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This is the 203rd consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy\* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Variant games, hobby news, reports on the status of the North American Variant Bank, and whatever else comes to mind. I suspect nobody ever reads the masthead, so it hardly matters what we say here. This is brought to you by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043, U.S.A. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time, except during the dinner hour. However, our dinner hour has been changed. It is now 5:30-6:30 p.m. except on Thursdays, when it is 6:30-7:30.

In any event, please try to submit all of your orders by mail, except in emergencies, but phone me if you find an adjudication error. This zine is named after my comic strip character, "Bushwacker," whose picture appears on the masthead. That "World War I" helmet he's wearing is the one that was used by American troops until about August 1942, although scenes of the Battle of Midway in "War & Remembrance" showed that the Navy apparently had the new helmets already by May. If accurate, it's just another instance of the old saying, "The Navy gets the gravy, while the Army gets the beans."

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This issue contains reports on VACATION DIP III (1985R rm39), CHARACTER DIP (1987AFrm49), CONQUEST OF THE NEW WORLD III (1988AQ wc03), and the start of ATLANTICA III (1988ARoa01).

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PLUG: NEWS FROM BREE. A brand new zine, from the typewriter of Chris Gabel, P.O. Box 92, Madras, Oregon 97741. To begin with, he's offering game openings in Regular Dip and Downfall...Rings III. There is a \$5.00 game fee, plus a sub requirement of 50¢ per issues. (Like many novices, Chris has neglected to translate that into a useful figure, like 10 issues for \$5.00). He's also offering a letter column called "Thrust & Parry," which promises lots of controversial comments on "baseball, politics, religion - you name it." (That's a pretty good trilogy for a start, listed in descending order of importance).

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The zine is cleanly printed and literate, so probably worth your while. I did not know until I read his explanation that the "Bree" in question is a town in Middle Earth. As there was a drawing of a ship on Pg. 1, I'd assumed it was named for the Bree, the ship owned by Barlennan in Hal Clement's classic SF novel, Mission of Gravity. There is also a British zine named NEWS FROM BREE. However, since there are two Brees in the Fantasy & SF world, why not two zines with that name?

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#### WANT ADS

JOB OPENING: Steve Heinowski, the Boardman No. Custodian, has announced that he is looking for a successor. Steve has been BNC since September 1986. Because of the great amount of work required in the post, the average BNC in the past has served for slightly over two years before passing the torch to someone else. Anyone wishing to apply for the BNC post is requested to contact Steve at: 860 Colorado Ave., #2A, Lorain, Ohio 44052. He will send you a form requesting pertinent information. For the time being, all requests for Boardman Nos., and any End Game reports, should continue to be sent to Steve at that address.

FOR SALE. Dermison's 4-page Carbon Set Address labels. These are no longer available in most stores in the familiar ten-set boxes, so I had to order a larger number of sets. I will sell you ten 4-page sets for \$5.80 postpaid. That's a total of 1320 labels (33 to a page). The retail price of a ten-set box, if you could find one, is now \$9.00. (Item No. 37-724). You save \$3.20 buying from me. Limit of 20 sets to any one person. A heck of a lot easier than addressing your zines by hand. You cover four issues with one typing.

HELP WANTED: Robert Sacks has announced with regret that Bruce Garyk will be unable to edit the Fall issue of the KNOWN GAMES OPENINGS ZINE DIRECTORY. Gosh, that's too bad. If you would like to assist Robert in producing a new DIRECTORY, contact him at: 4861 Broadway, #5-V, New York, N.Y. 10034. Surely, this publication has nowhere to go but up!

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#### FINAL COMMENTS ON THE RUNESTONE POLL

Bruce Linsey sent me a list of names of the people who voted for BUSHWACKER in the '88 Poll. Almost all of our regular readers voted. I thank you for your participation. I especially thank the readers who gave us five 10's, thirteen 9's, twenty 8's and twenty 7's. What had puzzled me were the four zeros and one "1" vote I'd received. It is generally accepted hobby wisdom that any "0" or "1" vote is a "grudge" or "hate" vote, as there are virtually no zines that are that bad. As far as I know, I've never given anyone a "0" or "1". Why, I even gave B.I. a "2"!

Linsey did not inform me on how anyone voted. However, from his list, I was able to identify the names of four voters who are not on my mailing list - or have not been on the list since around Dec., 1987. One gentleman was sent one copy of BUSH for a special reason. Two could have picked up a sample copy from the stack I put out at AtlantiCon. In any case, I think I now have a pretty good idea of where most of these low votes for BUSH came from. Without these "lowball" votes, BUSH would have finished a bit better in the standings.

