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This is the 187th 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 is brought to 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. (that's our dinner hour). Since there is no guarantee that I'll be home, please submit your orders by mail except in emergencies.

Extra copies of BUSH have been printed to be made available to the people attending ORIGINS '87 in Baltimore. To those of you picking up a copy at ORIGINS, we wish to say, "Welcome to Baltimore!" We hope you will have time to visit some of the sights while you're here. FYI, BUSH is the zine with the third-longest record of continuous publication in North America, after GRAUSTARK and BOAST. (COSTAGUANA is older, but has "died" on about four different occasions over the past two decades). We have survived by staying small, usually running no more than three games at a time. You may not get very much, but at least we will be publishing until they take us away to the old folks' home or the funny farm.

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NO NEW GAME OPENINGS this month. However, we still very much want more standbys for the forthcoming "Character Dip" (rm49) game. See inside to see whether we're ready to start. We also need Standbys for Balkan Wars and Turnabout.

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

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No room to start anything here. My report on DipCon XX will begin on Pg. 2. Then, there are some book reviews and other items, and then we'll get to The Games. (Pg. 8)

REPORT ON DIPCON XX, MADISON, WISCONSIN

Madison is a beautiful city, and our gaming and living quarters on the U. of Wisconsin campus were excellent. The "Dorm" quarters turned out to be hotel-like rooms, with all of the usual hotel amenities. We used The Great Hall in the student union for Friday's and Sunday's games, and the closed cafeteria for Saturday's events. Except for the management failing to turn on the air-conditioning on Friday night when an unexpected heat wave hit Wisconsin, we could have no complaints with the facilities. Should the MadCon people submit another bid three years from now to host another DipCon in Madison, I would highly recommend accepting it.

It took only 75 minutes to fly from Baltimore to O'Hare Field, but three hours to go from O'Hare to Downtown Madison via the bus. Fortunately, I caught the 12:30 bus with five minutes to spare, or I would have had to wait another 1½ hours for the next one. So, I arrived at DipCon early enough on Friday afternoon to chat with several people, such as Mark Frueh, James Wall and Bruce Geryk, and those two delightful ladies, Cathy Ozog and Debi Peters.

About 50 people participated in DipCon XX. This included some who were engaged in the Titan and Empire Builder tournaments. Most of the participants came from Wisconsin and nearby Illinois. However, Cathy & Eric Ozog came all the way from Arizona (probably the longest distance), Greg Ellis from Texas, David Hood & Morgan Gurley, N.C., Bruce Linsey from Mass., and I was told there was also a player from Florida. Six Canadians attended, including Randolph Smyth, Al Stewart, Claude Gatron and Pierre Touchette. I was apparently the only attendee from the Baltimore/Washington area. Other BUSHWACKER readers present included Scott Hanson and Steve Smith.

There were five times when Diplomacy games started. These were 6 p.m. Friday evening; 9:00 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. Sunday. People played at whatever times were most convenient for them. Most people played in only two or three rounds, since Saturday's rounds overlapped. There were no time limits on most rounds, except for the 9 a.m. Saturday, which had to end before 6 p.m.; and the 9 a.m. Sunday, which had to be over by 3:10 p.m. so the scores could be totalled. I was informed that some of the evening games were carried over to the hotel when the Union closed at 1 a.m., and fought to the "dawn's early light."

I had the great luck of drawing Austria in my first game. I formed a 3-way alliance with Turkey (Greg Ellis) and Italy (Dave Henning). An EFG "Triple" also formed, which included my faithful subbers Steve Smith (France) and Alan Stewart (Germany). No respect for their GM! After being almost knocked out in the first two years, Russia (Fred Townsend) joined the Eastern bloc. I got Austria up to 7 Centers by 1905. One unusual move occurred in Fall 1904 when A,F,T, & R all simultaneously took one of Italy's SC's, to knock him out of the game. I took Venice and (S) the French F into Tunis even though we were at war with France, to complete Italy's sudden death. My own doom occurred in Fall 1906, when my allies decided to cut me out, and I lost four Centers in one blow. Germany was wiped out in F '06, so I was the third player out when we reached F '07. Russia made a terrific comeback, and had 12 SC's after 1908. His Turkish ally had 10. The E-F alliance had only 12 between them. After some negotiations, they agreed to a two-way draw between Russia and Turkey.

