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This is the 194th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of variant games, hobby news, North American Variant Bank information, and whatever else happens to fall off of my desk into these pages. Your Editor is: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time, except during the dinner hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Except for emergencies, I'd like all of you to submit your orders by mail. I can't always come to the phone. Besides, the name of the game is Postal Diplomacy.

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No Game Openings right now. Standby Players needed for Character Dip and Turnabout. Anyone interested in playing the five-player game, "Conquest of the New World III," set in the Americas of the 1500's, please let me know, but send no money.

This issue contains reports on VACATION DIP III (1985R rm39), TURNABOUT (1986C ca02), BALKAN WARS III (1987A pb06) and CHARACTER DIP (1987AF rm49).

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EXCELSIOR RETURNS (Again). Bruce McIntyre produced issue #19 of EXCELSIOR in January, after an absence of six months. There were legitimate reasons for his inability to print the zine during that period. This is one of my favorite zines, so I'm very glad to see it back. It appears that all problems have been resolved, so I can again recommend it. If you publish, he'll accept Trades. This issue doesn't quote a sub rate, so I'd suggest you just send him a couple of dollars to get on the mailing list. His address: 6191 Winch St., Burnaby, B.C., CANADA V5B 2L4.

GAME OPENING: SkinnyDip, the Pulsipher/Davis simplified version, with just 24 Supply Centers. Contact David McCrumb, Rt. 1, Box 109, New Castle, Va. 24127. NMR Deposit of \$2.00, plus subscription to THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL (15 issues for \$10.00), No Game Fee. Five people signed up; two more needed. This game may also be played FTF on the first day of MaryCon, June 3rd, with me as GM.

IT'S MILLER, WALKER, KONING TIME

Volunteers are now being called for to serve on the Committees to select the nominees for the Don Miller Hobby Service Award, the Rod Walker Literary Award, and the John Koning Best Player Award. These Awards will be dated "1988," but represent recognition for the parties' activities in 1987. The awards will be screened by the various committees, and then the top five or six selected nominees will be voted upon by the entire hobby.

The Miller Award is one of the most prestigious in the hobby, matched only by finishing first in the Runestone Poll. It is awarded annually to the person who has performed the most valuable service to the hobby in whatever manner the voters select. In past years, it has gone to people like Rod Walker and Lee Kendter, Sr. The only weakness in the process is that members of the Committee are ineligible for election, so it could not be presented to Larry Peery in 1986 for saving DIPLOMACY WORLD (although some of us had thought of kidnapping Larry until the votes were counted, so he couldn't decline the nomination). Once selected for the Award, a person is ineligible for re-nomination for the following two years. Thus, the only two people in the hobby who can't be nominated this year are the 1986 and '87 winners, Bill Quinn and Bruce Linsey.

The Koning Award for Best Player was first presented in 1986. The "Best Player" nomination can be for Postal, FTF or Tournament play, or all three. Major Tournament winners are often nominated, but the hobby does not overlook long-time excellence in Postal play. The winners were Dan Stafford in 1986 and Randolph Smyth in 1987. (Randolph was the first Canadian to win an Award, proving that people will vote on the merit of a case, and not on his nationality). I believe I was mistaken in my statement last year that a Koning Award winner cannot be renominated the following year.

Nominations in both of these categories should be sent to: Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA. 92102. Also, anyone wanting to serve on either of these committees should send their names to Larry. I will again serve on the Miller Award Comm., and I'm also Treasurer for all three Awards. I order the plaques and the engravings from a highly reliable firm in Baltimore. Donations to help cover the costs of the plaques and postage will be appreciated. Anyone contributing at least \$5.00 will be listed on this year's honor roll. You may send such contributions either to me or to Larry. If you send me a check, please make it out to "Fred C. Davis, Jr.," as my Bank is terribly narrow-minded about accepting checks made out to strange organizations.

The Rod Walker Award for Literary Excellence will be conducted this year by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1R2. Nominations may be sent either to Peery or directly to Alan. Be sure to send along a copy of the specific work you're nominating, as the secretary will need to make photocopies for all committee members. Exception: If you're nominating someone for a book or a very long series, just provide enough material to fully identify it. There is no upper limit on the number of nominations for the Walker Award. The last two winners were Daf Langley and J.R. Baker.

Write-in votes are permitted for the Miller Award, but not for the others. Publishers will be requested to reprint the ballots in their zines next April or May, but no changes may be made in the Committees' nominations. (i.e. No publisher may add or delete names, or place an "X" in front of any names. Such ballots would not be counted. "Surely, no one would do that?" you say. Unfortunately, a certain defunct publication coming out of Northern Virginia did that very thing three years ago. Hopefully, it will never happen again.)

→ So, think about who deserves consideration for hobby services, literature, or great playing, and send in a couple of names. Remember, for these awards, the activity is supposed to have occurred in 1987, although the service or activity may have begun earlier or may still be continuing.