There's no way it can be proven, but if you also received a suspicious batch of four or five "0" or "1" votes for your zine, I think you can conclude that they may have come from the same parties. This is how a small coterie of disgruntled people can affect the operation of a hobby-wide project for their own ends.

DIPCON XXII WILL BE HELD IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, the weekend of July 28-30, 1989. Larry Peery is Chairman. Other members of the DipCon Committee are Ron Cameron and Ken Peel. No prices have been announced yet for registration, rooms and meals, but you should certainly circle these dates on your 1989 calendar. If you would like to volunteer to help run a tournament, or work on the scoring system, or to serve on a Roundtable or panel, I'd suggest that you contact Peery right away. His address is: P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA. 92102.

Tournament Directors and assistants will be needed for different types of games: Regular Dip, Variants, Gunboat and Computer. They may even be tournaments for some other games, such as Titan, Civilization, Britannia, and the several Railroad games. People with ideas for lectures or panels on Dip are also sought.

The 1989 DipCon will also select the site for the 1990 DipCon, which, per the Charter, is supposed to be held on the East Coast. There will also be bidding and serious discussion of where to hold the next World DipCon. WDC I was held in Birmingham, England, in 1988. This is supposed to be held every two years, each time in a different country. North America is the venue for 1990. Australia may host it in 1992. The important thing to remember about WDC is that it's going to require the cooperation of everyone in America, regardless of whether it's held on the East Coast, the West Coast, or in Canada. Also, there is nothing graven in stone saying that it must be held in conjunction with DipCon. So, there may be many groups bidding to host it. It's time this issue was discussed. I understand that the next issue of DIPLOMACY WORLD will point out the pros and cons of several different locations.

The important thing is not the physical location as much as the spirit of the people offering to run it. Will they encourage the entire hobby to work together to make it a success? Will they be able to get a large turnout for the Con? Attendance at the 1988 DipCon in San Antonio was terrible. While it's recognized that 75% of the attendees at any Con will come from within a 150-mile radius, jet travel ought to make it possible for anyone who really wants to come to attend a DipCon and/or WDC. It's just a question of how do you motivate people outside the immediate area to make the trip? Send your suggestions to Larry Peery or Ken Peel.

A discussion on the format and location of the 1990 World Dip Con II is also running in the pages of Simon Billenness' EXCITEMENT CITY UNLIMITED. To subscribe, contact Simon at: 630 Victory Blvd., #6F, Staten Is., N.Y. 10301. Simon is seeking more opinions on WDC for the E.C.U. lettercolumn.

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#### BITS AND PIECES

The Diplomacy Presidential Contest has ended. There were 41 entries, including multiple entries from six people, creating a jackpot of \$41.00. The winner was Brad Wilson, who correctly predicted the outcome in states with a total of 520 Electoral Votes. He got every state right except Connecticut and Maryland, and won the entire jackpot. Mark Lew was second, with 493 EV's called correctly. I was way back, with just 286 right. I'd sent in my entry too soon, and never got around to sending in another one. Maryland was the State that most people (31) called wrong. 23 of us also called Pa. for Dukakis, while 17 called West Virginia for Bush. No State call was unanimous, but the call on Wyoming was 40-1 for Bush; and Mass. was given to Dukakis 40-1. The Consensus score was 458 EV's. We split 21-20 on Ill., Iowa and Michigan. Fourteen people listed Bush as their choice, 13 voted for Dukakis, and there were 9 write-ins, including one each for Elizabeth II and Dick Martin. (Oh, Nevada was 41-0 for Bush. I'd overlooked this).

POGO IS BACK! Everyone over 21 probably remembers Pogo, the great comic strip that ran from 1949 to 1975. The brainchild of Walt Kelly took on everybody from Joe McCarthy to LBJ to Spiro Agnew, and created the now classical statement, "We have met the enemy, and they is us." The strip folded about a year after Kelly died. (more)

The University of Illinois Alumni News has announced, in its November 1988 issue, that two U. of I. grads, Larry Doyle and Neal Sternecky, have won a nation-wide contest to resume writing and drawing the strip. No starting date was announced, but the article says that Doyle & Sternecky will be making media appearances to herald Pogo's return, so you shouldn't have long to wait.

DID YOU SEE NORTHERN FLAME'S cover portrait of the "Omaha Board of Censors" on issue #9? One of the funniest cartoons I've seen in years. I don't know if there really is such a board in Omaha, but these look like the sort of people that usually populate such boards, like the late Maryland Motion Picture Censorship Board, or the group of people in Indiana who tried to have Robin Hood removed from library shelves as Communist literature.

