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This is the 208th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Variant games, hobby news, and God knows what other garbage. 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 between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. We prefer receiving your orders by mail, but please phone promptly if you see an adjudication error.

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#An old Chicago saying, going back to the days of Finley Peter Dunne. Suitable here, since there are so many Polls and Ballots circulating, or will be appearing shortly. I suggest you fill 'em all out. Others can make statistical analyses afterwards, but I say the larger the vote on any poll or election, the closer the results will match what the hobby at large is thinking.

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This issue contains reports on VACATION DIP III (1985E rm39), CHARACTER DIP (1987AF rm49) and ATLANTICA III (1988AR oa01).

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INTEREST IN GAMES BEING OFFERED

So far, the following people have expressed interest in these games. I must add that certain flaws were found in the "Suicidal Dip" rules, which will be corrected by the designer, Michael Hopcroft, before the game can be played.

"Seeing is Believing" (7 players, 4 more needed) - Eric Brosius, Andy Cruickshank,
Stephen Dorneman

"Ancient Empires III" (7 players, 4 more needed) - Alan Bargender, Tom Nash, Brad Wilson
(more)

- "Character Dip" (7 players, 6 more needed) - Andy Cruickshank
"Suicidal Dip" (7 players, 5 more needed) - Alan Bargender, Andy Cruickshank. We hope to have the revised rules ready by next issue.
"Five Italies (Kathy Byrne Variant)" (5 players, 3 more needed) - Tom Nash, Brad Wilson
"Utrecht III" (7 players, 4 more needed) - Alan Bargender, Tom Nash, Brad Wilson
"Corner Dip" (7 players, 6 more needed) - Eric Brosius

Be sure to rate your preferences, "1, 2, 3", when you sign up. I have the preferences of the above players, but a game will start if and when it fills, regardless of whether it is your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. After next month, I'll only list those games for which at least two people have signed up.

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DIPCON XXIII/WORLD DIPCON II UPDATE (An Editorial)

As we hear it, Robert Sacks has given up plans to bid for a separate venue for a Diplomacy-only event in 1990 somewhere between New York and Washington. Instead, he has made some arrangement with the big ORIGINS '90 Con in Atlanta, Ga., to run a Dip Tournament there, and he will arrange for ORIGINS to bid for the DipCon/WDC site at this year's DipCon in San Diego.

Meanwhile, the Dip-only people are rallying around the flag for DIXIECON, to be run in Chapel Hill, N.C., by David Hood and his friends on the campus of the University of North Carolina. These appear to be the only two substantial bids which will be submitted for the review of the Postal Hobby at San Diego.

There are really two issues here. One is whether you want DipCon to be part of a very large wargaming con (a small frog in a big pond), or for we Diplomats to gather by ourselves for our own private brand of insanity (a big frog in a small pond)? The other is whether we want our Diplomacy Tournament run by Robert Sacks, or by someone more in the mainstream of the hobby? There is also a minor issue of geography. However, for anyone travelling by air, especially from Overseas, there is very little difference between flying to Atlanta or to the Raleigh/Durham airport near Chapel Hill. For someone driving from the Middle Atlantic or Ohio areas, Chapel Hill is a lot closer than Atlanta. If you live west of Ohio, Atlanta may actually be closer.

I will state my preference for a Dip-only Tournament, based on how poorly we were treated at the Detroit con in 1983. The Dip crowd is slightly older and more mature than the typical wargaming crowd, so it is nice to be away from the kids, the D & D fans, and some of the more weird people that show up at big cons. (After all, we have enough weirdos among ourselves, myself included). Both MaryCon (1986) and MadCon (1987) were Dip-only events. Both were very well-attended, since they were set in parts of the country where there are a lot of Dip players. It can be a lot more fun if everybody you see is infected with the same "grab dots" disease.