AND THE BUSHWACKER ADVENTURES AGAIN

Having completed the NAVB Catalog, I finally got around to another project of mine, to type up some of the "Bushwacker" stories which I wrote in longhand in high school. Actually, I've only typed up one, called "Bushwacker Vs. Umbriago," written in 1944, since one seemed to be enough to demonstrate how ~~long~~ unusual they were. The ms. comes to 20 typed pages, including a two-page preface on the nature of the Bushwacker comic strips and stories. I plan to run this as a bonus in the next issue of BUSH, but thought I'd give you fair warning now.

About three of my current readers may remember that when BUSHWACKER first began, I reprinted some of the "Bush" comic strips, to give this zine a unique character. This was discontinued after about 9 or 10 issues. ((Doesn't this guy ever throw anything away?))

I still have some copies of these strips. No, I promise I won't run them here, but if you're still curious about Bushwacker's adventures after reading this story, you may contact me about ordering copies for the cost of mailing and handling. I'm not planning to print any more "Bush" stories here, but there are one or two later "literary" efforts which I may publish if the zine lasts long enough and I have the time to organize things.

You will recall that the TV networks run their special material when the "sweeps" are on, in hopes of getting better ratings. I hope you won't think I'm putting this material out now because the 1988 Runestone Poll will be beginning in about two more months. Since I'm a Diplomacy player, I'm sure you'll believe me when I say this thought never entered my mind.

There is a minor problem. My original idea was to run half the story in each of two issues, to keep any one issue from being too big. I'm the guy who keeps complaining that many Dipzines are too large! However, there is no logical dividing point at Page 10. I can either interrupt the story - like an old-time serial - at the end of Pg. 9 or three-fifths of the way down Pg. 11; or I can give you the whole thing in one fell sweep.

I don't like splitting the story at an awkward spot, and I hesitate to dump all of this on you at once. From a typographical point of view, it would be better to print everything at once, and have only one oversized issue. I'm going to ask you to give your opinion, on the form shown below. (Some Overseas copies may not include the story. In other cases it will come by sea mail at a later date.)

Readers' Choice: Clip and return this form to the idiot who's causing all this trouble, Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043, USA.

- ____ 1. Being a masochist, I'd like to get the whole story at once, and get it over with!
- ____ 2. Please send it in two parts, and maybe I'll escape having to read all of it.
- ____ 3. Being of sound mind, I suggest that you delete the whole mess from my copy of BUSHWACKER.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

THE COMICS, AGAIN

Someone recently said that every Diplomacy zine ought to have something about the comics in every issue, since he felt our publications had a lot in common with them. This got me to thinking about a project I had in the back of my mind. Old-time BUSH readers will remember that in September 1986, I gave my list of what I thought were the Ten Best comic strips of the 1975-86 era, starting with Doonesbury, Peanuts and Bloom County. I also mentioned that my all-time favorites included L'il Abner, Pogo, Barnaby, and the original Milton Caniff version of Terry. Now, I'd like to suggest a list of the Ten Worst current comics.

I am using "Worst" in the sense of dull, banal, maudlin, unoriginal and bad taste. I'm saying nothing about the artistry, as some very good strips have terrible artwork, and vice-versa. We don't see ^{CURRENT} every comic strip published in the U.S. here in Baltimore, but here is my list of the ten worst, in ascending order from bottom to top. You may have different opinions:

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| 1. Mary Worth | 6. The Neighborhood |
| 2. Brenda Starr | 7. Zippy |
| 3. Arnold | 8. Nancy |
| 4. The Quigmans | 9. Geech |
| 5. Juliet Jones | 10. The Lockhorns |

Three of these (1, 2 & 5) are tear-jerker soap operas. Mary Worth and Brenda Starr share the honor of being the only strips I don't read in the glut of "funnies" we now get with the merger of the Baltimore Sun and the Hearst features. Arnold has to have the worst taste of any family newspaper comic - it ought to run in an underground paper. Zippy is supposed to be funny, I gather. What a mess. We don't see Nancy any more here, but I saw it still running in a Chicago paper two years ago. Same tired old jokes and cliches, 40 years out of date. Some of the single panel cartoons, like The Quigmans, are so unfunny I don't know why they bother to print them.

Years ago, there was a single-panel cartoon called "The Neighbors," which was quite funny. I don't know why they gave a similar name to the current strip, which has nothing in common with the original theme. I can also remember that when Brenda Starr began in the Chicago Tribune in 1941, it was basically a newspaper crime-fighting strip. It sure went astray in the years when I didn't see it.

Other strips which are getting boring in their old age are Rex Morgan, M.D., Judge Parker, and Mark Trail (although I still like Trail's Sunday wildlife exposition). Some of these stories move at an abysmally slow pace. Although I frequently see the strips only three times a week (including Sundays), it doesn't seem that I've missed much in between as they crawl along, whereas in Dick Tracy I might miss two shootings and a good murder in that period of time!

My award of Worst Drawings in an otherwise good strip would go to "Sally Forth."