My luck continued in my second game, when I drew Italy. I allied with Scott Hanson (Austria). I tried to warn people about Dan Stafford, who played France, since Dan had won the "Best Player" Award for 1986, but Dan formed a firm alliance with England (Randolph Smyth), and was never headed, despite an Italian attempt to take Marseilles. I was mugged in Fall 1902 by Austria and Turkey (Dale Bakken), and was left with a lone Army-in-exile in Munich after 1903. Italy and Russia went out together in '04, and Germany reduced to one Center. After one more year, a 3-way draw was arranged between Austria (up to 11 SC's) and the Franco-English coalition (with 9 and 8 Centers, respectfully), as battle fatigue had set in. Turkey survived with 5.

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I saw some very good players in action. I was especially impressed with the play of Greg Ellis, Dan Stafford and Steve Smith. Don't buy any bridges or waterfront property from these gentlemen!

The Awards Ceremony ended DipCon on Sunday afternoon. The winner was David Hood, with an average score of 5.36. David had the only Rulebook Victory with an 18-Center Turkey. Second place went to Greg Ellis (4.6). Third place was won by Mark Frueh (4.05), and Scott Drane was fourth (4.00).

The Best Country Awards (No. of SC's in parenths) went to:

Austria (11) - Scott Hanson	Italy (9) - Marc Peters
England (10) - Pierre Touchette	Russia (12) - Fred Townsend
France (12-WIN) - Scott Drane	Turkey (18) - David Hood
Germany (10) - Dan Stafford	

A complete list of scores will be sent to all participants, and I'm sure it will be published in several other zines shortly.

It was unanimously voted that DipCon XXI would be held in San Antonio, Texas, from July 1-4, 1988. Friday, July 1st is a Canadian holiday, and Monday, July 4th is a U.S. holiday, so it was hoped that most people would attend for at least three days. Greg Ellis, Pete Gaughan and Stephen Wilcox were elected to run the DipCon Society Committee for 1988. You may recall that Pete prepared the newsletters and much of the paperwork for both the 1984 (Dallas) and 1986 (MaryCon) DipCons, and did an excellent job of it.

We also displayed some of the plaques to be awarded to the winners of the Don Miller, Rod Walker and John Koning Awards in July. We will also be displaying them at the Baltimore ORIGINS Diplomacy event on July 4th. We hope to see some of you there.

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CORRECTION - AVALON HILL GAMES

The current price for the book, GAMERS GUIDE TO DIPLOMACY, is \$4.50, not \$3.50. There is a 50¢ postage and handling charge as well. As of March 1987, the price for a Diplomacy set is \$18.00, plus 10% for postage and handling. A one-year sub to THE GENERAL is \$12.00. Sample copies or back issues are available for \$3.30. A complete set of Fleets and Armies costs \$4.00, but these are stars and anchors. The A-H supply of wooden blocks has been exhausted.

To order any of these, or to obtain the 1987 Catalog, write to Avalon Hill Game Co., 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214.

Rex Martin has informed me in a nice letter that some 22 titles would not be reprinted when current stocks are exhausted. Most of these are low-selling games. A standard press run is 10,000 copies. Where sales are low, it is not cost-effective to print another 10,000 copies, since they could occupy valuable warehouse storage space for many years. "Some of the others have simply been supplanted by new (and hopefully better) designs." Needless to say, this will not affect either Diplomacy or any of the other best sellers.

A complete list of all the available games and game parts can be obtained by writing to A-H and requesting a copy of their current catalog.

