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This is the 210th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Variant games, hobby news, and anything else that strikes my mind. Edited by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 20143. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted daily between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time. We prefer receiving your orders by mail, but please phone promptly if you spot an adjudication error.

*Diplomacy is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer, and Copyright by The Avalon Hill Game Co. of Baltimore, Md. "Bushwacker" is the name of my comic strip character, created in 1941, which is an awful long time ago. That's his picture on the masthead. There is no "h" in his name, because we didn't know how to spell the word back then.

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GAME FEES: Players do NOT have to pay for subs. There is a \$9.00 Flat Fee for newcomers, or \$8.00 for current readers. Similarly, the STANDBY FEE is \$5.00 for newcomers or \$4.00 for the rest of you. For your money, you receive copies of the rules/maps for your game(s) and BUSH for the duration of your game, providing you don't drop out, and avoid worry about your sub expiring. Note that a Standby signs up for a specific game of his choice. Mensa Diplomacy SIG members receive an additional \$1.00 discount on these fees.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for non-players are 12 issues for \$6.00. OVERSEAS SUBS are \$8.00 for 12 issues, by sea mail. SAMPLE copies are 50¢. We also TRADE with many other zines on an all-for-all basis. Traders may enter a game for a considerable discount, which can be arranged on an individual basis.

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

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WE WILL NOW TAKE A SIX-WEEK VACATION from publishing, to accompany my family to the Ocean for a week, and to attend DipCon XXII in San Diego. We will spend several additional days in San Diego, after DipCon, visiting people both inside and outside of the Postal hobby. We will then spend three days in my old home town of Chicago before returning to Maryland. So, you won't be able to reach me by phone between Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 8th, inclusive. Please refrain from trying to call me during that period. You can resume calling on August 9th. The next issue of BUSH will be mailed about August 18, 1989.

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THE ZINE REGISTER #14 is now available. This was Ken Peel's last production. It covers virtually every North American Diplomacy zine, and a few others as well. This issue costs only 75¢, but future issues will cost \$1.50. To order this and the next issue, send \$2.25 to the new Editor, Tom Nash, 5512 Pilgrim Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214. A complete list of Hobby services and custodians is also included.

PLUGS

There has been a flood of new zines popping into my mailbox in the past month. I guess Spring is the time when young men's fancies turn to thoughts of publishing.

ENTROPY is a new zine being published by Jason Bergmann, a science major. His current address is: 10740 Lathrop, Dallas, Texas 75229, but he will be moving to Atlanta, Ga. in August. He intends to have at least one science article in each issue, to bring us news of the latest scientific breakthroughs. There will be game openings in Diplomacy, Gunboat and Junta. Subs are \$6.50 for 10 issues. It appears that he intends to operate on 5-week deadlines. You can still contact him at the Dallas address to sign up as a player, standby or subber (or Trader). He may have his new Atlanta address available by the time he prints his second issue. Standbys will receive a free issue each time they submit requested orders for a game.

MEGALOMANIAC will be brought to you by Rich McKay, 20 Nonotuck St., Florence, Mass. 01060. He's opening three games of Regular Dip. (Wot, no variants?) Subs are \$7.50 for 10 issues. Game fees are \$2.00. (Not to be confused with MEGADIPLOMAT, which does not run games). He also plans to run a large letter column. He kicks this off with a contest. Answer this question: "What do you think would be at the top of Genghis Khan's 'Hate List of Things to Come Home to' after a hard day's Rapine?" (That's an "e" at the end of the last word. Gives you plenty of leeway. I'd guess "The nuisance of having to resharpen one's sword and axe, and remove the blood from one's clothes and armor." But, it might be, "Having to listen to all of your wives complain about how the children misbehaved." O.K., those are my entries. You come up with your own.)

MONDOJ. Here's a surprise. This is by Glenn Overby. The same Overby who had such a disastrous fold of his JIHAD zine in 1982. Glenn is most apologetic about that episode. He offers a refund to anyone to whom he may still owe money for a JIHAD sub, or to send them a free MONDOJ sub in its place. Glenn admits that he overreached himself in JIHAD, when he may have had up to 20 games running at one time. He says he's learned his lesson, and will never run more than five games at any one time in MONDOJ. The name means "worlds," by the way, in Esperanto.

Glenn plans to follow the RUNESTONE pattern of reporting on one game each week. The players in that particular game will receive 5 small issues with that game's report. Subbers and Traders not in any game will receive all 5 parts together at a preannounced date. If you happen to be in more than one MONDOJ game, of course, you'll receive reports more often. Subs are \$9 per year, which could include up to 52 individual "issues". Game Fees are \$5 + a subscription. Among the games being offered are: Atlantica III (Davis), Bio-War (Overby), Conquest of New World III (Pulsipher/Davis), Insurrection (Overby), Quantum Space: 3001 (McCloud/Overby) and Woolworth II (Overby), which may use my II-D map. His current address: c/o Octagon Enterprises, PO Box 36983, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48232.

I've also started getting UPSTART, the other Dipzine coming out of Brooklyn. No current Game openings, but runs several games of Regular Dip. Also features items on Naval History (one of my favorite subjects) and a long lettercol. Subs are \$7.50 for 10 issues, or \$1.00 for a Sample. Game Fees will be \$5. for Regular or Gunboat, or \$10. for Secret/Spy Dip games. You could sign up now and wait for a game opening in the Fall. Contact: Garret Schenck, 40 Third Pl., Bsmt. Apt., Brooklyn, NY. 11231.