Anyone want to send in their list of the Three Worst or Five Worst comics?

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The Winter 1988 issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD contains a copy of the new Avalon Hill game box flyer. You may wish to make photocopies of the "Play Diplomacy by Mail" side, and distribute this on bulletin boards, game club meetings, science fiction cons, or anyplace else where potential players might gather. The flags are interesting. It is extremely rare to see a copy of the Imperial Austrian or Russian flags displayed anywhere today. Only a very old encyclopedia might show them.

THERE WERE 128 REGULAR GAMESTARTS IN 1987, according to Steve Heinowski, the Boardman No. Custodian, in his quarterly report in EVERYTHING. This is up from the 94 recorded Regular Postal games starting in North America in 1986. '86 had shown the lowest number of new game starts in about 16 years. The increase for 1987 is due, in part, to better reporting, and partially due to a swing back to the Regular game from variant games and from other types of Postal games. It is good to see the numbers going up again. The actual numbers ought to be slightly higher, but there is one publisher who does not report his gamestarts (or finishes) to the Boardman No. Custodian. Neither does he report his Variant games to the virtually universally recognized Miller No. Custodian. So, if you happen to be a player in a zine which does not show a BN for your game, you may get this game properly recorded by sending a list of the starting players, plus any replacements, and the date the game began, to: Steve Heinowski, BNC, 51500 Portman Rd., R.D. 2, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

There are now over 2,000 completed Regular games on file in the BNC archives. Information on these games is available to researchers seeking trends or various types of statistics.

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1988 LIFER AWARDS VOTING BEGINS

The LIFER Awards are run by Don Del Grande in his LIFE OF MONTY. Last year, only 13 people voted, almost all of them readers of LOM, so the voting was a bit skewed to the tastes of that readership. To cite just one example, the fine Canadian zine PRAXIS, which finished third in the Runestone Poll, did not finish in the top three on the Lifer. (To be fair, only the first 3 finishers were shown in the report).

This year, I'd like to see a more widespread response. Although no one is supposed to take the Lifer Awards seriously, the voters should be more representative of the entire N. American hobby. So, I'm asking all of you to cast your votes. You don't need a formal ballot, although you can obtain one from Don. For each category, just list in numerical order up to five names of people or zines. You do not have to vote in every category, or to list five names in each. You do have to sign your ballot, and ballots must be received by May 1, 1988. For the "True Hobby Masters Society," you may write "None" or as many names as you wish. A person's name must appear on at least 20% of the ballots for them to enter that Society. Currently, the only person elected is Kathy B. Caruso. Since election is for life, you do not have to enter Kathy's name again. (You may use this list as a ballot):

Number each choice 1, 2, 3, etc. A first place vote is worth 15 points, second place 10 points; then 6, 3, and 1. You may cast a vote for yourself or your zine. Send your ballots to: Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Dr., Greenbrae, CA. 94904-1339.
The categories are:

1. Hobby Genius (not restricted to Diplomacy):
2. Most Improved Zine (your definition):
3. Best Zine for Hobby News:
4. Best Letter Column (Zine):
5. Hardest Country to Play:
6. Best Board Game other than Dip & Variants:
7. Biggest Hobby Personality (your definition):
8. True Hobby Master (the people you believe are really in charge):

Your Signature: _____

BALLOT:

TURNABOUT DIP - 1986C ca02

FALL 1908

MAD DUTCHMAN FORMS LINE FROM ARCHANGEL to LANGUEDOC. BALKANS AND IRISH BOTH TRY TO WIP OUT MIDDLE-EAST. IRISH SUCCEED. SLAVS REGAIN KIEV, LOSE TURKEY. ONLY FOUR LEFT NOW.

The Draw proposals did not pass. However, the vote was more favorable for the 2-way draw between Ireland and Benelux than for the 3-way Ireland/Balkans/Benelux draw.

BALKANS (Dousette): A Languedoc (S) BENELUX A Aquitaine-Barcelona (NSO), /d/, (R) to France or OTB. F Naples-Tyrr Sea. A Milan (S) A Austria. A Austria (S) A Hungary. A Rumania (MS) A Hungary. A Caucasus (S) SLAVIC A Turkey-Damascus (NSO). F Sophia-Turkey. F Libya-Alexandria. F Central Med.-Libya.

BENELUX (R. Brown): A Stockholm boards F Bothnia, A/F Bothnia-Baltic Sea, A Baltic disembarks Prussia. F Riga (S) A Baltic-Prussia. A Archangel (S) SLAV A Muscovy. A Novgorod (S) A Archangel. A Warsaw (S) SLAV A Kiev. A France-Switz. A Rhineland (S) A France-Switz. A Aquitaine-Languedoc.

IRELAND (Reges): A Barcelona (S) BENELUX A Aquitaine-Languedoc. F NAO-MAO. F Hebrides-NAO. F Western Med.-Tyrr. Sea. F Tunisia-Libya. A Red Sea-Alexandria. F Red Sea (S) A to Alex. A Arabia (S) A Red Sea-Alex. F Persian Gulf-Mesopotamia. F High Ocean Box #1-Persian Gulf. F High Ocean Box #2-Morocco.