As to who will run the tournament, that is the "sticky wicket." In 1982, when DipCon was held in connection with ORIGINS here in Maryland, Mr. Sacks tried to get himself appointed to run the Tournament. He was informed in no uncertain words that the DipCon Society Committee decides who runs a DipCon Tournament. The Committee appointed Mark Berch to run the Tournament, with the assistance of others appointed by Mr. Berch. Mr. Sacks is still indignant about that. Voters are reminded that the very same thing may happen should the Atlanta ORIGINS site be selected to host the 1990 DipCon. The three people who will be elected to run the DipCon Society in 1990 (elected in San Diego this July) will have their hands full if they have to engage in tri-partite negotiations with the ORIGINS people, with Mr. Sacks, and among themselves, as to "who has the right to do what."

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DIPCON/WORLD DIPCON (Cont.)

It would be much simpler to select the Chapel Hill DIXIECON site for 1990, and avoid all of this anguish and parliamentary maneuvering. Anyone who has read KGO or ACORN, or attended any DipCon meeting where Mr. Sacks was present will know what I mean. We've had enough feuding and backbiting to last a lifetime. Let's have a nice clean-cut DipCon at Chapel Hill. It's got my vote for sure.

By the next time the Eastern Region becomes eligible to host DipCon (to be selected in 1993 for 1994), I hope we'll be able to have a bid from CAN CON in Toronto. However, for this year they chose not to bid. In any case, the Southeast will be getting its first chance to host a DipCon in 1990. It will be interesting to see how many people are willing to head south for a national Con. Get out your carpetbags, boys!

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SHORT TAKES

PLUG: There is now another Diplomacy zine coming out of Baltimore. THE DIPLOMACY TRIBUNE is the product of Gerald Todd, 8047 High Point Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21226. I haven't met Jerry yet, but I've talked with him on the phone. The TRIBUNE is offering to run up to four games of Regular Dip, plus one section of a new World Diplomacy game. There are currently six Marks of World Diplomacy on record, some for 7 and some for 8 players. Until I see a copy, I don't know whether this version of World Dip is an old or a new one. Providing they are kept within a reasonable size, global variants can be very interesting, since there are no corners or edges to hide in. I'll let you know what I think of this one after I see it. Meanwhile, subs are 12 issues for \$1.00, plus a \$3 Game Fee for all Regular games; or a \$5.00 Fee for World Dip. You may want to give this a try.

ON A DARK AND STORMY DAY, we transported the NAVB files to Lee Kendter, Jr's home in suburban Philadelphia. Despite an accident which occurred about two minutes in front of us on the Harbor Tunnel Freeway, near flood conditions on some roads, and a determined effort by the City of Philadelphia to keep me from getting back on the Delaware River Expy by not posting any signs showing directions to an entrance, the files arrived safe and sound at 264 Spruce Ct., Bensalem, Pa. 19020. By the time you read this, Lee may have a 1989 NAVB Catalog ready. He'll be announcing its price and readiness shortly.

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CAVEAT EMPTOR. Buddy Tretick, aka "Bernie Oaklyn," made some sort of announcement to the effect that he was moving to Virginia and dropping out of the Pestal hobby. Buddy/Bernie had the world's worst record as a GM, "losing" players' orders or substituting his own for those submitted by his players. His record as a player is also not entirely unblemished, to the point where many GM's refuse to allow him to play in their zines.

Lo and behold, inquiries or payments for gamestarts have begun to come in to some GM's from "Jan Murray, 9607 Cenaty Cir., Spotsylvania, Va. 22553." A check of hobby records shows that this is also the new address for "Bernie Oaklyn." Anyone who does not want Buddy/Bernie playing in their zine is advised to also keep a watchful eye out for money orders or inquiries from "Jan Murray," at the above or any other Virginia address. (He sends money orders rather than checks, since there is no such person as Jan Murray. At least he no longer accepts checks made out to Bernie Oaklyn and endorses them at his bank as Buddy Tretick, which blew his cover last time.)