RECOMMENDED READING. "Survival As A Diplomat's Wife," by Greg and Linda Maynard. This appeared in THE LAST RESORT #8, October 1988. TLR is produced by Charles Fargo, 76 Treveler La., Marshfield, Mass. 02050. I don't see any single copy price, but maybe if you send him a SASE, he'd make you a photocopy of this page. Every Diplomacy Widow should have a copy. Ladies, if you'd prefer, just send me a SASE, and I'll send you a copy.

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INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE, AT LONG LAST, is a copy of the Rules and Map for:

"1938 - III" (qh09/09), a Diplomacy Variant by David Struckman.

I decided to reprint this, since it is a World War II recreation that is not overly complex. By including nine players, it allows for plenty of diplomatic interaction. (It could also be played as a 7man game, by eliminating Poland and North Africa. Standing Armies could be placed in Lwow, Warsaw, Casablanca and Tunis, to even things out; and make Algiers and Krakow ordinary spaces, lowering the No. of SC's to 48).

I'd intended to print this with the 200th Issue, but there were some technical corrections needed in the rules, and I ran out of time. David Struckman is no longer in the hobby. In fact, I can't determine exactly when he designed his "1938", but it was no later than 1982. If anyone knows David's address, I'd be glad to send him a copy of my revision of his work. Most of my amendments are listed in the introductory notes to the rules.

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I hope to reprint other forgotten Variants here in BUSH from time to time. If anyone has any suggestions on what to reprint, let me hear from you.

MEANWHILE, UPDATE #3 to the N. American Variant Bank Catalog has been printed. If you purchased a copy of the Catalog, you may have a copy by just sending me a SASE. (I have a complet list of who has bought the 1987-88 Catalog). A limited number of Catalogs are still for sale for \$4.00, and these will include all three UPDATES. If you haven't bought the Catalog and just want copies of UPDATES #2 & #3, send me a SASE and 25¢, and remind me of why you're doing so. I occasionally receive a letter with money inside, with no indication of what it is for!

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BULLETIN: The posts of Miller No. Custodian and Variant Bank Custodian have exchanged places in Australia. The new Aussie Variant Bank Custodian is: John Cain, 76 Banool Rd., Balwyn, 3103, AUSTRALIA. The MNC for Down Under (but not Under a Covenant) is: Andrew England, F1/96 South Rd., Torrensville, S. AUSTRALIA 5031.

qh 09/09

"1938 - III" - a Diplomacy Variant by David Struckman

North American Variant Bank edition - retyped and revised by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1986

Notes: The original map for this game was printed from a ditto master. The colors had faded badly, so the entire map had to be retraced and retitled. There were several grave errors on the original map, such as provinces being placed in wrong locations, or the use of names which were not in use in 1938. (e.g., White Russia was called "Kharkov," Stalingrad "Volgograd," and Izmir "Smyrna.")

These names have been changed to the correct ones in use in 1938. There have also been some improvements in boundaries in some areas, especially for Poland, Germany and Russia. It's still a poor map in some areas, but an improvement over the original. The small size for Czechoslovakia is approximately correct, by the way, since this is supposed to represent what was left of that country after parts were occupied by Germany and Hungary following Munich in October 1938. The boundaries for Yugoslavia have also been revised to delete "Trieste," which was actually part of Italy at the time, and to improve Italy's position.

Rules:

1. The Standard Rules of Diplomacy will apply where not otherwise amended here.
2. The first move of the game will be Spring 1938, although the map actually shows the European boundaries as of October 1938.
3. There are 50 Supply Centers. The Victory Criterion is ownership of 25 Centers.
4. There are nine Great Powers. They and their Home Supply Centers are:  
  