MID-EAST (Stewart): NMR. F Black Sea (H).

SCANDINAVIA (Cheek): A Siberia (H).

SLAVS (Gruickshank): A Muscovy (MS) A Kiev. A Turkey-Mesopotamia. A Damascus (S) A Turkey-Mesop. A Jerusalem (S) BALKAN F Libya-Alexandria.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, TURNABOUT, WINTER 1908: GAINS, LOSSES

BALKANS:	3 Home, Austria, Hungary, Libya, Milan, Naples, Rumania, TURKEY, KIEV, LANGUEDOC, FRANCE(X)	10 or 11, Build 1 in either case, as was 1 short.
	(If A Languedoc (R) OTB, will have only 9 units, and will be 1 short)	
BENELUX:	3 Home, Barcelona, Cop, Rhineland, Riga, Stockholm, Warsaw, ARCHANGEL, LANGUEDOC, FRANCE (X)	10 or 12 (+0 or 2), Build 2 or 2 (was 1 short)
IRELAND:	3 Home, Algeria, England, Iceland, Lisbon, Madrid, Oslo, Scotland, Vineland, ALEXANDRIA, BARCELONA	12 (+2), Build 2
MID-EAST:	ALEXANDRIA	0 (-1), Remove 1, OUT
SCANDINAVIA:	ARCHANGEL	0 (-1), Remove 1, OUT
SLAVS:	Muscovy, Damascus, Jerusalem, Mesop., KIEV, TURKEY	5 (--), No change

PRESS:

BENELUX to Balkans: Reliable sources have told me of your intention to take Switzerland. So, now is the hour of truth...

BENELUX to Scandinavia: So, now we know what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object.

SCANDINAVIA: A man of honor should never forget what he is, because he sees what others are!

GM's Note: Players are reminded that Canals are always in provinces in this game; hence an A/F cannot exist in a canal province. DEADLINE for WINTER 1908 is Tuesday, March 8, 1988. If everybody includes Spring 1909 orders, and nobody objects, we'll play both seasons. Phone deadline is Mon., March 7th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49FALL 1902

ITALIANS ESCAPE FRENCH TRAP BY WATER-WALKING ACT. BEF LANDS IN BELGIUM. TURKS KEPT PINNED IN THEIR CORNER BY AUSTRIANS AND RUSSIANS. GERMANS NMR.

ENGLAND (Baty): 1A London-Belgium. 1F/(C) 1A London-Belgium. 2F Norway (S) 1F North Sea. 3F Heaven-Kiel.
(4)
FRANCE (D.Acheson): 2A Heaven-Tunis. 1A N.Africa (S) 2A Heaven-Tunis. 1F Spain(sc)-Gulf of Lyon. 2F MAO-Western Med. 3F Gulf of Lyon-Tuscany.
(5) ("Williams")
GERMANY (McHugh?): NMR. 1A Kiel & 2A Ruhr (H). 1F Skag., 2F Berlin & 3F Helgoland
(5) all (H).
ITALY (B. Wilson): 1A Tunis-Spain (card #17), 2A Venice-Piedmont. 2F Naples-Tyrr.
(4) Sea. 1F Aegean (S) AUSTRIAN A Con (NSU).
AUSTRIA (Suchard): 4A Galicia-Rumania. 1A Bulgaria (S) 4A Galicia-Rumania. 3A Vienna-Galicia. 2A remains invisible. 5A Budapest (S) 4A Gal-Rumania.
(6) 1F Greece-Aegean.
RUSSIA (Rice): 1A Silesia-Galicia. 3A Warsaw (S) 1A Silesia-Galicia. 2A Rumania
(5) (S) 1A Silesia-Galicia /d/, (R) Ukraine (only space open). 1F Baltic Sea-Denmark. 2F Sev (S) 2A Rumania.
TURKEY (Cheek): 1F Black Sea-Sev. 2A Armenia (S) 1F Black Sea-Sev. (Move fails be-
(4) cause Russ 2F Sev is double-strength). 2F Smyrna-Aegean. 1A Bul-garia (H) (NSU). 1A Con (U) (H).

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, CHARACTER, WINTER 1902: GAINS, LOSSES

ENGLAND:	3 Home, Norway, BELGIUM	5 (+1), Build 1
FRANCE:	3 Home, Portugal, TUNIS, SPAIN	5 (-), No change
GERMANY:	3 Home, Holland, DENMARK	4 (-1), Remove 1
ITALY:	3 Home, SPAIN, TUNIS	4 (-), No change
AUSTRIA:	3 Home, Greece, Rum, Serbia, BULGARIA	7 (+1), Build 1
RUSSIA:	4 Home, Sweden, DENMARK	6 (+1), Build 1
TURKEY:	3 Home, BULGARIA	3 (-1), Remove 1

PRESS:

ITALY to France: I'm not that kind of guy!
ITALY to Germany: Help!

