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This is the 204th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Variant games, hobby news, the North American Variant Bank status, and whatever else comes to mind. 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 between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time, except during the dinner hours, which is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please try to get your orders in by mail, except in emergencies. I'm usually available to talk to callers, but the name of the game is Postal Diplomacy. But, call if you see an adjudication error.

This zine is named after my comic strip character, "Bushwacker," whose picture appears on the masthead. We did not know the correct spelling included an "h" when we created him in the 6th grade. Also, we did not know that it was actually an unfavorable term which the North applied to Confederate irregulars in the American Civil War. We just liked the sound of it. It is not our intention to "bushwack" anyone.

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We got tired of Roman numerals, and switched our Volume Nos. to Arabic. It gets pretty involved when you get up to "XVIII".

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This issue contains reports on VACATION DIP III (1985R rm39), CHARACTER DIP (1987AF rm49), and, hopefully, on ATLANTICA III (1988AR oa01). The CONQUEST OF THE NEW WORLD game is moving to DIPLOMAG, which will be out at mid-month, but those three people whose only connection with BUSH is in that game will receive this one last issue of the zine, giving you one last chance to sub or sign up as a standby for another game.

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The enclosed Mailing List was printed early, when a neighborhood printshop offered a special 3¢ per copy sale. Since it was printed, we have lost one player, Bruce Peat, and gained two new readers, Jef Bryant of Belgium, and Tim Moore of Costa Mesa, CA. So, our total circulation should now read "79" instead of 78, with 12 Californians, and only five Marylanders.

N.A.V.B. NEWS

As we were running out of copies of the 1987-88 NAVB Catalog, I have made a small Second Printing. The only differences are that I have bound the three UPDATES and the Errata Sheet into the Catalog; included the two new subcategories, "rc" and "rh;" and made a few white-out corrections "by hand" in the book.

I had been afraid to order more than 75 copies of the original printing back in Nov., 1987, as I was afraid of getting stuck with a mass of unsold copies. I would have been stuck with them if it hadn't been for the "Diplomacy" article in THE GENERAL. At least 17 copies were sold as a direct result of the NAVB plug in THE GENERAL. So, as my supply shrank and orders continued to come in at a rate of about one per week, I realized I'd better make a Second Printing as an interim measure, especially since several copies of the first printing need to be saved for the permanent files. Anyone who already has a copy of the 87-88 Catalog need not order a Second Printing. If you need copies of UPDATES #2 & #3, just send me a SASE and 25¢. The Second Printing is meant for newcomers ordering their first copy.

THE CANADIAN BRANCH of the NAVB is in the process of being transferred from Ronald J. Brown in Kanata, Ont., to Douglas W. Acheson, in Barrie, Ont. Doug is the new Coordinator of the Canadian Diplomacy Organization. Ron is extremely busy now with other matters, so they felt it would be a good idea to centralize this Branch under Doug's control. The Canadian Branch has about 25% of the total number of titles carried here in the Main Bank, but this may include many of the more popular designs. The idea is that since most American banks will no longer accept Canadian cheques without an outrageous service charge, Canadians should have an opportunity to first order a variant from a source that can accept their cheques or currency. If the particular game is not available in the Canadian Branch, the Custodian will forward the order to me.

Doug Acheson's address is: 95 Dundonald St., Barrie, Ont., CANADA L4M 3T4.

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RE DIPCON/WORLDCON SITES. Brad Wilson comments that most people in the hobby cannot afford to jet all over the continent to attend such conventions. ((This is especially true since many of the discount fares were abolished in December 1988.)) Therefore, he says, it's important to hold the DipCons on a rotating basis near where the bulk of the participants live. "I have said this before: DipCons should be held in the Northeast, the Chicago/Milwaukee/Detroit ((triangle)) or California - nowhere else. That would assure attendance!"

Thems my words, too, pardner. I had once offered a suggestion that the two middle DipCon Regions (II-Great Lakes; and III-Central) be merged, to provide for a single midamerican DipCon site in between the East Coast and Pacific locations. This was shot down in flames, as there was a sudden rise in the number of Diplomats in Texas, coincident with the Texas Oil Boom. (Many people moved from places like Michigan and Pennsylvania to Texas). The Boom went bust, and it seems that the 1988 DipCon in San Antonio followed suit. What we need now is to see some current Census figures to see whether there are enough people in Tex-homa to warrant the existence of Region III. As many of you know, I took the Census figures from Larry Peery and broke them down by States for many years. If Dick Martin is doing a 1989 Census, I hope he'll include such a breakdown. Anyone who wants to see a copy of my last breakdown, for 1987, may have one if you'll send me a SASE.