ENGLAND (4): A Birmingham, F Edinburgh, F Liverpool, F London  
FRANCE (3): A Marseilles, A Paris, F Brest  
GERMANY (4): A Berlin, A Munich, A Vienna, F Kiel  
ITALY (3): A Venice, F Naples, F Rome  
POLAND (3): A Krakow, A Lwow, A Warsaw  
RUSSIA (5): A Moscow, A Stalingrad, F Leningrad, F Murmansk, F Sevastopol  
SPAIN (3): A Madrid, F Cadiz, F Bilbao  
TURKEY (3): A Istanbul, F Ankara, F Izmir  
NORTH AFRICAN UNION (Mythical country)(3): A Algiers, F Casablanca, F Tunis
5. In addition, there are some special Build Provinces, where certain countries may build additional units, if they are under their control. These provinces, and the countries which may build there are: ENGLAND: Northern Ireland; FRANCE: Burgundy; GERMANY: Aachen, Leipzig; ITALY: Piedmont; RUSSIA: Tundra; and NORTH AFRICA: Egypt. (Note Egypt is already a Neutral Supply Center).
6. There are Direct Passages for all units between Sicily and Naples, and between Northern Ireland and Edinburgh. These do not affect the passages of Fleets between the adjacent sea spaces. There is also a direct connection for Fleets and Convoys between the Azores and North Atlantic Ocean.
7. East Prussia is part of Germany, but cut off from the rest by the Polish Corridor. In Spring 1938 only, Germany may, if he wishes, move A Berlin directly to East Prussia. If stood off, the A returns to Berlin.
8. The neutral SC Stockholm contains an A in Civil Disorder, which must be dislodged before the province can be taken. This A may be supported in place. (This represents the considerable military strength of Sweden in 1938).

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9. The Azores is both a land and sea space. The islands may be occupied by an Army, but it can only move in or out by Convoy.
10. Map Notes: Piedmont touches Munich & Tyrol. North Atlantic touches Azores and Barents Sea. Mid-Atlantic touches Ireland. Irish Sea touches Norwegian Sea. Eng. Channel touches Holland. There are no two-coasted provinces.
11. Abbreviations: B = Birmingham. H = Holland. N.I. = Northern Ireland. Cata. = Catalonia. Czecho. = Czechoslovakia. Norm. = Normandy. Pal. = Palestine. E.P. = East Prussia. Others as in the Regular game.

Added Spaces from Original: Land: Azores, Crete, Iran, Sardinia, Sicily, Catalonia  
Sea: Bay Of Biscay, South Atlantic

Spaces Deleted from Original Map: North Sweden, Plymouth

Name Changes from Original Map: Bohemia to Czechoslovakia, Breslau to Silesia, Budapest to Hungary, E. Poland to Wilno, Gibraltar to Cadiz, Kharkov to White Russia, Manchester to Birmingham, Polesti to Moldavia, Smyrna to Izmir, Trieste to Croatia (w/ boundary change), Ural to Tundra, Volgograd to Stalingrad.

"Aachen" might preferably be "Cologne," but I didn't make this change.

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#### Analysis of this game, by Fred Davis

In the year 1938, Germany has a reasonable chance of taking four neutral Supply Centers. France, Poland and Spain may only reach two. The other Powers all have expectations of taking three such Centers. They can't all do this simultaneously, of course, since there are only 19 Neutral SC's, so many of these are listed as possibilities for two or more of the Powers. Initially, Italy and Spain had the worst prospects, but the addition of new SC's in Azores and Sardinia, plus making Belgrade adjacent to Venice, have improved their initial chances.

Putting a Standing Army into Stockholm will keep Germany and Russia from growing too fast. Should some other country be found to have things too easy at the start, a Standing Army can be used in other Neutral Centers to slow them down.