AUSTRIA to Russia: Shoo! Scat! Get out and stay out!
AUSTRIA to World: You are all cordially invited to Balkan Fest, an annual (hopefully) event celebrating the unification of the Slavic, Greek and Austro-Hungarian peoples.

PARIS: Good grief, we've got Englishmen, Frenchmen and Russians in Heaven. Can anybody get there now?

TURKEY to France: Sound opinions are valueless. What matters is who holds them.
TURKEY: One cannot rest except after steady practice.

My thanks to Bob Gossage for submitting back-up orders for Italy for this season, which weren't needed. Now, I'm going to ask Lane Hess,* a new standby here, to submit back-up removal orders for GERMANY for WINTER 1902. I'll send you the rules for this game, Lane, as soon as I hear from you. If you inherit the position, I'll give you the characteristics for each unit, but make your removal based on your strategic evaluation. Jack McHugh, please drop me a postcard letting me know you're alive and well.

* 1140 E. 37th St., Bldg. 6, #212, Davenport, Iowa 52807

DEADLINE for WINTER 1902 will be TUESDAY, March 8, 1988. Telephone deadline is Mon., March 7th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39

WINTER 1911

There was only one request for a separation of seasons, so we're playing both.

		Current Strength	
		SC's	Vac Units
AUSTRIA (Rice):	No room to build, so will play one Regular unit short.	1 (—)	2
ENGLAND (Chang):	Build F London	8 (+1)	1
FRANCE (Wilson):	No change	0 (—)	0 (-2)
GERMANY (Young):	Build A Berlin, A Munich, F Kiel	14 (+3)	0
ITALY (Hoffman):	No room to build, so will play one Regular unit short.	3 (-1)	1 (-1)
RUSSIA (Cheek):	No change	0 (-2)	0 (-1)
TURKEY (Kenny):	No change	13 (—)	0

SPRING 1912

IT'S THE BLACK TEAM VS. THE GOLD TEAM IN THE FINALS, BUT WATCH OUT FOR THAT DARK BLUE TEAM ON THE SIDELINES! RUMANIA STAYS GERMAN.

AUSTRIA (Rice): VF NAO-MAO. VF Portugal (S) VF NAO-MAO. Plays Card #31 on Turkish (1)(2 units) F Gulf of Lions (C.D.)

ENGLAND (Chang): F London-Eng. Channel. A Picardy-Paris. F Gascony (S) AUSTRIAN VF (8)(9 units) Port-Spain(sc) (NSO). F Brest (H). F N.Africa-Western Med. F MAO (S) F N.AFRICA-West Med. /d/, (R) Irish Sea, (per RHR). F America-N.Africa. VF Sicily-Tyrr. Sea. A Siberia (H).

FRANCE (Wilson): Says hello. (0)(0 units)

GERMANY (Young): F Kiel-Helgoland. A Berlin-Silesia. A Tyrol-Vienna. A Bohemia (S) (14)(14 units) A Tyrol-Vienna. A Munich-Tyrol. F Hebrides-Norwegian Sea. F Iceland (S) F Hebrides-Norwegian. A Burgundy (S) ENGLISH A Picardy-Paris. A Warsaw-Ukraine. A Moscow (H). A Rumania (S) A Budapest. A Budapest, A Galicia & A Sev (S) A Rumania.

ITALY (Hoffman): VA Paris-Burgundy /d/ (Annihilated). A Marseilles (MS) A Piedmont. (3) (3 units)

RUSSIA (Cheek): He will have something to say in Fall 1912, so you may want to (0)(0 units) "play cards" with him.

TURKEY (Kenny): F Venice-Adriatic. A Tuscany-Venice. A Rome (S) A Tuscany-Venice. (13)(13 units) F Smyrna-Aegean. A Syria-Armenia. F Spain(sc)-Western Med. F Tunis (S) F Spain-Western Med. F Tyrr. Sea (S) F Spain-West. Med. F Gulf of Lions in C.D. per play of Card #31 by Austria. A Serbia-Rumania. A Bulgaria & F Black Sea (S) A Serbia-Rumania. A Trieste-Budapest.

We have TWO interesting Proposals on the table this month. #1 is for a four-way Draw between Austria, England, Germany and Turkey. Proposition #2 is for a Concession to Germany. (From one extreme to the other!). Please vote on both proposals with your Fall orders. Failure to vote will be counted as a "Yes".

There is also a motion to print the vote results. Please vote on this, too. I will rule that it will take two "No" votes to defeat this motion.

PRESS:

FRANCE(?) to Turkey: At times isolationism is the best policy! But I prefer exile. It sounds more romantic.

RUSSIA (former) to Italy and France: If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm!

DEADLINE for FALL 1912 and Votes will be TUESDAY, March 8, 1988. Telephone deadline is Mon., March 7th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ITALY ROLLS ALONG TO A BIG LEAD. SOME SORT OF DOUBLE CROSS IN SOFIA/SKOPJE MOVES?