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RECOMMENDED READING

The Great Dying, by Kenneth Hsu. Library^(Dewey) Cat. No. 560. Hsu is a geologist, but he has put together the work of astronomers, paleontologists, meteorologists, and other disciplines to establish a very good case for the sudden, massive extinction of most of the life on Earth some 65 million years ago, at the end of the Cretaceous period. The deposits of iridium, osmium, platinum and other materials precisely at the boundary between the Cretaceous and the Cenozoic almost precisely match the samples of those materials found in meteorites (which differ from earthly samples in the proportions of isotopes). This seems to establish that the earth was hit by a substantial asteroid or comet. The almost complete destruction was caused not so much by the initial blow, or even a "nuclear winter," but by the acid rain the object brought with it, which polluted the ocean and killed the bottom of the food chain. Thus, the Cretaceous flora and fauna died, "Not with a bang but with a whimper." Maybe this will serve as a warning to us about our own acid rain and ozone hole problems.

The book's only fault is a lack of any charts or other illustrations. It is difficult to keep the different geological time periods straight. I ought to have gone over and opened the Encyclopaedia to its chart, but I was too lazy. A chart would have made it clearer that the Great Dying marked not only the end of a period, the Cretaceous, but of an era, the Mesozoic. And the entire change seems to have taken place in less than 3,000 years, a mere wink of an eye in geologic time!

Beyond the Blue Event Horizon, by Frederik Pohl. Ballentine Book #27535, \$2.50. This is the sequel to the Hugo and Nebula Award winning Gateway, and the second book in the "Heechee Saga." Although printed in 1980, I only got around to reading this last month. While slightly different in format from Gateway, some of the characters are the same. Pohl continues the suspense of the who and what of the Heechees to the very end. Even the title has a double meaning, although you won't realize this until the last chapter. The humans are scared of the Heechee, but now we get a glimpse of what frightens the Heechee!

While this book could stand on its own, it's best to read Gateway (Ballentine #31859, \$2.95) first. The only flaw I see is that if the computer programs are that good, why did they need to risk peoples' lives in those small Heechee ships? I think the "first time" or "blind shot" flights could have been made equipped only with A.I. enhanced computers, to avoid the 40% loss of life. But, then there wouldn't have been such a good story.

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"The Untouchables" - A Movie Review

I was very disappointed with this film, after all the rave reviews I'd read. As a former Chicagoan, I know something of the background. The film plays very loose and fast with the facts. Ness did not hurl Frank Nitti off the roof of the Courthouse. There were nine Untouchables, not four. Only Sean Connery and Robert de Niro brought their roles to life. Some of the acting is just terrible, like out of a real 1930's movie. The shootout on the steps of Union Station is ludicrous, despite all the hi-falutin' comparisons with the Steps of Odessa scene in "Battleship Potempkin." Where the hell did that idiot woman come from? How could she have gotten on or off a train with that big baby carriage? There are many entrances to Union Station, and some of them have a ramp. Pure corn.

I spotted several buildings that were made to serve as something else. The opera house staircase is actually the staircase in the old Chicago Public Library on
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Michigan Ave., one of the ugliest buildings in the city. Some of the Courthouse scenes were shot there, too. I know that building like a book, since I was there so often. Ironically, the building where the operas were really performed is in the picture as the site of Capone's hotel. This is the old Auditorium, which was both theatre and ritzy hotel. The opera moved to the new Civic Opera Bldg. ("Insull's Armchair") ca. 1932, and the Auditorium Hotel went bankrupt just before Pearl Harbor. (It was to be torn down, but a week later W.W. II began, and the Navy bought it to house trainees. In 1946, it became Roosevelt University. It wasn't too hard to restore the front entrance to what it used to look like, although I noticed they gave the hotel a different name. I don't know whether that's really the hotel where Capone stayed.)

That was a good shot of LaSalle St. The Board of Trade Building at its foot had only just been completed in 1930, and the old building at the left, The Rookery, goes back to at least 1892. They used its stone archway in a couple of scenes. But, did you notice that almost all the cars were the same model? No Model T's! And where did that red double-decker bus come from? All the doubledeckers were in the green and yellow livery of the Motor Coach Co., and none ever ran on LaSalle St. Red was the color of the streetcar company for both its trolleys and busses, but they never owned any double-deckers. Tch-tch.