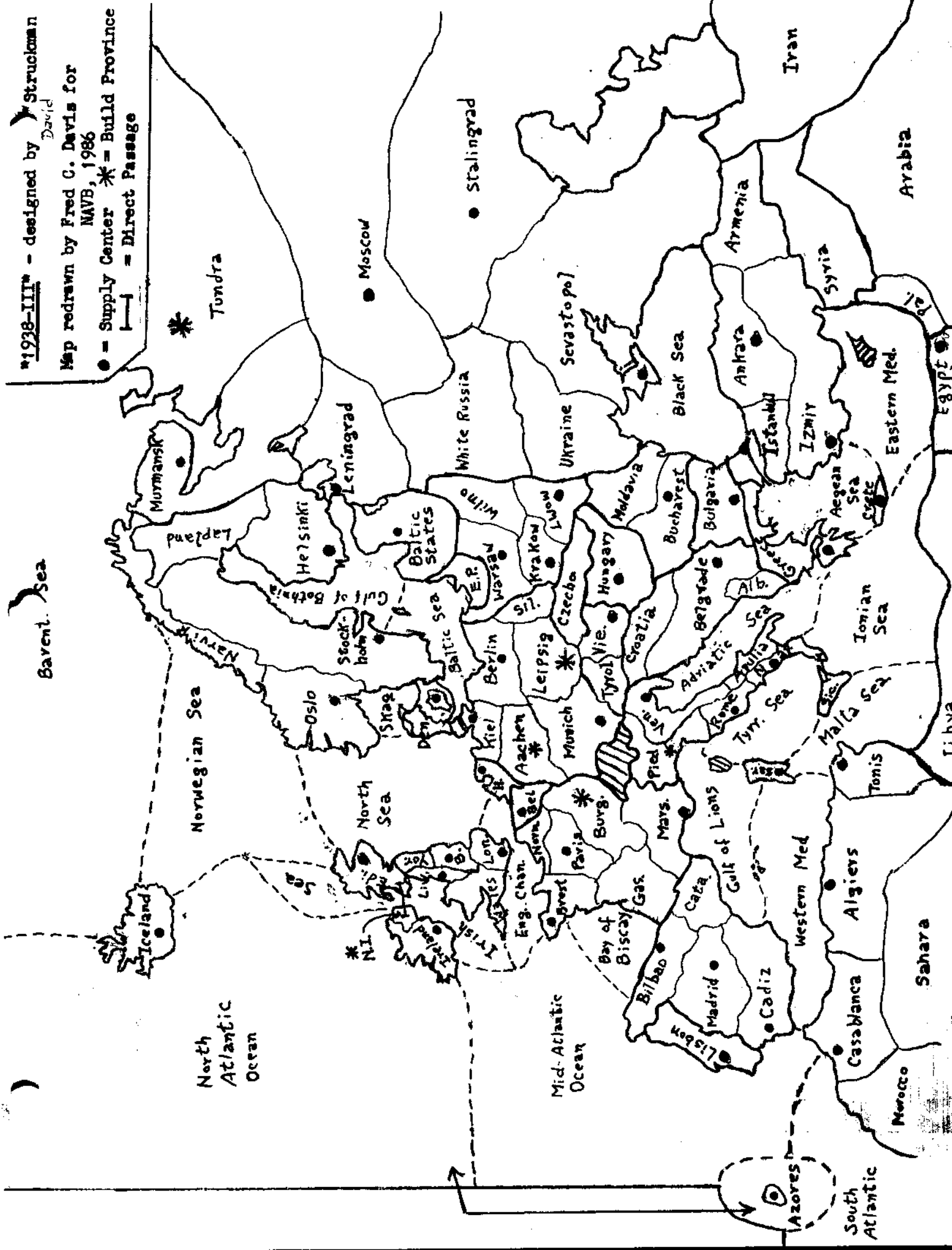
Consideration may be given to the idea of letting France have a "Choice" of an A or F in Marseilles at the game's start. However, a F Marseilles might make France very vulnerable to a German attack.

No country is going to get very far without good cooperation with other Powers. A drive in almost any direction can result in another country attacking from the rear. So, Diplomacy is going to be very important here, especially for the smaller Powers.

Note that while Russia starts with 5 units, two are placed rather far back, and can do little in Spring 1938.

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\*1938-III\* - designed by **Struckman**  
 Map redrawn by Fred C. Davis for  
 NAVB, 1986  
 ● = Supply Center \* = Build Province  
 — = Direct Passage



CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49FALL 1905

AUSTRIANS BLAST BOHEMIA, BATTLE THEIR WAY INTO CON, ROME, ST. PETE. ENGLISH SLIDE INTO GREECE. ITALIANS GIVE UP THE GHOST. FRENCH CELEBRATE REVIVAL IN PARIS, MARS.

ENGLAND (Baty): 3F Heaven-Greece. 6F Norwegian Sea-Barents Sea. 2F Norway-St. Pete. 5A Edinburgh-Yorkshire. 5F Eng Charnel (H). 1A Munich-Tyrol. 2A Bohemia (S) 1A Munich-Tyrol (Annihilated). 4A Belgium-Ruhr. 4F Prussia-Livonia. 1F Denmark (H). 3A Burgundy-Munich.

FRANCE (Acheson): 2A Brest-Paris. 3A Gascony-Spain. 1A Marseilles (H). 2F Naples-Rome. 3F Tyrr Sea-Tunis.

ITALY (B. Wilson): 2F Western Med-Naples (per Card 5). (As move fails, this does not affect Franch 3F Tyrr Sea).

AUSTRIA (Suchard): 6A Sev jumps 4A Moscow to St. Pete (per Card 5). 4A Moscow (S) 6A Sev-St. Pete. 5A Ukraine-Warsaw (Double strength). 7A Galicia-Bohemia & Annihilates English 2A (Per Card 9. 7A also Annihilated). 3A Apulia-Rome. 2Amp Venice (S) 3A Apulia-Rome & reveals its amphibious character (Card 3). 1A Bulgaria-Con. 1F Aegean (S) 1A Bul-Con. 8A Rumania-Galicia. 2A's location becomes known to English. (Remains invisible to others).