BULGARIA (Dousette): A Sofia (S) SERBIAN A BELGRADE-Nish. A Varna (S) A Serbia.
 (5) A Plovdiv (S) A Varna. F Con-Smyrna. F Skutari (S) F Con-Smyrna.
 GREECE (Cheek): A Cilicia-Skutari. A Skopje-Sofia. A Valona (H) /d/, (R) to
 (4) Epirus or Salonika. F Athens (H).
 ITALY (Baty): A Tirana-Valona. F Corinthian Sea (S) A Tirana-Valona. F South
 (7) Adriatic-Montenegro. F Aegean-Athens. F Smyrna (H). F Med. Sea
(S) F Smyrna. A Nish-Skopje!
 SERBIA (Kenny): A Belgrade-Nish. A Oltenia (S) ITALIAN A Nish-Sofia. A Constantza
 (4) (S) ITALIAN A Nish-Sofia (NSO for both A's). A Bucharest (S) A
Constantza.

PRESS:

GREECE: Hope is the only good thing that disillusion respects.

Former Albanian ruler Lane Hess also writes to apologize for missing his last move, which occurred because he was out of town on vacation. He has volunteered to be a standby player for another game, for which I thank him.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, WINTER 1915: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ALBANIA:	CONSTANTZA	0 (-1), OUT
BULGARIA:	3 Home, Con, Scutari	5 (--), No change
GREECE:	Athens, Sal, Skopje, VALONA	3 (-1), Remove 1
ITALY:	3 Home, Crete, Monte, Smyrna , Tirana, NISH, VALONA	9 (+2), Build 2
SERBIA:	Belgrade, Bucharest, Galati, NISH , CONSTANTZA	4 (--), No change

The Victory Criterion is 11 Centers. I've also heard from Steve Smith. He, too, was out of town, and didn't see my standby notice in December. Steve intends to remain as a standby for this game.

DEADLINE for the combined WINTER 1915 and SPRING 1916 orders is TUESDAY, March 8, 1988. Phone deadline will be Monday, March 7th, at 9:00 p.m. Note this is one-half hour earlier than the normal BUSH cut-off time for phone calls, since I usually start working on the adjudication of the games around 8:30 on the day before the mail deadlines.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN VARIANT BANK has a new Asst. Custodian. He is Ronald J. Brown, 44 Carmichael Ct., Kanata, Ontario, CANADA K2K 1K2. Ron is my back-up in the event anything happened to me, and someone else had to take over the Bank. He is already Custodian of the Canadian Variant Bank. This is a collection of some of the more popular variants, plus his own personal collection. If a specific game is in the Canadian Bank, a Canadian reader may order it from Ron using a Canadian cheque or currency. But, please check with Ron first to see if he has it in stock.

All Canadian orders coming to me must include a Canadian Postal M.O. made out in U.S. funds, or U.S. currency. My bank levies a \$3.00 service charge for handling Canadian bank cheques, even if made out in U.S. funds. Most unfortunate, but there's nothing I can do about it.

MOST COPIES of this issue will contain a copy of the current BUSHWACKER Mailing List, which I prepared about two weeks ago. Should have mentioned this on the front page, but I forgot. Already, there has been one new subscriber added, and I may be losing one or two people at the end of this month if their Trade copies don't arrive.

AS AN ADDENDA to the article on the Miller/Walker/Koning Awards appearing on Page 2 of this issue, I've just learned that the deadline for nominations is April 1, 1988. That isn't very far away, so get out a scratch pad and start thinking of suitable nominees now.

Alan Stewart, the Walker Award Chairman, also has a good suggestion in the current issue of PRAXIS. He suggests that people start cutting out or putting aside good material from 1988 zines now. As soon as the current year's voting is settled, he is going to set up a file whereby people can send in such good stuff ^{immediately} for consideration next year, while the thoughts are still fresh in their minds. A lot of things which people liked in the past were forgotten by the time of the next year's voting, or, in some cases, copies could no longer be located. I highly approve of Alan's idea.

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PLUG: COMRADES IN ARMS, by Tom Swider, 262-D Garfield Ave., Collingswood, N.J. 08108. This is the only zine which provides pre-punched holes for a 3-ring notebook! It also carries several variant games, and prints new variant games as well. There are now openings in Vacation Dip III, Vandals (set in the twilight of the Roman Empire), and Northern Ireland (contemporary setting). Vandals is by Tom Swider, and Northern Ireland by Paul Kenny. The latter will be played free to playtest it. No price is shown for Vandals. Write if you're interested.

ZINE REGISTER, by Ken Peel. A complete listing of North American zines and services, plus a representative sampling of European zines. Send \$1.50 for two issues, or \$3.00 for four quarterly issues, to: Ken Peel, 8708 First Ave., #T-2, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. Highly recommended for a good picture of the hobby. There is a descriptive paragraph for each zine or service.