I found the screen story very confusing. There was altogether too much blood and thunder, and very little reason. Why didn't they identify the prosecutor as a Federal attorney rather than one from Cook County? The only point they clearly made was that the Mayor, William H. "Big Bill" Thompson, was working hand-in-glove with the Mob. "Big Bill" got elected mayor by promising to "punch King George in the snoot" if he ever dared visit Chicago. This got him the Irish vote, which was what counted in those days. Sometimes they counted it twice! (When Elizabeth II visited Chicago in 1959, they say "Big Bill" turned over in his grave. When he died in the 1940's, they found \$3 million in cash in his safety deposit box.)

Anyway, unless you're a Sean Connery fan or are fascinated by Chicago's Prohibition Era, I don't recommend this film.

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FOLDED. IT'S A TRAP, by Steve Knight. I heard at DipCon that Steve has requested the Orphan Game Custodian to rehouse his games. I'm not sure how this will affect the International Subscription Exchange. Steve is the U.S. representative in this project.

ARRIVING. EXCITEMENT CITY, a new variant zine, by Simon Billenness, 630 Victory Blvd., Apt. 6F, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301. Simon has run 20 YEARS ON in Britain and THE ZINE REGISTER in the U.S. His talents for good writing and punctuality are well-known on both sides of the Pond. He plans to offer some of the popular British variants which are not well known (yet) in America. Simon also wants to run an International game of "Cline 9-Man" on 6 or 7-week deadlines. Cline 9 has been improved again with some recent Mark Numbers, and I can heartily approve of this choice. With nine players, it may be possible to get people from all over the world to participate. Subs are 50¢ an issue (Send \$5.00 for 10 issues). He will also Trade all for all.

PERSONAL. We have recently learned that Don Turnbull, founding father of the British Postal Diplomacy hobby, has (temporarily) moved to America, to work as Chief Executive Officer of New Infinities Productions, Inc., a new company established by Gary Gyax. Can anybody give us Don's new address? I have no idea whether this new company is also located in Lake Geneva, Wis., the home of TSR. We'd like to send Don a hearty welcome to "the land of the Big PX." Maybe we can persuade him to keep publishing COURIER on this side of the ocean.

This form was circulated at DipCon '87. You may wish to make use of it.

HOBBY SERVICES DONATION

This is intended to be a voluntary support for the Postal Diplomacy hobby services. Most of the postal players have been aided by one or many of the people who gave their time, effort, and money so that we could further enjoy our hobby. This is an effort to recognize their work. You may donate any sum of money you desire and are asked to designate who and what amount of your donation you are contributing. All donations will be anonymous.

To complete your donation fill out the following sheet and turn it in to Mark Frueh.* We tried to include all the people who run hobby services as we know. If there are any that have been mistakenly neglected, please inform Mark Frueh, in order to include their name and service.

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DONATION</u>
<u>Masters of Deceit</u>	STEVE ARNAWOODIAN	_____
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TOTAL = \$ _____

Above all, I thank everyone for their consideration.

*Mark Frueh, 4729 Morganford Rd., #6, St. Louis, Mo. 63129. Suggest you make out a single check to Mark, and let him distribute the funds.

THE FORM ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE was presented to everyone who registered at DipCon, in lieu of spending an interminable time at the DipCon Society Meeting trying to decide how much money or what percentage of the funds should be granted to each hobby service. There had been a lot of recrimination at some prior DipCon Society meetings because some services were omitted (or included!), and the attempts to divide up the money sometimes sounded like angels dancing on the proverbial pinhead.

I think the idea of this form is a good one; however, it might have been better had they been sent out to attendees with other material, so we would have had time to study them in advance. Frankly, I was too busy to sit down and go over the list while I was at DipCon. Besides, I did not bring my checkbook with me, and, since I was not going straight home afterwards, I had to budget my funds carefully. I've only just sent my own contribution in.

Note the International Subscription Exchange is listed twice because the Canadian and U.S. records are kept separately vis a vis U.K. subs. I don't know why Masters of Deceit is listed twice. I think Woody is handling all the financial matters.