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THOUGHTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY (May 29th this year in most States)

Long-time readers will recall that from time to time I've mentioned the ever-decreasing number of living World War I veterans. Since our favorite game is supposedly related to that war, first-hand reminiscences about "The Great War" can add a bit of spice to the dish. Since my Dad was in the Air Corps in France in WW I - although not a flyer - I grew up hearing some very interesting stories about his adventures and observations. For example, he saw "The Great Parade" in Paris on Bastille Day, 1919, just before shipping out for home. This parade is portrayed in an imaginative setting in "the World's Largest Painting," a roll some 200 feet long, currently on display in Hausner's Restaurant in East Baltimore. If you're ever in Baltimore, stop at Hausner's for some excellent food and a look at the painting in their upstairs museum.

If you have a grandfather or other relative who served in WW I, ask them about their memories of same. According to the 1989 World Almanac, there were only 126,000 WW I vets still living as of October 1, 1988. Most are now in their 90's. The Almanac reports that there are only two living Spanish-American War vets. Look for a story on that in the media soon, when the last one passes away. (My Dad would have been 100 in June if he were still with us, but he passed away eight years ago).

There are still 10,500,000 WW II vets around, most of whom are now over 65. This seems hard to believe for me, since, as a kid, I remember them all as young fellows. Even my fellow Korean War vets are getting long in the tooth. There are 5 million of us classified as Korean vets, by cracky, even though less than half of us went to Korea.

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THE IOWA DISASTER

WE WERE SURPRISED that many people were surprised that the USS Iowa didn't blow up when the No. 2 turret exploded. This is simply further proof of what the term "built like a battleship" really means. There was a good illustration in NEWSWEEK of how the safety interlocks prevent such explosions from flashing down to the magazines. This turret-loading arrangement has been standard on all post-Jutland (1916) capital ships and heavy cruisers, and had always been standard on German BB's. The British adopted this plan after several of their big ships blew up with frightening regularity at Jutland. In the clipped words of Adm. Beatty aboard the BC Lion, "There seems to be something bloody wrong with our ships today."

In the first World War, many battleships, including at least one Italian and one Austrian, succumbed to internal magazine explosions while sitting in port. The strict rules about crews not carrying any metal tools or matches into these areas were apparently adopted after the fact in most navies. However, I don't believe either the American or German navies ever lost a ship due to turret flashdowns or internally caused magazine explosions in either war. This was only the fifth such turret explosion in US naval history since 1900. The last time we lost a ship under those circumstances was the USS Maine in Havana Harbor in 1898. William Randolph Hearst used that blow-up to help bring about the Spanish-American War, but subsequent investigations pretty much established that the blast was caused by an internal explosion.

German guncrews on the big ships all wore asbestos flash suits in W.W. II, as can be seen briefly in shots of the movie, "Sink the Bismarck." Most other navies did not follow suit. However, such suits would not have helped the poor devils in Iowa's No. 2 since they would have been asphyxiated in any case. Since some of the powder bags date back to the Korean War, it seems the most logical safety step will be to replace those bags with more recently manufactured powder. I was glad to see that the big ships will not be mothballed. There are times and places where a big naval gun can be the most effective method of restoring peace and tranquility to an area. As "Bogie" said to Sydney Greenstreet when they were comparing weapons, "Mine's bigger than yours."

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A STRANGE PHENOMENON (An Astronomical Sidebar)

The star Sirius, the brightest star in the heavens, was described in ancient literature as being reddish in color. The writings of Pliny the Elder specifically state that Sirius is red, and I believe this statement is also found elsewhere in classical literature. All records since at least the 12th century A.D. describe the star as the white giant we know today.