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THE PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION RELIEF AUCTION PRESENTS

WINTER 1988 PDORA RULES

- 1- Deadline for all bids is Friday, Feb. 12, 1988
- 2- In the case of tied bids and there aren't enough items to cover the bidding, the earliest postmark will win out.
- 3- This will be a 1 round mail order auction. There are numerous items, some of which are offered in "multiple lots". Read the item explanation very carefully before submitting a bid. Bids will be secret until the winners are announced, and at that time you'll be asked to send your pledged bid in. Once you've placed a successful bid, you are obliged to accept the item and its costs.
- 4- You may make your bids conditional upon \$3 spent, therefore it is suggested that you place your bid in preferential order if using conditionals. Other type of conditional bids will not be accepted. Regular bids accompanying illegal conditions will be accepted.
- 5- Simply list the items you wish to bid for and how much. (Example- A-001 \$5. If you're the high bidder, you'll win a 10 issue sub to KK/W.) If the item has a postage cost, do not include it in your bid. Submit only a direct bid for the item. You'll be billed for the postage cost later, if you win the item. (It'll be included in your final owed total.)
- 6- All items are postage paid by the donor unless stated otherwise.
- 7- All winners will be notified with a request for their payment, including any postage costs. After receiving payment, all donors will be notified to whom they should send the appropriate items. Postage money will also be forwarded by the administrators to the donor at this time.
- 8- All donations received will go to hobby services as determined by the 5 member financial committee. Either Simon or I, or anyone on the committee is entitled to any money, including reimbursement for flyers or postage costs affiliated with the auction.
- 9- All input is welcomed. We are striving to make this, your auction, a smashing success, year after year.
- 10- Additional catalogues can be obtained by sending a SASE to John Caruso.
- 11- All bids should be mailed to John Caruso.
- 12- John Caruso 29-10 164St Flushing, NY 11358
Simon Ellenness 630 Victory Blvd Apt 6F Staten Island, NY 10301
- 13- Good luck and everyone have a good time.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE PDORA WINTER 1988

Steve Arnawoodian, Andy Lischett, Alan Stewart, Bill Quinn, Steve Langley

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
A-001	A 10 issue sub to KK/W. \$10 value (Kathy & John's zine)	\$2
A-002	A 5 issue sub to OHIO Acres	\$1
A-003	A 2 year sub to Not Up To Modern Graphics Standards. \$12 value.	\$3
A-004	A 1 year sub to Rebel, 10 issues. \$5 value.	\$2
A-005	A 10 issue sub to Diplomacy Digest. \$5 value. Current subbers not eligible.	\$2
A-006	A years sub to The Yorkshire Callant a Brit zine by Mark Nelson.	
A-007	A years sub to ECU, 10 issues. \$5 value. (Simon's zine)	
B-001	THE GENERAL 6 issues (Vol 13 5-6, Vol 14 1-4) \$9 value. Add \$1 postage	
B-002	THE GENERAL 12 issues (May 82-April 84) \$31 value. Add \$2 postage.	
B-003	THE GENERAL 6 issues (Vol 13 3-6, Vol 14 1-2) \$9 value	
B-004	LITTLE WARS- a warfameing zine from the mid 70's by TSR. 4 issues #1-3, 5	
B-005	DIPLOMACY HANDBOOK 1974- the pubbers handbook. Many articles.	
B-006	DIPLOMACY HANDBOOK 1975- more articles on diplomacy.	
B-007	Autographed copy of BOMBOS OF THE DEATH SUN by Sharyn McCrumb.	
B-008	251ots- 1986-1987 BLACK AND BLUE BOOK by Larry Peery. Add \$1 postage.	

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
S-001	Kathy (no souvenir package includes NY Met schedules, Met calendar, bumper sticker, profile of Kathy and more.	
S-002	Don Del Grande souvenir package includes THE GENERAL Vol 13 #2 with a DDC letter to the editor in it.	\$2
S-003	Silohettes of 33 ships, top view, 1"x6" mounted on formica sheet. #111 ships from Japan, US, Germany, more. \$3 postage.	\$12
V-001	VHS Video of Pacific University production of ROMEO AND JULIET featuring Michael Hopperoff as Friar Lawrence. Very weird production, set post-holocaust.	\$5
V-002	VHS Video of Pac.Univ. prod of Gilbert & Sullivan's PAUENCE, featuring K Hopperoff as Panthorne. Less weird than R&U.	\$5
Z-001	A complete set of NOT NEW YORK	\$5
Z-002	A variety of European zines.	\$3
Z-003	Set of 10 asst'd KK/W (#110-127) \$10 value.	\$3
Z-004	1983-1984 Dipdom Census- compiled by Dick Martin. Collectors item.	
Z-005	ZINE DIRECTORY #1 (By Mike Mills) and ZINE REGISTER #3-8 from Roy Henricks thru Simon Ellenness. \$10 value.	\$2
Z-006	ONCE UPON A DEADLINE \$3 value.	
Z-007	DIPLOMACY WORLD 24-27 (Winter 79-Winter 80) from Jerry Jones.	\$3
Z-008	Set of 14 asst'd KK/W from issues 71-96. \$15 value.	
Z-009	Yet another issue of GAMESMAN #9, last issue by late Don Miller.	\$3
Z-010	64 pages- items includes chess dip other games.	
Z-011	THE SPACE GAMER issues #2, 3, 6-9, 11, 13, 14, 20, 22, 23	\$25
Z-012	DIPLOMACY WORLD 10 asst'd back issues (DWs choice). \$5 postage. \$25	\$2.50
Z-012	10 lots of DIPLOMACY WORLD back issue (DWs choice) \$1 post.	\$2.50