THE PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATION RELIEF AUCTION - V 1989

RULES

- 1- Deadline for bids has been extended to Aug.18,1989.
- 2- Anyone may participate in the bidding. All you have to do is submit a bid on an item (no money at this time please). If you are the highest bidder, the item will be yours and you'll be notified of when, where and how much \$\$\$ to send. Checks should be made out to John Caruso.
- 3- In case of bid ties, postmarks will decide. In case of postmark ties, the auctioneer will commit suicide (or try to persuade the donator to donate more than 1 item, or persuade the tied parties (sounds kinky, doesn't it) to settle amicably.). If all negotiated paths fail, the auctioneer will revert to that age-old settler of disputes- the random 6-sided cubicle.
- 4- All bids will be secret. This is a 1-round auction, you will not get a 2nd chance. Your bids can be conditional upon money you are spending and whether you get another item. They can not say "1¢ above the highest bid" for an example. An example of a bid- "A-001 I bid \$5 B-003 I bid \$2, but if I don't get A-001, make my B-003 bid \$5."
- 5- All items are postage paid by the donator unless stated otherwise.
- 6- All donations will go to hobby services as decided by the PDO finance com.
- 7- Allow 4-6 weeks after the auction deadline for the item to arrive to you. That is, if you pay your bid immediately. The longer it takes for you to get your donation back to me, the longer it takes all around. I can't notify the donator until I receive the money.
- 8- Input is welcomed and encouraged.
- 9- Additional catalogues can be had for a SASE from me, John Caruso 636 Astor St Norristown, Pa.19401
- 10- Good luck and have fun.

1989 PDORA FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Steve Arnawoodian, Andy Lischett, Bob Acheson, Bill Quinn, Don Del Grande

AND NOW, THE AUCTION COMMENCES

- | ITEM# | DESCRIPTION |
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| A-001 | A 12 issue sub to the <u>Yorkshire Gallant</u> by Mark Nelson. A British zine. \$3 minimum bid. |
| A-002 | A 5 issue sub to <u>Ohio Acres</u> by Bob Greier. \$1.50 minimum. |
| A-003 | A 10 issue sub to <u>Ohio Acres</u> . \$3 minimum. |
| A-004 | A 1 year sub to <u>Rebel</u> by Melinda Holley. \$5 minimum. 2 lots |
| A-005 | A 10 issue sub to <u>Kathy's Korner</u> by Kathy Caruso. \$5 minimum. |
| A-006 | A 10 issue sub to <u>Diplomacy Digest</u> by Mark Berch. FOR NEW SUBBERS ONLY! \$2.50 minimum. |
| A-007 | A 1 year sub to <u>Protocol</u> by Eric Klien. Included, you'll also get a free game start. \$5 minimum. |
| B-001 | Superman comic book #342 |
| B-002 | 1987 <u>The Cream Shall Rise</u> . At 88 pages a mere dwarf. (Add \$1 for postage) |
| B-003 | 2 issues of <u>The General</u> - Vol 22 #5 (the Masters Of Deceit issue) and Vol 23 #2 (the Don Del Grande letter to editor issue) \$6 value. (Add \$1 postage) |
| M-001 | Have a space or 1 of the major powers named after you on the OFFICIAL PDO DIPLOMACY MAP to be used in all games of PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY. This is a regular dip conference map with the names changed. Winners will receive a copy of the map. Minimum bids are as follows: Supply Center or Switzerland \$2, other spaces including sea spaces \$1, Great Powers \$5. You may only bid on 1 space for yourself. You may list the space to be named in a preference list order if you so desire. |
| M-002 | Personally crafted horoscope. Time and date of birth required. \$3 min 2 lots. |

