ideas.

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Looking forward to seeing some of you at DipCon next week. NOTE: If any players in BUSHWACKER games want me to deliver their JULY issues to them at ORIGINS in Baltimore on July 3rd or 4th, instead of mailing them to you, please mention this when you send in your orders.

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