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This is the 211th 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.

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

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**THIS ISSUE IS SLIGHTLY DELAYED.** While we got home a week before the deadline, several Real World events kept us busy. Inge's 1987 Toyota Corolla was stolen from right in front of our house. Eventually, it was recovered in the Inner City, complete with a smashed-in front bumper and a parking ticket. There have been many, many phone calls to the police, the insurance company, car rental company, and body shop. While the Howard Co. police put out an All-points bulletin on the car, the City police blithely ticketed it for illegal parking, without checking out the license plate, so it was 7 days before they noticed it was a stolen car, and towed it to the pound. The pound is literally at the eastern city limits of Baltimore. I suppose this makes sense, since most stolen and abandoned cars are found in West Baltimore. Anyway, the Police charged us \$45 for the privilege of rescuing our car (covered by the insurance co., fortunately). We supposedly "beat the rap" on the parking ticket by mailing them a copy of the Howard Co. police report. But, we're still waiting for the body shop to complete the repairs so we can bring the car home.

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It was supposed to have been ready last Friday, but when we went down to pick it up, we found that they had not repaired the damage to the right rear door. "Gorsh," the manager said, "we forget all about that!" So, it was back to Square Two, and another 5-day delay while they fix the door. Meanwhile, it was too late to get this to my printer before 4 p.m. on Friday, and they're closed for the weekend. So, you'll be seeing this sometime during the week of August 21st.

Also, I want to apologize to those people to whom I owe letters, but to whom I have not yet replied. Sorry - there just hasn't been time.

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Next, they played a game of tossing bricks painted in the appropriate 7 Diplomacy colors. Apparently, there were only two volunteers for this event. In any event, the game came to an abrupt halt when the second contestant, Matt McVeigh, heaved his brick out over the end of Larry's yard, beyond the adjacent vacant lot, and onto the hood of a Ford Firebird illegally parked on the street. This was the biggest "bounce" in hobby history. The owner's insurance agent served as GM. I made some kind remark about what they did in California to aliens who mutilated cars, but everything was settled amicably without anyone having to appear in night court.

I'd estimate that about 55 people attended DipCon, although not everybody played. There were eight of us from the East - Linda & Steve Courtemanche from Pa., David Hood and Mike Pinkerton from Chapel Hill, N.C., Dave McCrumb from Virginia, two people from Maine whose names I've forgotten, and moi. Who says we won't travel for DipCon? Old Timers who showed up included Edi Birsan and Rod Walker. Besides Rod and Larry, one other person who'd attended DipCon IV in San Diego in 1971 was there, and that was our own Robert Cheek, who was there as an 18-year old kid. For the record, I was not the only person present with gray hair, thank goodness.

I ran the SkinnyDip Variant Tournament on Friday night. We could only round up 14 victims for two boards. There were about two others who would have played, but we couldn't find five more people, so they went off to some Gunboat game. This version of SkinnyDip, with 24 Supply Centers, and Russia being prevented from building in her third (Moscow) SC until Spring 1902, proved to be much superior to the original 22-SC version. Both games were able to finish, <sup>which is the new idea</sup> Game Two ended first, in about 3 1/2 hours, with a concession win by Russia (Steve Smith). In Spring 1906, Steve had a lock on 10 Centers, the minimum required for a concession under Tournament rules. Technically, his final score was 9 Centers as of Winter '05. Italy (Mike Pinkerton) finished second with 7 SC's. Italy is not a weak sister in this design. Turkey may be the weakest Power, as she was knocked out of both games, but it's not possible to state this based on just two games.

Game One lasted about four hours, and ended in Fall 1907 in a two-way draw between Austria (Hohn Cho) and Germany (Erik Adenstadt), who had 8 Centers apiece. We called this the "Austrian-Austrian Alliance". England (Robert Cheek) finished third with 5. France, Russia & Turkey were knocked out. Comments were made to the effect that the start of the game can be very deadly. One mistake in 1901 could lead to one's early elimination. Copies of the SkinnyDip II Rules & Map are available from me for 50¢.

As a result of his Concession Victory, Steve Smith won the DipCon XXII Variant Division Championship.

The main Diplomacy Tournament began at 9 a.m. Saturday, with a team tournament, in which every player played for his team as well as himself. The British have used this idea for several years, but this was its first employment at DipCon. Each team member played on a different board. The winning team was "22-SC".

In any event, the vote for the DixieCon site was more than triple the combined vote for all of the other sites, so they will host the 1990 DipCon. An Amendment was made to the DipCon Society Charter to the effect that whenever it is North America's turn to host World DipCon, it will be combined with DipCon as a single event. There was virtually unanimous agreement that there would be no point in holding these two events separately.