C-001 A Hobby Office

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| M-003 | A Diplomacy collectors Alphabet fantasy- includes a toothbrush and bristles from Jim Diehl, buttons from Kathy Caruso, Nelson Heintzman and Jim Diehl and 3 other prominent dipsters, cigarette butts from Dwayne Shreve, Jim Diehl and Bob Greier, a hand written request for a sample of <u>Ohio Acres</u> from Daf Langley-on TOILET PAPER, plus some other trinkets. \$5 minimum. |
| M-004 | A set of his and hers official road maps of Ontario signed by the Dave Carter family. |
| M-005 | Dip Travel Set. Do your pieces fall all over the place when your plane makes a sharp turn heading for the runway? Here's the answer for you. A conference map with magnetic pieces. Minimum bid-\$4. |
| O-001 | 5 Diplomacy game openings in <u>Passchendaele</u> . 1 bid per person please. You must still pay NMR deposit (\$5) and sub fee (\$7 for 10 issues) at Canadian exchange rate. |
| O-002 | 7 Gamestart openings in <u>Rebel</u> in reg Dip or Gunboat. \$2.50 minimum. |
| O-003 | 7 Diplomacy game openings in <u>Terran</u> . |
| O-004 | 1 Gamestart in <u>WOODEN SHIPS AND IRON MEN</u> against the undefeatable John Caruso. Cowards need not apply. |
| O-005 | 1 Gamestart in <u>WOODEN SHIPS AND IRON MEN</u> against Steve "give no quarter" Heinowski. Land lovers hide under the rocks! |
| P-001 | 5 lots Autographed picture of Melinda Ann Holley. \$1 minimum. |
| P-002 | 2 Michael Jordan "Wheaties" posters. White shirt and pick up game posters. This item is 1 lot. |
| R-001 | Audio tape from Britain with 7 songs related to Dip, as performed by the VIENNA LADS in Bristol, Oct 1988, to commemorate Vienna's 50th issue. Songs include "Stabbin' Time", "NMR Blues", "The Postman" and more. Sometimes you can even understand the words. Circulated to Vienna's subbers. Rare on this side of the Atlantic. |
| S-001 | 1988 Diplomacy Placemats. |
| S-002 | Dip souvenir package- some photos, a unique postcard, Dave White Putt Putt golf card, 1977 LDNS membership card and more. \$2 minimum |
| S-003 | Baseball Souvenir package- 1986 Dodger player guide, 1986 Met calendar and more. (Add \$1 postage) |
| S-004 | 3 lots Superbowl 1988 Souvenir Postcard. |
| V-001 | Sailing weekend on Lake Conroe with Bill Quinn aboard a 24 foot sloop. Includes food and lodging. Talk about Quinn being desperate for companionship. |
| Z-001 | Gamesman #9 (Sept 1980) The last issue by the late Don Miller. 64-page mimeo contains articles on dip, chess and other games and a 10 page article on the accomplishments of the navies of various nations in the 2 World Wars. \$3 minimum |
| Z-002 | A collection of 10 UK role playing zines (postage to be paid. |
| Z-003 | 10 issues of <u>Cathy's Ramblings</u> (25-34) \$7 value Add \$1 postage |
| Z-004 | <u>Politesse</u> May & June 1984 plus the entire 6 issue set of <u>Fuedesse</u> . \$8 value add \$1 postage |
| Z-005 | Dip Zine Souvenir Package. Includes The Pearson Roast, Zine of Lists, Coat Of Arms 100th issue, March 1982 fake Whitestonia (done by Coughlan) Priceless. Add \$1 postage |
| Z-006 | 1st edition bonanza. Get these 1st issues all in 1 package- Ultimately Cool, Alpha And Omega, Globetrotter, Diplomacy Introductory Publication Tales Of The Dipmasters (the 1st published review of a Dipcon this by Mark Berch), Perlmutter's Revenge (full fledge zine) Add \$1 postage |
| Z-007 | 10 back issues of <u>KK/W</u> - 119,126,128-131,134-137 \$2 minimum Add \$1 postage |
| Z-008 | <u>FIM</u> special 6 issues from 1984- 1,2,9,16,23,36 |
| F-001 | 6 issues of an English subzine. Every \$2 gets 1 page per issue. |
| Z-009 | <i>Lord of Hosts</i> 012 series 1-12, Add \$1.42 postage if mailed |

DIPCON XXII BULLETIN

We've just learned that the site for this year's DipCon will be the Town & Country Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle N., San Diego, CA. 92108. The reason for the lingering uncertainty was that Larry Peery could have hosted the Con in his ~~palace~~ home if no more than 49 people had signed up. We're happy to report that a lot more than 49 people have already registered, requiring a move of the diploming site to the hotel. A brochure shows that this is truly a First Class hotel, with 1,000 rooms, four restaurants, a coffee shop, deli, and at least two swimming pools. There are also a slew of meeting rooms which will be at our disposal for stabbing or gabbing purposes.

The Registration Fee has now gone up to \$30.00 for DipCon. Send your Registratin Fee to Larry Peery at: P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA. 92102. Phone: (619) 582-2904. I think it's too late to ask Larry to make your hotel reservation for you. You should contact the Town & Country yourself, and state that you are with DIPCON and want a GARDEN ROOM. That's your guarantee of getting the reduced Convention rate. Their local phone no. is (619) 291-7131. Have your credit card handy if you phone in your reservation. For calls from outside of California, call (800) 854-2608. From Canada, call (800) 854-6742.

All DipCon events, except the banquet, will be held in the Convention Center's North Wing, on the upper level. You'll receive a map so you can find your way around. We will have exclusive use of this area, so other guest won't be offended by the flowing blood. Banquet tickets, which will include the Awards Ceremony, cost \$22.00 per person. Don't delay. Get your reservations in now.

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PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY ORG. RELIEF AUCTION NOW IN PROGRESS

There was a slight delay in mailing out the Bidding Booklet and instructions, as John Caruso was swamped with Real World problems. Accordingly, the deadline for bidding has been extended to August 18, 1989. Copies of the Catalog will be enclosed in all copies of BUSH going to North American hobbyists.

One very intriguing item is "C-001 - A Hobby Office." Gee, maybe I'll put it a bid for that myself. Doesn't say whether or not it's "Under the Covenant." What could it be? Having a Diplomacy space named after you (Item M-001) is another interesting idea. A couple of the donations are mine, including my traditional copy of the last issue of THE GAMESMAN, by Don Miller (Z-001). This may be the next-to-last year I can do so, as we're down to only a very few copies. If you bid for THE GAMESMAN and don't win, contact me and I'll arrange for you to get another copy.

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SO, OLLIE NORTH BEATS THE RAP

Ollie can make the \$150,000 needed to pay his fine in just six lectures, as he's getting \$25,000 per speech. Let's hope the Community Service involves some real messy situations in the Washington ghetto, or maybe the Blue Plains Sewage Plant, whenever it breaks down.