RUSSIA (Bargender): 2F Con-Smyrna (Double strength). 1F GofBothnia-Baltic Sea.

TURKEY (Cheek): 1F Ankara-Con. 2F Smyrna (S) 1F Ankara-Con /d/, may (R) to Syria or Eastern Med or OTB.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, CHARACTER DIP, WINTER 1905: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ENGLAND:	3 Home, Bel, Berlin, Den, Hol, Kiel, Munich, Norway, GREECE, <del>ST. PETE</del> .	11 (—), Build 1 (1 annihil. in Bohemia)
FRANCE:	Brest, Naples, Port, Spain, Tunis, PARIS, MARSEILLES (from Neutral)	7 (+2), Build 2 (Room for only 1 Build)
ITALY:	<del>PARIS, ROME</del>	0 (-2), Remove 1, OUT
AUSTRIA:	3 Home, Bulg, Rum, Serb, Sev, Ven, Warsaw, CON, ROME, MOSCOW, ST. PETE, <del>GREECE</del>	13 (+3), Build 4 (Room for only 3 Builds; 1 annihil. in Boh.)
RUSSIA:	Sweden, SMYRNA, <del>VOSCOV, CON.</del>	2 (-1), Remove 1 Even
TURKEY:	Ankara, <del>SMYRNA</del>	1 (-1), Remove 1

PRESS:

ITALIAN FLEET AT SEA: Surrender, my Frog friend? You're kidding...

BUSHWACKER: It looks like a surrender was unnecessary.

FRANCE to England: We wish to thank the British 3rd Army for their skills at mine-laying, and the English Minister of External Affairs for his astute negotiations with the Italians.

TURKEY: If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

FRANCE to Austria: Yes, we seek them here, we seek them there. Us Frenchies seek you everywhere./ Are you in the Pie, or in Tuscany/ So damned elusive Second Army! ((Freely adapted from "The Scarlet Pimpernel" poem - F.C.D.))

FRANCE to GM: Speak, oh most exulted one. Let us hear the words that tip off where that Austrian 2nd Army is. ((See above))

ITALY to England: Go for Vienna!

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AUSTRIA to England: I believe you are mistaken. I haven't attacked France, nor have I been hostile to Turkey since the liberation of Bulgaria in 1902. Your excuse to attack me is lame, you bloodthirsty Anglo-Saxon. The only Power to annihilate a country has been you.

GM's Notes: A proposal has been made that after this Winter, we no longer have separate Winter and Spring seasons. It has been suggested that players could send in their Builds immediately, and then phone me to learn their characters. I would agree to that if we had a unanimous vote in favor of the proposal. Please vote on this with your Winter adjustments. I would reserve the right, however, to establish a separation of seasons whenever I felt it necessary, which could be whenever 3 or more units were to be built, or any player specifically requested a separation.

The English player should find a slightly more detailed report attached to his copy.

DEADLINE for WINTER 1905 Adjustments is SATURDAY, December 31, 1988. However (hic), since this is New Year's Eve, I may not be able to adjudicate the games that day. The phone deadline will be Friday, Dec. 30th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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CONQUEST OF THE NEW WORLD III - 1988AQ wc03

WINTER 1595

SANTA VISITS EVERYONE EXCEPT PORTUGAL

GM's Note: We erred in not listing Rio as an alternate Retreat space for the Spanish A/F Shelf. Also, whenever a unit is annihilated, such as an A/F's Army, it may be rebuilt if a Supply Center is available to do so, regardless of whether that SC is on or off the board.

		<u>Current Strength</u>
ENGLAND (McCrumb):	Build A/F Atlantic Ocean	6 (+2)
FRANCE (Baty):	Build A/F Atlantic Ocean. Build F Atlantic Ocean.	7 (+3)
PORTUGAL (Cheek):	No change	4 (—)
RUSSIA (Greaves):	Build F1 Western Pacific, Build F2 Western Pacific.	6 (+2)
SPAIN (Dousette):	A/F Shelf (R) Rio, A destroyed. Build F1 Atlantic Ocean. Build F2 Atlantic.	5 (+1) (Gets a build for Annihil. unit)

PRESS:

SPAIN to Portugal: Oh, we won't charge you with a blunder. Obviously, it's malice. But, isn't it a bit early to suicide out?