This has led to interesting speculation. At the lowest common denominator level, there pops up from time to time a myth that people in the pre-Christian era could only see about four colors, since only four colors are mentioned in the Old Testament. I'm surprised the "supermarket weeklies" haven't picked this up - or have they? This is utter nonsense. Autopsies of Egyptian mummies show there has been no evolution in the human eye in the past four thousand years. Also, the ability to distinguish colors was very important to prehistoric fruit eaters, to be able to tell which fruits were ripe, so color vision was extremely important then. Finally, we have enough evidence of ancient art surviving to know that our ancestors had full use of the color spectrum. There was simply much less color in the man-made world prior to the introduction of coal-tar dyes in the late 19th century. Only rich people could afford colorful clothes. Most people outside the tropics lived out their lives in dreary black and brown clothing.

This leads scientists to conclude that Sirius did change color at some point in historical times. The culprit is probably the white dwarf companion called Sirius B. This white dwarf was probably a red giant before it went nova and exploded, since a white dwarf is the aftermath of such a nova. It may have been so much brighter than the white star we call Sirius A that it outshone it, casting a ruby glow in our skies. Without telescopes, the ancients could not tell that Sirius was a double star. If this is what happened, then sometime between, say, 200 and 800 A.D. the red giant must have gone nova and turned into an invisible white dwarf, enabling the white companion to become the "real" Sirius.

The only thing wrong with this scenario is that there is no record of Sirius becoming a nova, either in Western or Chinese records, during that time period. Also, by the time we were able to begin studying the Sirius double-star with the spectrograph and camera in the mid-19th century, there were no signs of any recent nova explosion. Usually, it takes several thousand years for the signs of a nova to clear up.

This leaves room for a little creepy-crawly thought. Is there something else in our galaxy which could cause a star to suddenly change color? Some unknown phenomenon? Sirius is only 8.7 light years away. That's awfully close if there is something out there affecting stars. Shall I send this report to the "supermarket weeklies"? If I do, I'm sure there'll be a headline in a few weeks about how "They're Changing the Stars," and, maybe, "They're Coming Our Way!" Woe is me.

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NEWS FLASH!

THE LATEST ISSUE OF EVERYTHING contains the results of the GM Survey questionnaire published in the Fall of '88. Eight pages of interesting data (e.g. only 3 zines still have 3-week deadlines. 34 have either 4-week, monthly or 5-week deadlines, while 3 have 6-week ones). If you haven't seen this, you may be able to get a copy of #79 by sending \$1 to the publisher, Melinda A. Holley, PO Box 2793, Huntington, W.Va. 25727.

→ THE NEW ENC, effective July 1, 1989, will be: Don Williams, 1521 West Ave., J-8, #163, Lancaster, Calif. 93534. Please keep on requesting your Boardman Nos. from Steve Heinowski through the month of June, and continue to send him your Trade copies of your zines until at least mid-June.

GOOD NEWS FOR EUROPEAN FOOTBALL FANS

Overseas American Football fans will be glad to know that the National Football League is going to establish a 16-team minor league, eight teams to be based in America, and eight to be based in Europe, mainly in Britain. All games will be played in the Spring, as in the late USFL, in hopes that some of these players may play well enough to be promoted to the big clubs for the regular Fall season.

This decision was made long before the recent soccer stadium tragedy. As an aside, I've seen comments to the effect that the current popularity of "Amfoot" in Britain may be as a reaction to rowdy behavior being exhibited in soccer stadiums. 'Tis said that white collar fans are starting to prefer watching Amfoot, where all of the mayhem is conducted on the playing field.

It will be interesting to see which 16 cities get these Spring football teams, and whether any real rivalries could be built up between, say, Birmingham and Baltimore. I read the Amfoot articles in the British zines I receive, so I'll also be interested in seeing what they have to say about this idea.

I've thought for a couple of years that the jet age would make it possible to expand both the football and baseball major leagues abroad. Both sports are committed to adding Expansion teams in the near future. If the Spring league proves effective, why not add regular NFL teams in, say, London and Edinburgh; and a baseball team in Tokyo? This would also lead to more TV exposure for the games. What say you, Brits?