It was also pointed out that each of the four Regions may bid for DipCon for two consecutive years, as each DipCon bid is open to two Regions at a time. For 1990, for example, both the Eastern & Western Regions were eligible to bid, and in 1991, the bidding can be made by both the Eastern and Great Lakes Regions. This was to put on record that there is a strong possibility of the CanCon people in Toronto putting in a bid in 1990 to host the 1991 DipCon there. As I drew the definitive map of the DipCon regions several years ago, I explained that Toronto, and most of Ontario, are in the Eastern Region. So, their bid for the 1991 DipCon would be most proper. If successful, this would mark the first time that DipCon would be held outside of the U.S. (Incidentally, the Australians are coming on strong to host the next biennial World DipCon Down Under in 1992).

Administration Comm.

The members of the 1990 DipCon Society were then elected. David Hood was elected as Chairman, with Tom Nash of Baltimore and Ken Peel of Washington as his fellow committeemen. Ken Peel will be the holdover member from the 1989 committee.

The Hobby Awards ballots were counted, with the results being announced at Sunday night's banquet. The Don Miller Memorial Award for Hobby Service was won by Doug Acheson, for his work in making the Canadian Diplomacy Organization a viable entity. The Rod Walker Literary Award went to the team of Rex Martin, Ken Hager, Eric Lawson and Bruce Linsey for their feature articles on Diplomacy in Vol. 24, No. 3 of THE GENERAL in March 1988. The John Koning Memorial Award for Best Player went to Marc Peters, winner of the 1988 CanCon Tournament, and third place finisher at the '88 DipCon.

Some categories were close, but the Rex Martin et. al./ GENERAL Literary Award victory was overwhelming. One person questioned whether it was proper to present such an award to a "professional" writer, but it was pointed out that three of the four articles were written by amateurs.

The vote numbers are never reported in the Hobby Awards, but I must add that this year's results show that Canadians are not being ignored in the North American hobby. Your votes do count, guys. And, I believe it is only fair to report that the second place finisher in both the Miller and Koning Awards was that hard-working lady, Melinda Ann Holley. Ron Cameron displayed a gigantic trophy will will be called the Melinda Holley Award, to be given annually to the person with the most hobby participation. Plaques will be going out to the winners as soon as I get them back from the engraver.

The Awards Banquet wound up as a roast on Larry Peery, much to Larry's surprise. Rod Walker, who served as M.C., engineered this "plot" in complete secrecy. Besides Rod, stabbing comments were also made by Edi Birsen, Ron Cameron and others. I haven't laughed so hard in years. At one point, I thought Larry was going to choke to death. Too bad this wasn't taped for posterity.

Other Winners announced at the banquet:

Gunboat Diplomacy Division - Mark "Ig" Lew

Best Poland Award (for fastest elimination) - Nick Marks

Dick Williams Crying Towel Award - Mike Griffman

Brick Tossing Contest - Jointly, to Matt McVeigh and the Ford Firebird

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Kremlin Tournament Award - Jointly, to Erik Adenstadt and Bill Gallagher

North American Diplomacy Board Exam - Edi Birsan. (Hey, Larry, I give up. Just what "holiday" do Diplomacy players celebrate on August 15th? V-J Day was August 14th, and "Beethoven's Birthday" isn't until December, I'm told.)

I failed to catch the name of the winner of the Computer Dip Division. This may have been one of those rare occasions when I was talking. Several people were given song titles matching their personalities. Don Williams, for example, was "Rubber Ducky." Mine was "Yakity Yak."

The Rolex Watch (Genuine fake copy from Singapore) won by - Greg Ellis

It was also announced that the new Director of the Orphan Service (the one not Under the Covenant) was: Vince Lutterbie. (Sorry, I don't have his address). The new Secretary (or Whatever) of the Hobby Awards will be: Ron Cameron, 7821 Bouma Cir., La Palma, CA. 90623. I will continue as Treasurer. Hey, by the way, we need money badly for the plaques. Please send me a small contribution.

The new DIPLOMACY WORLD Associate Editor will be: David Hood

And, now, what I've kept you all waiting for, the winners of the Overall DipCon XXII Tournament - Based on a total of all events:

First Place, with 92 Points	- "The Birsauron,"	Edi Birsan
Second " , w/ 91 "	- Jeff McKee	
Third " , w/ 86.5 "	- John D. Galt (a BUSH player)	
Fourth " , w/ 86 "	- Eric Neuhaus	

The only Rulebook Victory among the 13 Individual games was won by Hohn Cho. This gave him a total of 84 points, and 7th place in the standings. I've already mentioned that Hohn was the winner of the Regular Diplomacy Div. championship.

A complete list of standings will be appearing in DIPLOMACY WORLD and elsewhere, I'm sure.