In any event, I add my voice to Brad's in calling for DipCon to be held where the Diplomats live.

THE WINNERS IN THE RUSTY BOLT (N.A.) AWARDS

Simon Billenness has announced the 1988 Winners in his EXCITEMENT CITY UNLTD. Among the more interesting winners were:

1. Hobby Dyslexia Award for Rampant Misspelling: Herb Barents and Cathy Ozog (TIE)
2. Player You'd Most Like to Stab: TIE between Kathy Caruso and Bruce Linsey
3. Odd Couple Award for Hobby Collaboration: Fred Davis & Bruce Geryk (for Variant Catalog). Won hands down on first ballot. Second place went to Robert Sacks & Julie Martin (for MNC/Under the Covenant).
4. Worst Named Zine: The Cream Shall Rise. (My choice, Disease City, got only 3 votes. I was glad to see that only one vote was cast for BUSH).
6. Stupidest Hobby Craze: The Bad Boys. Feuding came in second.
11. Most Reheated Feud: Dick Martin vs. Bruce Linsey. Simon comments: "Robert Sacks should get a special award for the largest combined entry."
13. Fake of the Year: THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
14. True Hobby Peon: Bruce Linsey. Robert Sacks came in second.
15. Most Eagerly Awaited Fold: THE CREAM SHALL RISE (14 first votes). I gave a write-in vote to KGO ZINE DIRECTORY, which I presume was counted as one of the 7 first votes for KGO itself. I would not have voted for a fold of KGO itself. I even plug it, with a grain of salt, to novices. In fact, out of all the zines printed in 1988, there are only two, including KGO ZD, that I wished would fold. (Foot in Mouth)

Simon concludes: "I declare Bruce Linsey the overall winner, by winning four categories outright and sharing top honours in a further two."

Apparently, only 30 people voted this year. Let's hope for a greater participation in 1989. Simon says he's willing to turn the Rusty Bolts Awards over to anyone else who would like to run them. "All bribes considered."



North America's Annual Diplomacy Convention

DIPCON XXII

to be held in

San Diego, Calif.

on

July 28, 29, 30, 1989

DIPCON draws players from all over North America. Test your diplomatic skills in this exciting event! Novices to the most experienced players welcome.

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Voting for World Dip Con II's location in 1990 will be held during DIPCON XXII in San Diego. Only those who are present are eligible to vote.

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" THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF PLAY BY MAIL AND FACE TO FACE DIPLOMACY!"

SEPARATION OF SEASONS REQUESTED. BOTH DRAWS VOTED DOWN.

		Current Strength	
		SC's	Vac Units
AUSTRIA (Reges):	No room to build. 1 unit short.	1 (—)	3
ENGLAND (Chang):	Build A Liverpool, F London (1 ann.)	10 (—)	1 (was 1 short)
FRANCE (B.Wilson):	No change	0 (—)	0
GERMANY (Young):	Build A Berlin (1 annihilated)	10 (—)	0
ITALY (Bargender):	No room to Build. 1 unit short.	3 (—)	1
RUSSIA (Cheek):	No change	0 (—)	1
TURKEY (Kenny):	Build F Con (1 annihilated)	16 (—)	0

Six players voted on the two proposed Draws. The player who failed to vote was counted as voting "Yes." Even with that, there was ^{only} a bare majority voting in favor of the 3-way T-I-R Draw (Proposal #1). Proposal #2, the 5-way Draw, was overwhelmingly defeated. Several people made it clear that they would not approve any Draw in which they were not included.

A Concession to Turkey has been proposed. However, in view of the strong stands against any such proposals by certain parties, I'm not going to put that up for a vote now. Let's play Spring 1916 first, and then you can submit new proposals.

I have tentative orders for Spring 1916 on file from nearly everyone. However, feel free to submit amended orders if you wish. I am hoping that this will happen in at least one case. I wish to thank Eric Brosius for submitting back-up orders for Austria. While they weren't needed, they were helpful in letting me know that there weren't going to be any NMR's.

Brad Wilson wishes to go on record as being opposed to the Winter 1920 ending date for this game. However, I wish to remind everyone that the original ending game for Vacation Dip was going to be 1912. Fortunately, the starting players voted to extend the game back in 1985, so we could work on introducing new Event Cards. I have never liked "Perpetual" games. I have this awful feeling that if some sort of cap isn't put on 1985R, it might go on forever! This still gives you five more game years to come to a conclusion. Shall we take another vote on this matter? Please let me know how you feel with your next set of orders, or just a postcard if you don't need to submit any revised orders.