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SPEAKING OF SPORTS, how about those Orioles? Don't bother us with facts, we just want to go on living in dreamland, where they're in first place in the AL East. Someday the balloon is going to burst, and they'll drop down to either 5th or 6th place, but for the moment, in the words of Chuck Thompson, the famous Oriole radio/TV announcer, "Ain't the beer cold?" By the way, we've now decided that the month of April 1988 never happened. There was a timewarp which ended on Friday, April 29, 1988, the night Baltimore beat the Chicago White Sox for their first win of the season.

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A COMMENT ON VALIDATING THE RUNESTONE POLL, by Victor Melucci, Fleetwood, N.Y.

Victor suggest that voting on zines be limited to people on a publisher's mailing list, to prevent "wild" votes coming out of left field. To accomplish this, he recommends that all non-publishers be required to "tear off the address label strip and include it with the RUNESTONE ((ballot)) as sort of 'registering' your right to vote. ... The exception being publishers, who I assume may receive a 'flood' of zines."

The only flaw I see in this suggestion, Victor, is that some non-pubbers may receive a dozen or more zines, and this would be quite a mess to stuff into an envelope. Also, there are a few cases where people living close to each other may exchange zines either at their homes or at weekly games parties. The rules only require that you be a regular reader of a zine to vote for it. They don't specify by what method you have to see y^c copies. Restricting voters to bona fide subbers or traders would certainly get rid of certain "hate" votes, but it may be easier to just eliminate the top and bottom 5% of all votes to accomplish the same thing. I believe this is what is going to be done in 1989. Were it up to me, I'd be sorely tempted to eliminate all "O" votes. I mean, have you ever seen a publication so bad as to rate a zero? (Well, maybe one, but it only appeared in that format once).

→ HERE IS OUR PUBLISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER

(ALL PLAYERS READ THIS!)

We have to start spreading out our deadlines, since we will be away most of the time between July 17 and August 9th. Accordingly, the next two deadlines are going to be Monday, June 5th, and Thursday, July 6th. (The latter is to avoid the lack of mail service on the 4th of July). Then, we will take a six-week break, and produce a Post-DipCon issue with a deadline of Thursday, August 17th. That will be called a combined August/September issue. Sorry about that, but we can't be in two places at once, and we do plan to attend DipCon in San Diego.

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CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49SPRING 1907

ENGLISH FORCES SWEEP OVER CENTRAL EUROPE. AUSTRIANS TAKE LAST RUSS SC IN SMYRNA, BUT RUSS GREECE SKIDS OF 1F. FRENCH BLOCKED NEARLY EVERYWHERE. FOG DESCENDS ON VENICE. HEAVENLY DAYS FOR 3 UNITS.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS for Jeff Suchard (AUSTRIA): Effective May 15, 1989, and until further notice, to: 2943 N. Bristol, #B, Santa Ana, CA. 92706.

ENGLAND (Baty): (13) 2F Sweden-Finland. 4F Berlin-Prussia. 4A Kiel-Berlin. 1F Baltic(H). 3A Munich-Bohemia. 1A Silesia (S) 3A Mun-Bohemia. 3F Bulgaria(sc)-Heaven. 8A St. Pete-Moscow (Paralyzed by Jump of AUSTRIAN 6A Moscow-Norway). 5A Yorkshire (H). 7A London-Holland. 5F North Sea (C) 7A London-Holland. 7F Edinburgh-Clyde. 6A Ruhr-Kiel.

FRANCE (Acheson): (9) (8 units) 1A Switz. (H) "learning to yodel". 2A Venice-Heaven. 3A Tuscany-Venice. 4A Gascony-Spain. 5A Paris-Gascony. 3F Tyrr-Ionian Sea. 2F Rome-Tyrr. 4F Marseilles-Gof Lyon.