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DIPLOMACY STATISTICS FROM OVERSEAS

Derek Caws, editor of WAR & PEACE (a British zine), has recently presented to all of us the percentage of Calhamer Points gained by each power in the list of completed Postal games in both the United Kingdom and Holland. These figures show a considerable difference in the outcomes for these two areas. We hereby present these figures. (Calhamer Points include credits for draws as well as wins):

	<u>UK %age</u>	<u>NL %age</u>
Austria	17.98	8.49
England	12.11	17.31
France	16.54	15.71
Germany	16.71	9.62
Italy	11.38	18.59
Russia	16.79	11.86
Turkey	14.49	18.43

Note that Italy, traditionally the weakest country in both America and the UK, is now the strongest power in the Netherlands. Germany & Russia, strong elsewhere, are among the weakest Powers in the Dutch statistics.

Derek goes on to say that the differences are probably due to different styles of play in the two countries. British games, like most of those in America, feature a combination of free-for-all and alliance play. Alliance play tends to favor the edge Powers. Dutch games seem to be universally of the free-for-all variety, which in the U.S. has sometimes been described as the "New York" style of play. Note, however, that France and Turkey seem to do good under either style, while nothing seems to help poor Austria.

((cribbed from WAR & PEACE #48))

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WE WERE VERY TOUCHED, to the point of literally having a lump in my throat, when I read where Conrad von Metzke dedicated the May issue of COSTAGUANA to me. Although we have not met for years, Conrad and I have remained in touch by mail and phone. In 1986, I had hoped to visit my many friends in Southern California, but it was not to be, as my trip to Britain took priority. However, Conrad's dedication got me off dead center, and I am now planning to visit the San Diego area sometime in October. That seems to be a good time, when there are no Diplomacy conventions, so we can just talk. Will advise you on exact dates later.

SERBS SWARM DOWN ON RUMANIA; BULGARS BUS INTO TURKEY. SULTAN "ALL AT SEA."
ITALIANS GIRD FOR ATTACK WHICH FAILS TO COME, AS ALBANIANS GO HOME.

ALBANIA (Hess): F N. Adriatic-S. Adriatic. A Bosnia-Montenegro. A Valona (H).
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BULGARIA (Dousette); A Constantinople-Scutari. F Plovdiv-Const. A Sofia and
(4) F Varna (S) SERBIAN A Bucharest-Constantssa.
GREECE (Cheek): A Athens-Epirus. A Salonika (S) A Athens-Epirus. F Smyrna
(3) (S) BULGARIAN A Constantinople-Scutari.
RUMANIA (Geryk): A Transylvania-Croatia. F Constantssa-Varna /d/, (R) to Galati,
(2) per Right-Hand Rule. (Galati is passable to Fleets).
ITALY (Baty): F Apulia-Corinthian Sea. A Trieste builds Crematoria for
(3) Albanian soldiers (H). F South Adriatic (S) A Trieste.
SERBIA (Kenry): A Belgrade-Trans. A Nish-Belgrade. A Bucharest-Contstantssa.
(4) A Oltenia-Bucharest.
TURKEY (McHugh): F Scutari-Marmara Sea. F Crete-Aegean.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS for Bruce Geryk (RUMANIA): 5528 S. Everett Ave., #3D, Chicago,
Ill. 60637. This is a permanent coa.

PRESS:

GREECE to Bulgaria: Friendships, like marriages, are dependent on avoiding the
unforgiveable.

GREECE to Serbia: Aquisition means life to miserable mortals.

SERBIA to Albania: What did you expect me to build in Nish? A Fleet?

ITALY to Albania: I do not understand your attitude toward Italy. You have never
responded to any of my letters, yet you feel offended by my defense against your
attacks. You will never get to Italy. I will survive until someone takes your home
Supply Centers.

ITALY to Serbia and Greece: Be the first to take Albanian Supply Centers, and I
will help you to take the rest.

SERBIA to World: I actually reside in Florence, New Jersey, but I receive mail at
both Marlton and Florence, since I go to my mother's almost every day.