PRESS:

FRANCE to Turkey: Thanks. Now, I need to ask to predict that Fred will give me better cards.

RUSSIA to Turkey: Pepple do things for the powerful; they don't wait to be asked.

RUSSIA to Austria: The prudent man does himself good. The virtuous man does it to other men.

Sevastopol: A DOT TOO FAR. The elite German parachute unit was routed here last September when they unknowingly landed in an area where two crack camel divisions were resting. The German attack, called OPERATION BLACKMARKET-GARDEN, was supposed to have the paratroops capture key bridges to the Crimea while the German army marched in. Not only did the paratroops encounter more resistance than expected, but Omar Patton Mohammad also rolled in from the west in a speedy relief effort with his feared 3rd camel corps to relieved the besieged troops at Karkov.

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FRANCE to World: Everything counts in large amounts.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1916 is TUESDAY, January 31, 1989. The Phone deadline will be Monday, Jan. 30th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. FYI, the Austrian F in Western Med will remain Frozen in place through Fall 1917, if left to its own devices.

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ATLANTICA III - 1988AR oa01

APRIL 1870

INTRODUCTION: Here we go!

As all players were informed, George Kilmer's orders for Germany arrived just one day late, before I mailed the December BUSH, and were accepted. Then, Dan Palter contacted me in mid-December, to say he was positive he'd mailed me a set of orders for C.S.A. in September. He had mailed me a lengthy comment on my German Battleship article at that time. He subsequently sent me a revised version of same. It is possible that a set of orders might have been included with the first letter, and overlooked by me. Or, Dan may have intended to enclose his orders and forgotten to do so, as all of us have done on occasion. The only thing I'm certain of is that when the revised letter arrived, I threw away the first envelope without reopening it. (I asked him whether the letter was meant to be printed in BUSH, as he hadn't said one way or the other. This is the only reason I'd saved either letter.)

Dan advises me that, subsequently, he was away from home for a lengthy period, and was not aware of his NMR until he received my letter. He promptly sent in another set of CSA orders for April 1870, which, he says, are as close to his original set as he can remember after this length of time. So, I have to give Dan Palter the benefit of the doubt, and restore him as the rightful ruler of CSA.

Nothing more was heard from Bruce Peat, so I have to assume that he was another of those "shooting stars" we've had in the Postal hobby. As you were all informed, Steve Smith is now the Canadian player of record. Steve had written asking for a further delay, as he had not received replies from some of the other players.

I asked Steve to please submit a set of Canadian orders ASAP, so we could get this game started, as I didn't want to delay the game any further. I'm very pleased to report that the Canadian orders arrived on December 30th, so this game can now begin.

BLUE AND GRAY TROOPS OPEN FIRE IN KENTUCKY. GERMAN HIGH SEAS FLEET BOUNCED BY CONFEDERATE IRONCLADS. CANADIANS VISIT OHIO - EH. THE WORLD'S NAVIES PUT TO SEA.

ENGLAND (Samelson): F London-North Sea. F Liv-Hebrides. F Edi-Norwegian Sea.
(4) High Seas F placed in Gulf of Cadiz.
FRANCE (Galt): F Brest-MAO. F Marseilles-Spain(sc). A Paris-Picardy. High
(4) Seas F placed in North Atlantic.
GERMANY (Kilmer): F Berlin-Baltic Sea. F Kiel-Holland. A Munich-Ruhr. High
(4) Seas F placed in Caribbean, (R) to Gulf of Darien.
ITALY (Kendter): A Venice-Yugoslavia. F Rome-Tyrr Sea. F Naples-Ionian Sea.
(4) High Seas F placed in Western Med by GM.
U.S.A. (R. Brown): A Wild West-Missouri. A Chicago-Kentucky. A Phila-Maryland.
(6) F Boston-West Atlantic. F New York(sc) (S) F Boston-West Atlantic
High Seas F placed in Gulf of Mexico.
CANADA (S. Smith): F Montreal starts in G. of St. Lawrence. F G. of St. Lawrence-
(4) Davis Strait. A Toronto-Ohio. F Halifax-Grand Banks. High Seas
F placed in Arctic Ocean by GM.
C.S.A. (Palter): F Jacksonville-Gulf of Mexico. F Charleston-Bermuda. A Richmond-
(4) Kentucky. High Seas F placed in Caribbean Sea (wins coin toss).