AUSTRIA (Suchard): (10) 5A Prussia uses Double-strength in moving to Warsaw. 8A Galicia-Vienna. 6A Moscow Jumps per Card #5 over ENG 8A St. Pete-Norway. 4A Sev-Armenia. 3F Albania-Adriatic. 1A Con-Smyrna. 10A Heaven-Spain. 1F Greece-Ionian /d/, (Annihilated, as no (R) ordered). 2A (Invisible) Tyrol-Venice. 2 Amp (S) 2A Tyrol-Venice. (Capture of an Enemy or Neutral SC temporarily lifts cloak of invisibility).

RUSSIA (Bargender): (1) 2F Aegean-Greece (Double-strength unit).

TURKEY (Cheek) (1): 1F Ankara-Armenia.

NEITHER the Two-Way E-F or Three-way A-E-F Draws passed. Counting Abstentions, there would have been a Majority vote for the two-way Draw, but all Draws must be unanimous.

A proposal for a Russia-Turkey draw has arrived, but under our House Rules such a vote is illegal, since none of the leading Powers are included.

PRESS:

FRANCE to Austria: Your feeble attempts at grovelling are flatly rejected!

AUSTRIA to World: Having finally revealed their unholy pact, England and France are poised to destroy our illustrious empire. Meanwhile, we wish no greater honor than to rid the Earth of the godless Russ and Turk. As ordinary diplomatic means fail us, kamikaze tactics will have to do.

TURKEY to France: Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.

TURKEY to Austria: Have success and there will always be fools to say that you have talent.

DEADLINE for FALL 1907 Orders will be MONDAY, June 5, 1989. Telephone Deadline will be Sunday, June 4th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

AUGUST 1970

FRANCE DEVASTATED BY TRIPLE ATTACKS BY ALL HER NEIGHBORS. ITALIANS TAKE MARSEILLES AND SPAIN, GET THREE BUILDS. SHERMAN MARCHES THROUGH GEORGIA AS REBELS GRIMLY PREPARE TO MAKE LAST STAND. CANADIAN FLEETS DOMINATE NORTHERN WATERS.

ENGLAND (Wilson): F Hebrides-Ireland. F Irish Sea (S) F Heb-Ireland. F Iceland (H).
(5) F Norway-Sweden. F Gulf of Cadiz-Spain(sc).
FRANCE (Galt): F Portugal-MAO. F Azores (S) F Port-MAO. A Picardy-Belgium.
(5) A Marseilles-Switz. F Ireland-Liverpool (IMP) /d/, (Annihilated).
GERMANY (Kilmer): A Munich-Burgundy. A Ruhr (S) A Mun-Burgundy. A Belgium-Picardy.
(7) F Holland-Belgium. F Sweden-Norway. F Baltic-Karelia. F Canary
Is. (S) ITALIAN F Western Med-Spain(sc).
ITALY (Kendter): F Western Med-Spain(sc). A Morocco (S) F Western Med-Spain(sc).
(6) A Piedmont-Marseilles. F GofLions (S) A Pied-Mars. A Yugoslavia-
Libya. F Ionian Sea (C) A Yugoslavia-Libya (Fast Ferry).
CANADA (S. Smith): F Arctic Ocean-Norwegian Sea. F Grand Banks-MAO. F Atlantis and
(6) F NAO (S) F Grand Banks-MAO. F G of St. Lawrence-Grand Banks.
A Ohio (H).
U.S.A. (R. Brown): F WAO-Bermuda. F N.C.-Myrtle Beach. A Richmond-N.C. A Tenn-Ga.
(10) (9 units) A Missouri-Magnolia. F La. (S) A Mo.-Magnolia. F Boston-WAO.
F Philadelphia (S) F Boston-WAO. A Chicago-Kentucky.
C.S.A. (Palter): F Caribbean-Hispaniola. F Charleston-Jacksonville (IMP). F Gulf
(3) of Mexico-Magnolia.