GM'S Notes: 1. Thanks to Steve Smith for submitting back-up orders for Turkey.
I had to call upon Steve, as he was the only standby we had for this game.
2. Having called upon Steve twice, I'd like to call on someone else the next time
we need some back-up orders. Would anyone else care to be a standby? I'll give
you a slot for just \$2.00 (Cheap).

DEADLINE for FALL 1912 orders is FRIDAY, July 31, 1987. The Telephone deadline will
be Thursday, July 30th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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VACATION DIP III - 1985R re39

SPRING 1909

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Bill Young (GERMANY) will temporarily be at: 724 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21228, for the month of July.

WINTER 1908 Revisited. ITALY did not have to remove F Naples. I had forgotten that Italy was operating one short. Instead of being removed, the dislodged F Naples Re-treated to Rome.

Also, TURKEY was entitled to three builds, not two. I had clearly shown "Build 3" following the Fall 1908 report, but forgot to record the third Turkish build when it was written in his orders because I'd written "(+2)" in the Winter 1908 report. The third Turkish Build was A Con. Italy and Turkey's neighbors were informed of these corrections by postcards.

ITALIANS TAKE SPAIN, LOSE ROME. TRAFFIC JAM IN TYROL. GERMANS MOVE EAST. ENGLISH TAKE CONTROL OF RUSSIAN FLEET. MID-ATLANTIC IS FROZEN: MARSEILLES THAWS.

AUSTRIA (Rice): VF Eng. Channel-MAO. VF Norwegian Sea-MAO.
(0)(2 units)
ENGLAND (Chang): Plays Card #34, placing Russian F Hebrides under his control for one year: RUSSIAN F Hebrides-Norwegian Sea, F Liverpool-Irish Sea, F Ireland (S) AUSTRIAN VF Norwegian Sea-MAO. F Wales-English Channel. F Brest (S) AUSTRIAN F Eng. Channel-MAO. F Baltic-Denmark. A St. Pete (S) GERMAN A Moscow. A Edi-Belgium.
FRANCE (Wilson): VA Armenia-Syria.
(0)(1 unit)
GERMANY (Young): Plays Card #51, placing TURKISH VF MAO into C.D. A Berlin-Prussia. A Kiel-Berlin. A Munich-Tyrol. F Norway (S) RUSSIAN F Hebrides-Norwegian Sea. F North Sea (C) ENGLISH A Edi-Belgium. A Silesia-Galicia. A Bohemia and A Warsaw (S) A Silesia-Galicia. A Moscow (S) A Warsaw.
ITALY (Hoffman): F Marseilles returns to life, (S) VA Gascony-Spain. VA Gascony-Spain. A Tyrol-Venice /d/, (R) to Piedmont (only space open). A Tuscany (S) A Tyrol-Venice. VF Iceland-Hebrides Sea. F Rome (H) /d/, Annihilated.
RUSSIA (Cheek): (A Venice is now a Regular A). A Venice (S) TURKISH A Trieste-Tyrol. A Vienna (S) TURKISH A Trieste-Tyrol. VF Spain (S) TURKISH VF MAO /d/, (R) to Portugal (only space open). VF Gulf of Lyon-Tuscany. A Ukraine-Moscow. A Sev (S) A Ukraine-Moscow. F Hebrides (H) (Forced to move to Norwegian Sea by English play of Card #34).
TURKEY (Kenny): VF MAO (S) RUSSIAN F Hebrides-Irish Sea (Placed in C.D. by play of Card #51 by Germany). F N. Africa & F Western Med. (S) F MAO. F Naples-Rome. F Tyrr. Sea (S) F Naples-Rome. F Greece-Ionian. F Aegean-Eastern Med. A Ankara-Armenia. A Smyrna (S) A Ankara-Armenia. A Con-Serbia, playing Card #27 (permitting a two-space move). A Trieste-Tyrol. A Galicia-Warsaw /d/, (R) to Budapest (only space open). A Rumania (S) RUSSIAN A SEV.