The Judge made one good point; that Col. North was obviously being asked to be the Fall Guy for unnamed higher-ups. 'Twill be interesting to see what happens when his superior officer, Adm. Poindexter, goes on trial next month. Do you think those subpoenas for Bush and Reagan will be turned down again?

You may wish to reread "The Ballad of Ollie North," on Pg. 51 of DIPLOMACY WORLD #53 (Winter 1989), by Brian Kelly. I'll send you a photocopy for a SASE.

ANOTHER BLOODY ENGLISHMAN MOVING TO AMERICA

Steve Doubleday, publisher of the successful British zine GALLIMAUFREY, will be moving to somewhere within a 50-mile radius of Morgantown, West Virginia, in September. I've already warned him to watch out for the stills and Revenuers in them thar hills. Morgantown happens to be the site of the University of West Virginia, so the inhabitants check their shootin' irons at the city limits, and probably won't want to give Steve any rides out of town on a rail for being a "furriner." However, he could get a "rifle ball bounced off his punkin haid," to quote Snuffy Smith, if he goes looking too closely up some of those hollows. Steve already knows that by simply stating that Abner Doubleday was his great-great grandfather, he can probably open a lot of doors in the States.

If he and his lady ever get down to Baltimore, we've invited them to have dinner with us, and to take our Dollar Tour of Baltimore. Steve intends to continue to publish GALLIMAUFREY over here, so I've suggested a few things to help him get some American Trades and subbers once he gets settled down. At this moment, I can't give you a U.S. address for him yet, but I'll do so when I learn it. While several other zines have been published in more than one country (e.g. BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY, COSTAGUANA), GALLIMAUFREY will join DOWN ALIEN SKIES as the only zine to have been published on two continents. O.K. Steve, get set to compete in the 1990 Runestone Poll.

Speaking of Englishmen, Don Turnbull, the U.K.'s first Diplomacy publisher, has recently moved to Houston, Texas. I wrote him to say that I expected to hear soon that he was strumming a guitar and drinking JAX beer out of cans. I don't know whether his new address was for public notice, but if you want it, I'll send it to you privately.

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WE RECEIVED A ROAST of our own in the pages of EXTREMISM, Dave Perlmutter's subzine in VERTIGO. This was our reward for answering the question about the part played by Gloria Swanson in the film, "Sunset Boulevard." Remind me not to answer any more of these quizzes! Some of the items in the "Roast" are actually true. I was in the First Armored Division when our unit was given the first four armored personnel carrier prototypes, to see how fast we could smash them up. Unfortunately, since I didn't have a driver's license, all I could do was type up the reports on my high-speed typewriter. Like every kid growing up in Chicago, I asked my parents for a Thompson gun for Christmas, but had to settle for a cap pistol. But, I did command the Bismarck in a big Fletcher Pratt battleship engagement. Like the original, I went down with all my guns blazing.

If you really must have a copy, write to Brad Wilson, PO Box 126, Wayne, Pa. 19087, and ask for a copy of VERTIGO #95. Enclose 50¢. But don't say I didn't warn you! Parts may be hazardous to your health, especially if you're a Democrat (like me).

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YEAH, HOW ABOUT THOSE ORIOLES? Here they are, still in first place on the Fourth of July. Traditionally, the team on top on the Fourth was supposed to win the pennant. There's still a long way to go, but these rookie kids apparently don't know that it's impossible for them to win. Until a few days ago, my son, Kevin, was predicting that the Orioles would meet the Chicago Cubs in the World's Series. That would be awkward for me. Since I grew up on Chicago's North Side, I've been a Cubs rooter for the past 51 years, and this would mean two of my three favorite teams would be playing against each other. But, it now seems that the Cubs have reverted to their usual role of also-rans. We were very surprised to see Toronto return from the dead. There's still a possibility of a Canadian team in the Playoffs this year. At least, if it's Toronto, and it snows, their new stadium has a roof.

OTHER HOBBY NEWS

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT is now out on its own as a full-fledged zine. Formerly, this production of Tom Nash was a subzine to THE SCRIBBLERIST, but Mark Lilleleht seems to have folded that zine. At least, no issue has appeared since #8 in April, so Tom decided to strike out on his own. B.T.D.T. also appears as a subzine in the PBEM electronically distributed THE ARMCHAIR DIPLOMAT, produced by Ken Hill.

This is a very nicely printed zine of some 12 pages, Digest-size. There are openings for one game of Regular and Gunboat Dip, and two of Railway Rivals. He offers to also run a game of Kremlin and Purest Dip (a variant). A sub costs \$6. for 10 issues, or 75¢ for a Sample copy. Game Fees are \$5.00 for all games. Tom's address is: 5512 Pilgrim Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214. I've had the pleasure of meeting him, and can say he's a very nice fellow. Tom has also taken over publication of THE ZINE REGISTER from Ken Peel. So, you'll probably want to send a copy of your zine to Tom in any case, to get it listed in the Z.R., so why not send him two copies of your publication and get B.T.,D.T. as well. Tom can use the extra copies in the Zine Bank, which sends out sample copies to novices.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE! The newest issue of KGO ZINE DIRECTORY has just appeared, and, guess what? Michael Hopcroft decided to turn over the Editorship, by the "laying on of hands" hobby tradition, to Chris Carrier. The current issues contains review comments on some 41 zines (three of which may have folded) by Robert Sacks, Kathy Caruso, and both Hopcroft and Carrier. Makes for some interesting contrasts! Carrier and Hopcroft have differences of opinion on several zines. There's no word of what the supposed co-editor, Brad Wilson, had to say about this. Nor of what KGO publisher Robert Sacks thinks. I fear this version of KGO-ZD may lose its coverage "Under the Covenant."