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GM's Note: Since Italy and Canada both forgot to place their High Seas F's (based on ownership of Tunisia and P.E.I., respectively,) I had to put them on the board, to avoid any further delay in this game, and to keep matters equitable. That unit does not move. its placement is its move, unless it's dislodged. They were placed after all other moves were adjudicated.

PRESS:

ITALY to World: The name of the game is Diplomacy! Please write some more letters.

CANADA to U.S.A.: Just preventing you from putting armies in both Ohio and New York. Canadians are just a little jealous of their territory.

FRANCE to World: I look forward to peaceful relations with all good neighbors. There are so many freebies that we don't need to fight anytime soon. I regard Spain, Portugal and Belgium as mine, but have no need to try for more in Europe. Africa and more awaits!

FRANCE to Germany: I like your peace proposal, but if you moved to Burgundy, I'll assume you were joking.

DEADLINE for MAY 1870 moves will be TUESDAY, January 31, 1989. Telephone deadline is Monday, January 30th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49

WINTER 1905

PLAYERS VOTE TO MAINTAIN SEPARATE WINTER SEASONS. FIVE NEW CHARACTERS ON BOARD.

		<u>Current Strength</u>
ENGLAND (Baty):	Build 6A London	11 (-) (Was 1 short)
FRANCE (Acheson):	Build 4A Brest. Will play 1 short.	7 (+2) (6 units)
AUSTRIA (Suchard):	Build 9A Vienna, 10A Budapest, 3F Trieste. Will play 1 short.	13 (+3) (12 units)
RUSSIA (Bargender):	No change.	2 (-1) (1 annihilated)
TURKEY (Cheek):	Remove 1F Ankara. 2 Amph Smyrna (R) (per Card #3).	1 (-1)

The Characteristics for the new units will be enclosed with copies going to their owners. Only one vote was in favor of combining Winter and Spring. There was one suggestion that we could combine Fall and Winter, as they do in Britain. Most of you want to keep the Winter season separate, unless there are no adjustments needed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Jeff Suchard (AUSTRIA): Until Jan. 23rd: 2943 N. Bristol, #B, Santa Ana, CA. 92706. After that, he'll return to the Berkeley address.

PRESS:

ENGLAND to France: Glad I could help. Now the real work can begin!

ENGLAND to Austria: We lame, bloodthirsty Anglo-Saxons admire the Austrian success. (All of Russia, 2/3 of Italy, 1/3 of Turkey). We are just jealous. Suicide missions by Austrian units, of course, are not bloodthirsty. We English have not resorted to that - yet.

TURKEY to Austria: Ambition is but avarice on stilts and masked.
TURKEY: You can be sincere and still be stupid!

FRANCE (excerpt): The very nature of Character Dip is such that Winter is a separate season because of the card play. I entered the game under that original structure. I would never enter a game of any sort requiring the use of the telephone. I just haven't the time... Hey, it's been fun with no stress up to now. Keep it that way.
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ENGLAND to Russia: I guess you've decided to be an Austrian toady, instead of an English one. Too bad you can't see where you are going.
ENGLAND to Austrian 6A in St. Pete: Why don't you jump over Norway and blow yourself up in Sweden?

DEADLINE for SPRING 1906 will be TUESDAY, January 31, 1989. Telephone deadline is Monday, Jan. 30th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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THE SERVICE-INDUSTRY SOCIETY is not just limited to the United States. A recent article in The German Tribune (an English-language summary of highlights from the German press) shows that this is happening everywhere in the First World.

As of 1987, only 30% of employed Americans worked in Production industries (farming, manufacturing, construction), while 70% worked in Service industries, such as banking, insurance, transport, restaurants, etc. However, in the rest of the First World, the same trend is evident. The percentage of Production workers rises from a low of 31% in Holland and 33% in Britain to a high of 46% in Germany and Austria. (In Germany and some other countries, farmers are subsidized to keep them "down on the farm" instead of moving to the cities, for social rather than economic reasons).

In poorer countries, Production work is still the norm. The figures for workers in these fields are 56% for Greece, 58% for East Germany, 59% in the USSR, and a whopping 83% in China. Even here, the figures have been dropping for the past 20 years. While only one worker in four is female in Production industries, 50% of the workers in the Service industries are women. Thus, the services have been the key to independence for women in the West. They are also where virtually all job growth is occurring in all parts of the world.

- GERMAN TRIBUNE, 28 August 1988 (abstracted from)

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Sorry this has to be a short issue, but during the Holiday season, there are so many other things that have to be done (like watching football games and going to parties). We wish all of you the best of luck for 1989.

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