GM's Notes: 1. Although F MAO is in C.D., it is being supported in place by two other units; therefore it is not dislodged. 2. The Iceland SC is still neutral, but it would become an Italian-owned Center if the Italian VF goes there in Fall. This is why there are only 37 Regular units on the board, although there are 38 Supply Centers.

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VACATION DIP PRESS:

RUSSIA to Germany: Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius.
RUSSIA to England: Ambition is not a vice of little people (you must be 6'4").

BERLIN to London: You sure you know what you're doing?

TURKEY to Germany: You could have had builds like that a long time ago. You chose the path that delayed it.

ANKARA to Rome (or Piedmont, or wherever): Are you in school, or doing overtime, or have a demanding girlfriend or something?

CONSTANTINOPIE to World (including Baltimore): I get my mail at both Marilton and Florence.

ANTIOCH: Darius has moved! ANTIOCH to GM: Isn't Arbela in northern Iraq, now?

GM to Antioch: Yup, but what they call "Armenia" on this map really includes N. Iraq. The place is now named "Erbil," about 50 miles south of the Turkish border!

RUSSIA to Italy: Our bitterest wine is always drained from crushed ideals.
SEVASTOPOL: Honesty is praised, but left to starve.

TURKEY to Russia: You speak about belonging. Is it better to belong to a travel agency where your trip is planned for you, or to travel without help and make your own mistakes. Either way, one gets wopped by the cost.

CONSTANTINOPIE COURIER: After hearing of impending invasion on the news, the people of Constantinople took to the streets to form the First Royal Ottoman Militia Party (FROMP). Crowds cheered on the streets as FROMP frolicked forward to fight on the front in their forced march, as the band on the fringes frequently frenetically played Wagner's "Flight of the Valkeries."

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WINTER 1905

CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE THREATENS GAME.

	Current Strength	
BALKANS (Dousette): No change	7 (—)	
BENELUX (R. Brown): Build A Amsterdam	8 (+1)	
IRELAND (Reges): No change	7 (—)	
MID-EAST (Stewart): F Turkey (R) Black Sea.	4 (-1)	
	Remove F Alexandria	
SCANDINAVIA (Cheek): No change	1 (—)	
SLAVS (Cruickshank): No change	6 (—)	
SPAIN (Rice): F Central Med (R) Tyrr Sea.	6 (—)	
	No change -	

Ron Brown advises that there is a botating Postal strike going on now by the outside employees. He is mailing two sets of orders from different locations to make sure that one gets through. Incoming mail is still being received normally. The real problems may come in August, when the Inside Postal Clerks can go on strike. Fortunately, such a strike will not affect the telephone system. If worst comes to worst, perhaps Ron and Alan Stewart, our two Canadian players, could arrange for
(more)

temporary substitutes for their countries, if Canadian mail is completely blocked by the strike. My House Rules would permit this. Let me know if you want to do this, guys.

Meanwhile, we have only one Standby left for this game. That's Bill Young, whose temporary address for the next 30 days will be: 724 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21228. That's just two miles from where we lived on Clairidge Rd.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: David Rice (SPAIN): 23259 NW Evergreen Rd., Hillsboro, Ore. 97124. This is a permanent change, effective immediately.

SPRING 1906

IRISH SWING SHILLELAGHS AT SPANISH. MAD DUTCHMAN RAMS INTO RIGA. SLAVS MEET WITH SUCCESS IN SOUTHERN SANDS. BALKANS INVEST IN SWISS FRANCS.

BALKANS (Dousette): A Milan-Switz. A Austria (S) A Milan-Switz. A Bosnia-Milan. (7) F Naples (S) A Bosnia-Milan. A Belgrade (H). A Turkey-Damascus. F Central Med (S) SLAVIC F Aegean-Eastern Med.

BENELUX (R. Brown): A Gulf of Bothnia-Riga. F G of Bothnia (S) A to Riga. (8) F Copenhagen-Stockholm. F Finland (S) A Cop-Stockholm. A Rhineland-Prussia. A Amsterdam-Rhineland. A France-Aquitaine. A Languedoc (S) A France-Aquitaine.