There doesn't seem to be any price quoted on this issue. It's supposed to appear semi-annually from now on, with the next issue due out on the Winter Solistice. I guess you could send him \$1.00 for a copy or two. There is a little too much feud material in this issue, although it's a great improvement over the terrible items which were included in the last two issues. I prefer the milder tones of the ZINE REGISTER, where nothing bad is said about a zine unless it is really bad. However, you may wish to see the different points of view expressed in the KGO-ZD. Carrier's address is: 1215 P St., #12, Sacramento, CA. 95814.

I HEAR SOMETHING CALLED THE REBEL ALLIANCE is being published by Robert Sacks and the Martins, to propose a formalization of an Alternate Hobby. Sacks has supposedly gone so far as to write a draft copy of "The Articles of the Alliance" for the alternate hobby. I understand that you can't get a copy if they think you belong to the "Dark Side" (translation: the mainstream) of the hobby. This goes far beyond merely issuing their own separate Miller Nos. I suppose "Boardman Nos. Under the Covenant" will be next. Actually, I wish them well. "Let the erring sisters go in peace," as Horace Greeley once said in the Civil War. "They never will be missed," to quote G & S. I only feel sorry for any novices who may be confused to discover two separate postal gaming hobbies in the U.S. Fortunately, the mailing address in the Diplomacy game box is one in San Diego, and not one in The Bronx.

I will offer \$1.00 + postage for anyone who sends me a copy of THE REBEL ALLIANCE. It would be nice to know what's going on on the Other Side. Hey, Robert, how soon are you leaving? Anything we can do to help speed your departure?

EXCITEMENT CITY UNLIMITED has folded after 18 issues. This was always one of my favorite zines, but Simon Billenness is deeply involved in getting his MBA and work responsibilities, so something had to give. Simon and Barbara will continue to handle the Runestone Poll Pledge Drive, with proceeds going to the American Heart Assn. (Don't forget to include your pledge when you vote). He will run his current games to a conclusion. This decision was apparently made in April, but we didn't receive our copy until the day after mailing the June BUSH.

WORLD WAR ONE, SECOND-HAND MEMORIES

MY DAD, FRED C. DAVIS, SR., would have been 100 on June 30, 1989. He started out in life crossing the Great American Desert in Utah and Idaho in a covered wagon, and lived to fly the Atlantic in jet planes. On his last trip to Paris, at age 82, he still had enough pep to visit the Folies Bergere.

Dad was very much involved in World War I, the war upon which our Diplomacy game is ostensibly based, so I grew up hearing a lot of war stories. This made that war very, very real to me. At the start of the war, Dad was serving in the British merchant marine. His ships played tag with German raiders and U-boats in both the North and South Atlantic. Once, off the coast of Brazil, they thought they'd been spotted by the Emden, but it turned out to be a British cruiser. He helped ferry Canadian troops to Europe. And transport other troops to Gallipoli, where he saw first-hand the frightful mess the top brass had made of that operation. While debarking troops, his ship lay between the battleship Queen Elizabeth and the Turkish positions. He heard and saw the Queen firing her 15" guns directly over his ship into the Turks.

After having seen the ships immediately in front of him and behind him sunk by U-boats, Dad decided to come ashore in 1916. When the U.S. entered the war the following April, he tried to enlist in the Navy. They turned him down. "You couldn't be a sailor," they said, "You don't have enough teeth!" "Then what the hell was I doing out there in the submarine zone?" Dad asked. But, they were adamant, and he had to wait until the Army decided you didn't need teeth to be a soldier, before returning to the fray.

When Dad arrived in France in August 1918, he was assigned to the Air Corps Gunnery School near St. Nazaire. He had had some aviation experience, having been a mechanic with the first flying circus to tour Texas and Oklahoma, with John B. Moissant, around 1910. I still have a photo of him working on one of the little planes they flew. He soon became the school's Supply Sergeant, which made him a rather popular person on the base, especially among people in "need" of extra equipment. So, he got to meet some of the men who later went on to be fighter pilots.

So, Dad knew what they meant they they sang about "Mademoiselle from Armentiers." He used to sing this to me when I was 3 and 4, while my mother held her breath for fear that he'd sing some of the verses they didn't play on the radio. He and a friend used a motorcycle and sidecar to "tour" the various bistros and establishments. In later years, he remembered what happened on Armistice day, when everything was being given away for free. Um, everything.

So, I always found the First War very interesting, although most people seem to have forgotten about it. It was certainly the great watershed of our era, in how it affected the way people thought and behaved. It brought an end to the myth of the glory and excitement of war, and it foreshadowed the end of all of the European Overseas empires, although it took the Second War to drive the final nail in the coffin. In America and anyplace else outside of the Soviet orbit, it had a much more profound effect on society than did the Second War. So, if you hear me humming about "Armentiers" or "Tipperary" this month, that's the reason.

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ATLANTICA III - 1988AR oa01OCTOBER 1870

GERMANS BREAK THROUGH AT SEDAN. FRANCE PARALYZED. ITALIANS SPREAD OUT OVER OLD WORLD. ENGLISH LOSE NORWAY, FRUSTRATED ELSEWHERE. UNION FORCES MOP UP CONFEDERACY. CANADIANS TAKE A HOLIDAY.