PRESS:

FRANCE to Germany: So much for your peace proposal.
FRANCE to Canada: Let's be allies! Write.
FRANCE to Italy: You turkey!! (Pun intended)

C.S.A. to World: The former Confederate States wish to assure the European powers that the Canadian-U.S. alliance is probably a fact, given the Canadian lack of interest in keeping me alive long enough to matter, or to answer any mail from me. The U.S. can take another 1 or 2 from me this time, and wipe me out completely in the following year. At that point, you will have a 14-Center U.S. to deal with. You've been warned.

FRANCE to C.S.A.: Good luck over there.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, ATLANTICA III, SEPTEMBER 1870: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ENGLAND:	3 Home, Iceland, Norway, IRELAND	6 (+1), Build 1
FRANCE:	Brest, Paris, AZORES, PORTUGAL, SPAIN , IRELAND , MARSEILLES	4 (-1), No change, 1 unit annihilated
GERMANY:	3 Home, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Sweden	7 (-), No change
ITALY:	3 Home, Austria, Greece, Tunis, MARSEILLES, MOROCCO, SPAIN	9 (+3), Build 3
CANADA:	3 Home, Atlantis, Greenland, P.E.I.	6 (-), No change
U.S.A.:	5 Home, Ky., La., Md., Minn., Richmond	10 (-), Build 1 (was 1 unit short)
C.S.A.:	Charleston, Jaxville, Cuba, HISPANIOLA	4 (+1), Build 1

Neutral: Mauretania, Newfoundland

GM's Comment: As of June 1870, I was afraid that this game was going to be a runaway for USA, but now it appears that at least Italy is going to give him a run for his money. Perhaps Germany, too. I am surprised that two SC's still remain neutral.

DEADLINE for SEPT. 1870 (Winter) is MONDAY, June 5, 1989. Phone deadline will be Sun., June 4th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Too many Builds to combine seasons, I feel.

VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39FALL 1917

ENGLISH AND TURKS PUSH FORWARD, WHILE GERMANY STANDS STILL. AUSTRIAN ARMY REACHES HOMELAND. RUSSIANS EJECTED FROM NORTH AFRICA. MOSCOW AND MUNICH GO DRY UNDER MULLAHS.

AUSTRIA (Rages): A Silesia-Bohemia. F Portugal-Spain(sc).
 (1) (2 units)
 ENGLAND (Chang): F MAC-N. Africa. F America (S) F MAC-N.Africa. F Spain(sc)-Mars.
 (10) (10 units) A Gascony (S) F Spain(sc)-Mars. A Brest-Paris. A Piedmont-Tuscany.
 F NAO-MAO. F Eng Channel (S) F NAO-MAO. F Hebrides-Irish Sea.
 A Liverpool-Wales.
 GERMANY (Young): NMR! A/F North Sea (H). A's Berlin, Prussia, Livonia, Warsaw and
 (10) (9 units) Siberia all (H). A Marseille (H) /d/, may (R) Burgundy. A Moscow
(H) /d/, may (R) St. Pete. A Munich (H) /d/, may (R) Kiel, Ruhr,
Silesia or Burgundy.
 FRANCE (B.Wilson): VA Persia-Syria.
 (0) (1 unit)
 ITALY (Bargender): A Rome (MS) F Naples.
 (3) (2 units)
 RUSSIA (Cheek): VF Sardinia-Western Med. VF N.Africa (S) VF Sard-Western Med. /d/,
 (0) (2 units) (Annihilated).
 TURKEY (Kenny): F Apulia-Venice. F Ionian-Eastern Med. F Tyrr-Tuscany. F Tunis
 (16) (16 units) (S) RUSSIAN F Sardinia-Western Med. F Gof Lyon-Piedmont. F Calabria-
 Ionian. A Bohemia-Munich. A Tyrol (S) A Boh-Munich. A Trieste (S)
 A Tyrol. A Galicia-Warsaw. A Budapest-Galicia. A Vienna (S) A Bud-
 Galicia. A Ukraine-Moscow. A Sev (S) A Ukr-Moscow. A Armenia (S)
 A Sev. F Black Sea (S) A Sev.