PORTUGAL to Spain: Times change, and men deteriorate.

SPAIN to France: There are some belligerent lowlifes down here, but the rest of us are simply victims of Portuguese blunders — excuse me, malice. Maybe we both want the Falklands, but it's obviously Russia's now!

Everyone is reminded that in Winter 1605 everyone will lose one Off-Board SC, as the Powers-that-be in the Old Country begin to lose interest in your expeditions. Also, it will soon be time to start thinking about which New World Supply Center you are going to designate as your Home SC.

DEADLINE for the SPRING 1600 moves will be TUESDAY, January 10, 1989. This game report will be carried in DIPLOMAG, the bimonthly newsletter of the Mensa Diplomacy SIG. In alternate months, it will be carried by a flyer, which will just go to players and stand-bys. Phone deadline will be Mon., Jan. 9th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39FALL 1915

GERMANS ATTEMPT AERIAL ATTACK ON SEVASTOPOL, BUT UKRANIAN ARMY FALLS DOWN STEPPES.  
 TURKS TAKE TUNIS, TORPEDOED OFF TROY. GRIDLOCK IN MARSEILLES, PIEDMONT, GALICIA.  
 NO SUPPLY CENTERS CHANGE HANDS. AUSTRIA ABSENT, NEW ITALIAN RULER.

AUSTRIA (Reges): NMR. VF's Portugal and Western Med (H). (W. Med in C.D. anyway).  
 (1) (3 units) VA Prussia (H).  
 ENGLAND (Chang): F Liverpool-Hebrides Sea. F Irish Sea-NAO. A Marseilles (H).  
 (10)(9 units) F Spain(sc) (S) A Mars. VF Sicily-Calabria. F NAO & F NAfrica (S)  
 (2 short) AUSTRIAN VF Western Med. F America (S) F NAfrica. A Norway (H).  
 GERMANY (Young): F Norwegian Sea (S) ENGLISH F Liverpool-Hebrides. A Burgundy (S)  
 (10)(10 units) ENGLISH A Marseilles. A Tyrol-Piedmont. A Munich-Tyrol. A Bohemia-  
 Vienna. A Warsaw-Galicia. A Livonia jumps over A Moscow to Sev.,  
 playing Card #70. A Moscow (S) A Livonia-Sev. A Ukraine (S) A  
 Livonia-Sev /d/, Annihilated. A Siberia (H).  
 FRANCE (B.Wilson): "What's up, doc?"  
 (0) (0 units)  
 ITALY (Bergender): VF Iceland-NAO. A Piedmont-Marseilles. F Tuscany-Piedmont.  
 (3) (3 units)  
 RUSSIA (Cheek): VF Sardinia (S) TURKISH F Ionian-Tyrr Sea (NSO).  
 (0) (1 unit)  
 TURKEY (Kenny): A Galicia-Ukraine. A Rumania (S) A Gal-Ukraine. A Sev (S) A Gal-  
 (16)(16 units) Ukraine. F Black Sea (S) A Sev. A Con-Bulgaria. A Armenia-Siberia  
 (That space is still Impassable, guys). A Budapest-Galicia. A  
 Vienna (S) A Bud-Galicia. A Trieste (S) A Vienna. F Goflyon (S)  
 ITALIAN A Piedmont-Marseilles. A Venice (S) ITALIAN F Tuscany-  
 Piedmont. F Albania-Adriatic. F Greece-Aegean (but hits mine and  
 blows up!). F Tyrr-Tunis. F Ionian (S) F Tyrr-Tunis. F Rome-Tyrr.

GM's Note: Dan Wilson was unable to submit orders despite the efforts of other players.  
 Tom McNally did not respond, and is hereby dropped from the Standby list. Al Bergender  
 did respond, so he now has the position. I'm sorry it wasn't possible to give you this  
 information earlier. If Italy had been a major power, I would have delayed the game to  
 allow for negotiations, but Italy is not a major power, and this game is very long in the  
 tooth anyway. Al's address: 2124 Greenbud Dr., Mosinee, Wis. 54455. Thankyou, Al.

PRESS:

RUSSIA to England: Nothing is cheap which is superfluous, for what one does not need  
 is dear at a penny. ((Huh?))

RUSSIA to Turkey: Great minds are those that disguise their limits, that mask their  
 mediocrity.

TURKEY to Russia: I'm sure you remember that it was England who grabbed St. Pete in  
 1902, and now who's occupying St. Pete, Warsaw and Moscow?