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PDORA WINTER 1988 OFFICIAL FORM

- 1- If you could designate your PDORA donation, to which services would you give money? (abbreviations are OK)
- 2- Should we allow bidders the option to have their money go to the services of their choice? (Yes or no)
- 3- Should the shares the bidders decide upon be equal shares or should we allow the bidders to decide what % to each service?
- 4- Should we have an auction every year or every other year?
- 5- Are there any improvements or ideas that you have that you'd like to see the PDORA people undertake? Any suggestions at all are welcome.

NAME _____ DATE _____



ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
B-009	1 e of 4 DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY Vol 1-4. Articles from previous DW's. Add \$5 postage.	\$40
B-010	DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY Vol I. Add \$1 postage.	\$10
B-011	DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY Vol II. Add \$1 postage.	\$10
B-012	DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY Vol III. Add \$1 postage.	\$10
B-013	DIPLOMACY WORLD ANTHOLOGY Vol IV. Add \$1 postage.	\$10
B-014	A copy of Larry Peery's AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STRATEGY AND TACTICS OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY (c1977) 376pp hardback edition. Add \$5 postage.	\$35
G-001	The lone sock Bobby-Baby (Greier) was wearing when the Reds beat the Red Sox, Game 7, 1975 World Series.	\$1
G-002	Amanda Byrne's very 1st T-shirt from Mercy Hospital.	
D-001	2 lbs fudge shipped to US only. \$4 value. Postage will be billed.	
D-002	5 lots of "Anderson for President" buttons.	
D-003	Champagne cork and wine from the bottle of champagne awarded to the 1987 British National Diplomacy Champion--Jim Mills.	
F-001	A fake issue of a zine of your choice.	\$10
G-001	WORLDS OF WONDER--3 interchangeable role playing games from Chaosium (the Gull of The Cthulhu people). Includes the 1st edition of SUPERWORLD. Now out of print. All in good condition. \$4	
G-002	CONQUESTADOD from AR. Unopened. Will be sent COD from DM for postage.	
G-003	WHO CAN BEAT NIXON printed in 1970. A Presidential election game with event and media cards granting and taking away money and points. Blank cards also included (some already filled in with Fred Davis' imitable prose). 2-8 players.	\$7
G-004	LANDWEHR--Fred Davis' ancient boardgame from the 1960's. Rules allow for designing your own board. Must furnish your own pieces from Risk, Bingo, etc. The board is simple squares, so pieces from Risk, Bingo, etc. The board is simple squares, so graph paper would suffice. 2 player game.	\$1.50
G-005	THE SNOCK MARKER GAME--some pieces missing but still playable.	
G-006	THE LAST STARFLIGHTER GAME--unplayed counters.	\$20
G-007	D-DAY 1965ed (#508) Includes 3 pads of PBM forms. \$3 postage	\$40
G-008	GUADALCANAL 1966ed. Add \$3 postage	\$20
G-009	STALINGRAD 1963ed (#518) . Add \$3 postage	\$14
G-010	BITZERIG 1965ed (#700). Add \$3 postage	\$14
G-011	BATTLE OF THE BUICKS 1965Ed (#602). Includes 3 PBM pads of forms. Add \$3 postage.	\$14
G-012	FOOTBALL 1962ed (#515). Add \$3 postage	\$20
G-013	AFRIKA KORPS 1964ed (#60C). Add \$3 postage.	\$12
G-014	MAGIC REALM 1979ed (#717). Add \$3 postage.	\$12
H-001	An infamous "Kathy" Historical Hobby Placemat. alleged 2¢ value.	\$1
H-002	Famous Historical Document--A Conrad Winshall postcard.	\$1
H-003	Historical triple issue of DD (#100-102)	\$1
M-001	An assorted variety of foreign pens.	\$2
M-002	8 piece set of felt tipped pens--asst'd colors.	
M-003	Comprehensive personally crafted horoscope done by Melinda Holley. (Date, time and place of birth needed for full details)	
M-004	A set of Blueberry briars (aka Greiers Briars). These thorny devils can be yours for a modest pledge.	
M-005	Stamps. Domestic commemorative and foreign stamps. Add \$1 postage.	
M-006	PERFECTON VIII (July 30/31, 1988) Includes admission, accommodations, eats, etc.	

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