THE FIVE-WAY DRAW was decisively defeated. There is a problem with the SEVEN-WAY DRAW. Only TWO players voted. I have a specific Abstention on the 7-Way. Germany NMR'd. And 3 of you again failed to vote. I don't want this game to end in a fluke. I want to hear from Germany. I want to hear from the Abstainer. And I want to hear from the other three members of the silent majority. I'll include a personal note to remind you who you are. Based on the votes in file, I would have the authority to declare this game over as a 7-Way Draw (i.e. Nobody wins). If that's what you all want, that's what you get. But, as much as I'd like to see this game end, I cannot see it ending by a vote by only two players. Four players, yes; but not two. So, we'll play WINTER 1917, and see what the consensus is.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, VACATION DIP III, WINTER 1917: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

AUSTRIA:	Portugal, SPAIN	2 (+1), Build 2 (No room)
ENGLAND:	Lon, Ipl, America, Brest, Iceland, Ireland, Mars., Norway, Sweden, PARIS, PIEDMONT, SPAIN	11 (+1), Build 1
FRANCE:	(none)	0 (—), No change
GERMANY:	Ber, Kiel, Belg, Den, Edi, Holland, St. Pete, Warsaw, MUNICH, MOSCOW	8 (-2), Remove 1 (1 annihilated)
ITALY:	Naples, ROME, PARIS, PIEDMONT	2 (-1), No change (was 1 short)
RUSSIA:	(none)	0 (—), No change
TURKEY:	3 Home, Bul, Crete, Greece, Bud, Rum, Sev, Serbia, Sicily, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Vienna, MOSCOW, MUNICH, ROME	17 (+1), Build 1

PRESS:

ANKARA: It's the truth about Russia and Italy. I would be nowhere without their help!

PERSIA to Turkey: Yeah, looks like 1920. Any ideas for my Vacation Army?

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TURKEY to Frances: How about another westward boat ride?
TURKEY to BUSHWACKER: The Yanks have already arrived in this game, remember? Their ships were CD'd in the MAO and sunk.

RUSSIA to Turkey: There is nothing like fun, is there? I haven't had any myself, but I do like it in others!

TURKEY to Germany: Q. What's the most popular drink in Moscow right now?
A. Black Russian.

TURKEY to Russia: Hopefully, we'll change the most popular drink in Moscow soon.

BILL YOUNG has been a most dependable player in this game. I'm sure only a serious matter or a loss of his orders in the mail would cause an NMR. While I expect Bill to return, I will ask for some back-up orders from: Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, Mass. 01757. (for GERMANY).

DEADLINE for WINTER 1917 adjustments, and your FINAL VOTES on the 7-way Draw Proposal, will be MONDAY, June 5, 1989. Phone deadline is Sunday, June 4th, at 9 p.m. Eastern Time.

CARDS #9, 35, 39 and 76 were played this year.

Your next Event Card is: _____

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THE ZINE REGISTER has been delayed by the press of Congressional work. Ken Peel is a Congressional aide. Ken assures me that he hopes to have Z.R. #14 completed and in the mail in two or three weeks. He is then going to ask for someone to take over the job. So, if you'd like to achieve hobby fame, here is your chance. Z.R. has been coming out once every four months, at a sub rate of 75¢ per copy, or 3 for \$2.25. You can contact Ken at: 8708 First Ave., #F-2, Silver Spring, Md. 20910, if you'd like to apply for the post, or just to send in your subscription. Z.R. includes all known North American Dipzines, plus a sample from Britain and elsewhere.

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HAS ANYONE SEEN THE RESULTS OF THE MARCO POLL? I saw a comment somewhere to the effect that the results were out, but I haven't seen a copy. I'd appreciate having a copy of the report if, indeed, it has been published.

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