TURKEY to England: I didn't have to hoodwink anyone. These people merely opened  
 their eyes and made a free choice. As for the seductive dancing harems, English  
 sailors would never be interested.

TURKEY to Italy: Actually, all I'm trying to do is return the Russian Fleet to St.  
 Petersburg.

TURKEY to France: Good job on the American political predictions.

FRANCE to GM: Hey, enough with the hints that you want the game to end. Eventually,  
 either Turkey will win, or it will expire. Let's at least see the next set of cards,  
 which could radically change things. (more)

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Since there is NO CHANGE in Supply Centers, I won't reprint the Ownership list here. I'll just show the totals and the number of Builds the Powers have coming:

AUSTRIA: 1 SC, No change. ENGLAND: 10, Build 2 (1 annihilated, was 1 short). FRANCE: 0, No change. GERMANY: 10, Build 1 (1 annihilated). ITALY: 3, entitled to Build 1, but no place to do so. RUSSIA: 0, No change. TURKEY: 16, Build 1 (1 annihilated).

There was one "Yes" and one "No" to my tentative suggestion for an E-G-T draw. The rest of you didn't say. I've received some new proposals, which I'm going to boil down into: Proposal #1: A 3-way Draw between Turkey, Italy and Russia; and Proposal #2: a 5-way Draw including everybody except Germany & England. Please include your votes with your next set of orders.

Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, Mass. 01757, is requested to submit back-up orders for AUSTRIA. I would be willing to combine the WINTER 1915 & SPRING 1916 orders, except for the uncertainty of the Austrian position. I suggest that you all send in orders for both seasons, but I'll grant a separation if any one player so requests. DEADLINE will be Saturday, December 31, 1988. Phone deadline is 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on Friday, Dec. 30th. Cards #31, 36, 48 and 70 were played in the W 1914-F 1915 period.

Your Event Card for the period Winter 1915-Fall 1916 is: \_\_\_\_\_

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ON HOLD

Shocking development. Orders have been received only from the following four players: ENGLAND (Don Samelson), FRANCE (John Galt), ITALY (Lee Kendter, Jr.) and U.S.A. (Ron Brown). I have heard nothing from GERMANY (George Kilmer), CANADA (Bruce Pest) or C.S.A. (Dan Palter) since they paid their Game Fees. Under the circumstances, the game cannot start. *Kilmer's orders came one day late.*

We have only two Standbys for this game, Steve Smith and Brad Wilson. With three misses I can't even assign you countries. Kilmer, Pest and Palter are requested to let me know within the next two weeks whether you want to be in this game, and, if so, please submit orders for April 1870. If there has been some misunderstanding, please advise. If I do not hear from you by December 15th, you'll be out of the game. If I hear from at least one or two of you, I'll give the Standbys the remaining positions and let everyone know the score. Hey! This is a great chance for any of the rest of you to get in on a new game on the ground floor. Just send me your check for \$4 or \$5 and I'll greet you with open arms!

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TO: All Players and Standbys in Atlantica III

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UPDATE

You've all been informed that George Kilmer's orders for GERMANY arrived one day late, on November 30th, so there were only two, not three, NMR's for the April 1870 move. George's orders were postmarked Nov. 26th, so they should have arrived on the 29th. Also, it's possible that George thought the deadline was Nov. 30th, as I had earlier said that that might be the deadline date. In any case, George's orders are going to be considered as arriving on time.

As I write this, I have not heard anything more from Dan Palter (C.S.A.) or Bruce Peat (Canada). I have no choice but to assume that they are no longer interested in playing in Atlantica III.

Accordingly, I am assigning our first two Standby players to replace them. They are:

CANADA: Steve Smith, 1440 Sutter Dr., Hanover Park, Ill. 60103

~~C.S.A.: Brad Wilson, P.O. Box 126, Wayne, Pa. 19087~~

If you feel that you can get some meaningful orders in by December 31, 1988, I'll use that as the Deadline for April 1870. If anyone, original or replacement player, feels that that doesn't give you enough time, I'll be glad to extend the deadline for another month. If anyone who has sent in orders for April 1870 wishes to send in revised orders, you may do so. Carefully label them as "Revised."

I am trying to line up some more Standby players, and will advise you on that in the January issue of BUSHWACKER.

Best regards,

*Fred Davis*  
Fred Davis  
GM

P.S. Obviously, if either Dan Palter or Bruce Peat submits orders for his assigned country by December 15th, or comes up with a whopping good excuse for why they missed the deadline, they will retain their country. You'll be notified if any such event occurs.