IRELAND (Reges): A Leon-Madrid. F MAO-Morocco. F Vineland-MAO. F Cork and (7) F Bay of Biscay (S) F Vineland-MAO. F Hebrides-Belfast. F Norwegian Sea-North Sea.

MID-EAST (Stewart): F Black Sea-Rumania. A Mesop-Caucasus /d/, (R) Persia (per (4) Right-Hand Rule). A Damascus-Jerusalem. F Eastern Med-Jerusalem (wc) (NSU). F Jerusalem (wc) (U) (H).

SCANDINAVIA (Cheek) (1): A Archangel-Stockholm.

SLAVS (Cruickshank): A Caucasus-Mesop. A Jordan (S) A Caucasus-Mesop. A Riga-Novgo- (6) rod. A Warsaw-Riga. A Hungary-Romania. F Aegean-Eastern Med.

SPAIN (Rice): F Belfast-Scotland. A Aquitaine-Barcelona. F Lisbon-MAO. (6) F Western Med-Gulf of Lions. F Tyrr. Sea-Naples. F Libya-Central Med.

PRESS:

WARSAW, January 19, 1906: Historians were elated over the finding yesterday of one of the key government documents of the past decade - the original Polish-Arab alliance document. The document had disappeared during an executive building cleaning in 1902. Quotes from this treaty, which legal scholars say should still be in effect, appeared in many Polish newspapers. Quotes such as: "We'll play our two countries as one, with Middle East controlling the fleets, and Poland controlling the armies." The State Dept. was unable to explain why the Sultan apparently ignored the document from the day it was signed.

BENELUX to Slavs: This should simplify things considerably.

BELGRADE: Religious fervor sweeps the Balkans as the citizenry abandon en masse their traditional affiliation to the Slavic Orthodox Church and, instead, join the Jim and Tammy "Praise the Loot" ministry in Antwerp! Jerry Partswell, spiritual leader of the Flatulent Majority, has decried the sending of Balkan donations to Antwerp. Rev. Jerry believes that the ministry's funds are not being used to help the needy, but are, instead, being diverted to support the military action against Spain.

The plot thickens as crack Balkan investigators discover that most of the FM's membership consists of Spaniards. Rev. Partswell refuses to comment on the membership... And who is the mysterious Colonel Northwest, last seen in Amsterdam with a suitcase bulging with cash? The investigation continues... (over)

SCANDINAVIA to Spain: A friend in power is a friend lost.

ARCHANGEL: Our friends abandon us only too easily, and our enemies are implacable.

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CHARACTER DIP

Since I only just received the last full Game Fee payment on the day before the deadline, there wasn't time to make the country assignments in this issue. We'll do this next month, but I will then give you another two months for the first deadline. Copies of the rules will be sent out in about two weeks. We have seven starters and one standby for this game. More standbys are needed.

THERE IS A NEW EDITION OF CLUE OUT, with a 1986 Copyright. They have gone back to a more realistic board, so we finally broke down and bought a new set to replace my 1956 copy, which was just about worn out. The appearance of several of the characters has changed considerably. Miss Scarlet has gone from a blonde to a brunette, with vaguely Eurasian features. Mrs. Peacock is altered from a grande dame to a middle-aged professional. Mrs. White has lost 40 pounds and traded in her chef's cap for a maid's cap, circa 1920. The least-changed character is Col. Mustard, but he sports a monocle.

My only complaint is that the Rules are now printed on the box, instead of being in a separate rulebook. They are now numbered, which is a good idea, but are slightly less detailed. We've kept the old Rulebook, just in case, and we're also using the old pawns, which are nicer. There is now no mention of the original 1949 copyright by Waddington's. "1972" is the earliest date shown. No changes are required for my "Diplomacy-Clue" variant.

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"SPACEBALLS," the Movie: Providing you're a Star Wars fan, and have seen most of the other SF movies of the past 15 years; and providing you check your brain at the door and remember this is pure farce; you will enjoy this parody. Some of the jokes are tasteless, some have a very Jewish flavor, but almost everything is very, very funny. Some of the technical effects must have been quite expensive. Mel Brooks did an excellent job. Recommended.

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