NOTE: Players are reminded that all orders should be on one side of the paper, only. One player almost got an NMR, because his orders were on the backside of other material. Also, can't you guys afford to use a full-size piece of paper? Surely, none of you are that poor that you have to use little bits of scratch paper. You're also reminded that you're supposed to sign your name at the bottom.

ENGLAND (Wilson): F Ireland-Hebrides. F Irish Sea-MAO. F Iceland (S) F Ireland-Hebrides. F Edi-Norwegian Sea. F Gulf of Cadiz (S) F Irish Sea-MAO /d/, Annihilated. F Norway (S) F Edi-Norwegian Sea /d/, (R) to Skagerrak (only space open).

FRANCE (Galt): NMR. A Switz. (H). A Picardy (H) /d/, (R) Paris (per Right-Hand Rule). F's Azores and Portugal (H).

GERMANY (Kilmer): F Karelia-Norway. F Sweden (S) F Karelia-Norway. F Holland-North Sea. A Ruhr-Munich. A Belgium-Picardy. A Burgundy (S) A Belg-Picardy. F Canary Is. (S) ITALIAN F Spain(sc)-Gulf of Cadiz.

ITALY (Kendter): F Spain(sc)-Gulf of Cadiz. F Gulf of Lions-Spain(sc). A Morocco (S) F GofLions-Spain(sc). A Marseilles (S) GERMANY A Burgundy. A Venice-Tyrol. A Naples-Yugoslavia. F Ionian (C) A Naples-Yugo. F Rome-Tyrr. Sea. A Libya-Algeria.

U.S.A. (R.Brown): A Georgia-Jacksonville. A Magnolia (S) A Ga.-Jacksonville. F La.-Gulf of Mexico. A N.C.-Charleston. F Myrtle Beach (S) A N.C.-Charleston. A Kentucky-Chicago. F Bermuda-SAO. F West Atlantic-Bermuda. F Boston-West Atlantic. F Philadelphia (S) F Boston-West Atlantic.

C.S.A. (Palter): F Charleston-Magnolia (IMP) /d/, (R) Georgia (only space open). F Jax'ville (S) F Gulf of Mexico /d/, (R) Bahamas. F Gulf of Mexico (S) F Jax'ville. F Hispaniola-Caribbean.

CANADA (S.Smith): NMR. A Ohio (H). F's Atlantic, Grand Banks, MAO, NAO and Norwegian Sea all (H).

NO PRESS from Anyone.

We only have one Standby player for Atlantica III. So, I'm going to ask Doug W. Acheson, 95 Durdonald St., Barrie, Ont., CANADA L4M 3T4, to submit back-up orders for CANADA for November 1870. Appropriate, eh? I don't expect John Galt to miss again as France, as I've just received his zine, THE ASSASSIN'S BLADE, but if there is another miss for France, that power will go into Civil Disorder. Oh, if anyone else would care to send in a set of orders and \$3 for the maps/rules, they could have a first crack at France. (I'll refund all but the cost of the rules if John then submits orders. You can't lose on a deal like that).

Since there's going to be a 6-week delay between seasons, I'd appreciate hearing from John Galt, Steve Smith and Doug Acheson on this matter ASAP. I'll try to send out postcards to the players to let you know Who's Who, if I get some feedback.

DEADLINE For NOVEMBER 1870 (a "Fall" move) is THURSDAY, August 17, 1989, after DipCon. Phone deadline is Wed., August 16th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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Now, what do you do with a space like this?

CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49

WINTER 1907

EVERYBODY BACK ON BOARD.

The FALL 07 NMR's by Robt. Cheek and Jeff Suchard were both due to errors of oversight, for which they both apologize.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS for Jeff Suchard (AUSTRIA): 3301 S. Bear, Santa Ana, CA. 92704. (Effective immediately. This is a permanent C/A.)

		Current Strength
ENGLAND (Baty):	Build 9A London	13 (—) (Was 1 short)
FRANCE (Acheson):	No change. 1 unit annihilated.	8 (—)
AUSTRIA (Suchard):	Build 11A Budapest	10 (—) (Warsaw SC inactivated by gas attack)
RUSSIA (Bargender):	No change.	1 (—)
TURKEY (Cheek):	No change.	1 (—)

There will be only 33 Supply Centers through Fall 1908. Warsaw will return to SC status in Winter 1908. The Austrian 5A Warsaw remains in C.D. through Spring 1908.

No Press today. I have Tentative orders on hand for Spring 1908 from England and Turkey.

DEADLINE for Spring 1908 will be THURSDAY, August 17, 1989. Telephone deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 16th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39

SPRING 1918

TURKS AND GERMANS TRADE CENTERS ON THE STEPPES. GERMANS REGAIN MUNICH. FRENCH ARMY TAKES LONG BOAT RIDE TO NOWHERE. ENGLISH NAVY SINKS RUSS FLEET. AUSTROS DIE IN BOHEMIA.

AUSTRIA (Reges):	VA Bohemia (S) GERMAN A Berlin-Munich /d/, Annihilated. VF Spain(sc)
(2) (2 units)	(S) ENGLISH F MAO-Western Med.
ENGLAND (Chang):	A London-Belgium. F Eng Channel (C) A Lon-Belgium. A Wales-
(10) (10 units)	London. A Paris-Burgundy. A Gascony (S) A Par-Burgundy. F Mars-
	Gulf of Lyon. F MAO-Western Med. F NAfrica (S) F MAO-West. Med.
	F America (S) F NAfrica. F Irish Sea-MAO. A Piedmont-Tyrol,
	Controlled by ITALY's play of Card #34, which orders "A Pied (S)
	FRENCH A Syria-Marseille" (NSO).
FRANCE (B.Wilson):	VA Syria-Tuscany.
(0) (1 unit)	
GERMANY (Young):	A Burgundy-Munich. A Kiel and A Berlin (S) A Bur-Munich. A Prussia-
(8) (8 units)	Silesia. A St. Pete-Moscow. A Livonia and A Siberia (S) A St. Pete-
	Moscow. A Warsaw-Ukraine.
ITALY (Bargender):	A Rome-Tuscany. F Naples-Rome. Play Card #34 on ENGLISH A Pied,
(2) (2 units)	ordered to move "A Pied (S) FRENCH A Syria-Marseilles."
RUSSIA (Cheek):	VF Western Med-N.Africa /d/, Annihilated.
(0) (1 unit)	
TURKEY (Kenny):	A Moscow-Warsaw. A Galicia (S) A Mos-Warsaw. A Bud (S) A Galicia.
(17) (17 units)	A Munich-Bohemia. A Vienna & A Tyrol (S) A Mun-Bohemia. A Trieste
	(S) A Tyrol. A Sev-Moscow. A Armenia-Sev. F Black Sea (S) A Arm-
	Sev. F Tunis (S) RUSSIAN VF Western Med. (F moved). F Venice (S)
	A Trieste. F's Eastern Med., Ionian, Tyrr. & Gulf of Lyon (S) FRENCH
	A Syria-Marseille (NSO). A Smyrna intentionally (U)=(H).

Only France's disorder to "Tuscany" prevented this Convoy from succeeding.

There was only one "NO" vote on the proposed E-G-T 3-way Draw. A couple of parties failed to vote, and they were counted as voting "YES." Why some people don't vote has

always been a mystery to me. I think they may be quietly supporting an end to the game, without wanting to actually say so. I am going to call for another vote on this E-G-T Draw with the Fall 1918 orders, to try to settle this issue.

Those of "youse guys" who didn't vote in the Spring, I need to know what you really think. If six of the seven players here are willing to settle for the E-G-T Draw, I'm ready to end the game, as, frankly, I'm getting very sick of it. I consider that I made a mistake in allowing certain "minor" Powers to continue to receive Event Cards, and would change this in any future games of Vacation Dip run here.

My revision of the game is called "Vacation Dip IV." It has now been given the NAVB Catalog No., or ARDA No., "rm66/07." I sent draft copies of this design to all of the players in this game to see if they had any comments. No one had any substantive suggestions, but one player said he didn't like the idea of players without SC's or units not getting any Event Cards. That, of course, is the main reason for the proposed revision. I felt there had to be some mechanism for letting this game reach a conclusion (other than a DIAS solution). If anyone else would like a copy of Vacation Dip IV, please send me \$1.00 for the entire kit, or 75¢ if you don't need the Event Cards List.

Two of the 100 Event Cards, Nos. 30 and 60, are deleted from Vacation Dip IV, as they give just too much power to the lucky player who draws them. The only other big change is that only players still owning either SC's or having units on the board get to receive new Event Cards each game-year. Most of the other changes are merely grammatical improvements or clarifications.

PRESS:

FRANCE: Right now, I'm reading The Return of the Native.

TURKEY to Russia: "Some fun!" Bobby Lee said. "Shut up, Bobby Lee," The Misfit said. "It's no real pleasure in life." - Flannery O'Connor, A Good Man is Hard to Find.

DEADLINE for FALL 1918 will be THURSDAY, August 17, 1989. This includes another VOTE on the E-G-T 3-way Draw. I'll try to remember to include a comment to those of you who didn't vote this time, to remind you to vote in the Fall. The phone deadline is Wed., August 16th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

P.S. After typing all of this up on Wednesday night, one last-minute change of orders came in on Thursday, together with another "No" vote on the 3-way Draw. So, I have to correct my statement and inform you that there were two "No" votes on this proposal. But, I'd still like to hear from all of you again on this matter in the Fall.

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WITH THE COUNTRY GOING TO HELL IN A HACK, with the foreign trade debt, acid rain, toxic waste dumps, the need for day care centers, people being machine-gunned down on the streets of our cities in drug wars, gross functional illiteracy, etc., etc., the President and the Congress have leapt into the breach, to devote their energy to - the flag-burning issue. Reminds me of "Fearless Fosdick" arresting jaywalkers while banks were being robbed in the background. I guess if you can't cope with the real issues, you simulate coping with a make-believe one.

There have been literally thousands of Constitutional amendments proposed in Congress over the past 200 years. Only 26 have passed, and ten of those were passed together as the Bill of Rights in the First Congress. Such an Amendment is not the panacea for

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every little problem. We made one big mistake in making Prohibition part of the Constitution in 1919. When clearer heads prevailed in 1932, we had to go to the trouble of writing another Amendment, the 21st (I'll drink to that) to Repeal the 18th. I hope we don't have to go through the same process again.

What worries me is what will happen to anyone who burns a newspaper, like the Chicago Tribune, which always has a picture of an American flag on its masthead? Will we go to jail, too?

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PLANETARY SOCIETY PREPARES TO LAUNCH MARS BALLOON

The Soviet Union has chosen to include a "Mars balloon" in their exploration of the 4th planet. The Planetary Society has been officially put in charge of this project. This is the first time that a private agency has ever been given responsibility for any aspect of a Soviet space project. (The French government is also involved). Two such balloons are to be incorporated into Russian flights to be made in 1994. Each will be 70 feet high and with a volume about equal to that of a Goodyear blimp.

Private funds are needed to support this effort, which includes testing of trial balloons by American pilots. Over \$350,000 is needed. Estimates are that if a government agency performed the work, it would cost three times as much! Your contribution, in any amount, is appreciated. (I sent \$15). Send your check to: The Planetary Society, 65 N. Catalina Ave., Pasadena, California 91106.

The future is almost here.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

July 10, 1989

A BUSHWACKER EXTRA

FROM: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043
TO: All Players Who've signed up for the "Ancient Empires III" Game here.
SUBJECT: Game Has Been Filled. Country Assignments.

I'm pleased to say that the seventh person signed up for this game a few days after the July BUSHWACKER was mailed. I had not mentioned Ancient Empires in that issue, as I was expecting this event to occur within a few days. Since BUSH will not make another appearance until around August 18th, I thought I'd make the country assignments now, and send out copies of the Rules/Maps to everyone who has already paid his Game Fee. Also, I'll enclose a copy of my House Rules for those of you not already playing in another BUSHWACKER game.

As each of the rest of you pays his Game Fee, you'll receive your copies of the Rules/Maps. As soon as all seven of you are paid up, we'll see about starting the game. I'll indicate the amount of your Game Fee after your name where applicable. This will vary depending on your status, including the discount for Mensa members.

I'll still be looking for some Standby players for the game. The call for Standbys will also be announced in the next issue of BUSHWACKER.

The House Rules may seem overly long, but most of what's there is just common sense. The important thing is the section on Writing Orders. Please use decent-sized sheets of paper, type or print your orders, and write on only one side of the page. If you're in more than one game, use a separate sheet for each game. And sign your orders. Orders should be phoned in only in case of emergencies.

Three things have to be settled before the game can start. First, by imperial fiat, I am going to declare that the game will start in 264 B.C., the year of the start of First Punic War, rather than the arbitrary 300 B.C.

Secondly, we need a vote on Optional Rule #1, on whether to have the barbarian armies in Gaul, Danubia and Scythia; and on Optional Rule #2, for a Winter 265 B.C. building season, instead of using the starting units outlined in Rule 3. As soon as all of you have received and studied your copies of the rules, we'll vote on these matters before the game starts.

Thirdly, I will want the players for Ptolemy and Seleucus to advise me, ASAP, whether you'd prefer to use the names EGYPT and PERSIA for these countries. This change might make it easier to follow the game, since those are the actual names of the Powers. (Ptolemy and Seleucus are the names of the dynasties ruling those countries at that point in time). I would prefer to say Egypt and Persia.

I'll put the Starting Lineup on the next page, since I seem to have used up a good portion of this one already. That way, it can also appear in the next BUSHWACKER.

If anyone needs any further clarifications, please let me hear from you soon. I'll be back in Ellicott City to pick up my mail on July 25th and 26th, before heading west for DipCon. If necessary, I'll send you a reply from San Diego. I'll again be returning home on the night of August 8th.

Remember, you must send in your Game Fees before the game starts. If anyone, for whatever reason, needs a further delay, or wishes to withdraw, please tell me now.

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ANCIENT EMPIRES III (ac10) COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Payment Status</u>	<u>Sent Rules/memo</u>
CARTHAGE:	Brad Wilson, P.O. Box 126, Wayne, Pa. 19087	Pl 7/17 Please Pay \$8.00	7/17
NEW CARTHAGE:	Robert Cheek, 14341 Franklin Ave., Tustin, CA. 92680	Paid in Full	7/10
ROME:	Tom Nash, 5512 Pilgrim Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214	Please Pay \$5.00	
MACEDONIA:	Alan Bargender, 2124 Greenbud Dr., Mosinee, Wis. 54455	Pl 8/1 Please Pay \$8.00	
PTOLEMY: (Egypt)	Ralph Baty, 4551 Pauling Ave., San Diego, CA. 92122	Please Pay \$7.00	
ANTIGONIS:	Chris Pankesky, 183 Connecticut Ave., Greenwich, CT. 06830	Paid in Full	7/10
SELEUCUS: (Persia)	David Perlmutter, P.O. Box 311, Haverford, Pa. 19041	Paid in Full	7/10

You will note that while we have two players from Southern California, they have been placed at opposite ends of the board (New Carthage and Ptolemy). Similarly, the two Pennsylvanians have been separated, in New Carthage and Seleucus. Also, since Robert Cheek and Brad Wilson have both played Turkey in other BUSH games, I did not want to give either one of them Antigonus.

Within those guidelines, the positions were assigned by lot. Defensively, New Carthage and Seleucus may have the best positions, but these may also be the most difficult positions from which to grow rapidly. Perhaps the three Eastern Powers will form one combat area, and the three Western ones a second, with Macedonia sort of playing an Italy-type role between the two triangles. I really don't know, and I don't want to say any more just now for fear of exerting too much influence on the game. Since this is "virgin territory," I want to leave it up to each of you to draw your own conclusions on what may be the best policy for your country.

If everyone's Game Fee is paid by August 16th, we can set up a vote on the other issues in the next issue of BUSH.

Good luck to all of you.

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