There was supposed to be a Trolley Dip game on Monday. Larry had announced, without my knowledge, that I was in charge. I rebutted that it should be called "Larry's Lunacy/Fred's Fantasy." The plan was to use the Eric Brosius magnetic board, and carry the board across the border into Mexico, to create the world's first FTF International game. (Any of you Brits ever played a game on a Channel ferry?). So, with great effort, I struggled out of bed on Monday morning to appear fed and clean-shaven in the gaming area at 9 a.m. Dead silence. The only person there was Larry, packing up the DipCon material before the 12 Noon checkout time. One other person appeared, but that was just to say goodbye. I waited until 10:30 to see if any other railfans might show up. Nada. So, I said the heck with it, and went off by myself to ride the new eastbound line to El Cajon. This had opened just four weeks earlier, months ahead of schedule. I think Larry must have persuaded them to open up just for the benefit of DipCon. It is an excellent line. Many of the cars are now air-conditioned, and the remainder of the old cars are being retrofitted with AC. A similar "high-speed tram line" will open in Baltimore in 1992. San Diego now plans to build a northbound line, perhaps all the way to Oceanside, which is one-third of the way to Los Angeles.

I stayed in San Diego for a few more days visiting friends. Spent two days at Conrad von Metzke's home. Visited the Wild Animal Park with Conrad and his two sons. A magnificent setting, giving the appearance of really being on the Serengetti Plain. I then visited my friends Alex & Marny Leondis. While staying with them, we joined long-time

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RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS OUT

Bruce Lindsey has released the short report on how the zines, subzines and GM's finished on the 1989 Poll. THE CREAM SHALL RISE, the detailed report, will be out in about two or three weeks. Only 174 people voted this year. There was no "pressure" applied on anyone to vote, and the number of zines carrying the ballot was less than last year. I guess this explains the drop-off. I'm somewhat disappointed that the vote totals were so low, as this takes away some of the "validity" of the Poll as the real judgment of the entire North American hobby. However, I agree with most of the Top Twelve selections of the voters.

My one complaint about the Poll results is that the Rankings, as compared to 1988, are shown as "Percentile Change" instead of numerical ranking changes, as has been the traditional way of presenting the ups and downs. I don't care how many percentage points a zine rose or fell; I want to know how its overall ranking changed. Accordingly, in my chart below of the Top Twelve finishers, I have gone back to the 1988 Rankings, and shown the Rank changes instead of percentile changes.

		<u>Score</u>	<u>Last Year's Rank</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1.	FIAT BELLUM Don Williams	9.06	(New)	22
2.	PERELANDRA Pete Gaughan	8.92	5 (+3)	26
3.	CAROLINA C & COM David Hood	8.21	32 (+29)	28
4.	BENZENE Mark Lew	8.10	6 (+2)	22
5.	PENGUIN DIP Stephen Dorneman	8.059	3 (-2)	27
6.	PASSCHENDAELE Francois Guerrier	8.055	31 (+25)	39
7.	COMRADES IN ARMS Tom Swider	7.85	35 (+28)	30
8.	HOUSE OF LORDS The Martins	7.83	14 (+6)	36
9.	NORTHERN FLAME Cal White	7.81	19 (+10)	34
10.	DARK MIRROR ?	7.77	(New)	16
11.	ZINE REGISTER Ken Peel (to 5/89)	7.69	2 (-9)	53
12.	CANADIAN DIPLOMAT Bob Acheson	7.54	8 (-4)	42

Last year's first place finisher, PRAXIS, dropped 55 places to 56th, due to its virtual disappearance (although no official folding announcement has been made). The 4th place zine, DIPLOMACY WORLD, dropped to 36th, which is ridiculously low considering the amount of material it contains. (It would have been in my Top Ten). The 7th zine, CHEESECAKE, dropped to 19th; the 10th zine, KATHY'S KORNER, came in 29th (-19); while the 9th place finisher, MAGUS, had already folded before the '88 results were printed.

The biggest gains were made by CAROLINA COMMAND (+29), CIA (+28), and PASSCHENDAELE (+25). I was very pleased to see NORTHERN FLAME go up 10 to finish 9th, and another good Canadian zine, EXCELSIOR, return from near death to finish 23rd (+16). Three of the Top 12 are Canadian. I read mine of the Top 12, but in two cases my Trades began after I'd mailed in my Poll ballot, so I couldn't include my votes for them.

The highest number of votes (53) went to ZINE REGISTER, which may now have the second largest circulation in the hobby. REBEL received the second highest no. of votes, 52. (REBEL finished a strong 14th, down one place from '88). D.W. got 44 votes. KGO got 46, but this put KGO in 70th place, just two from the bottom. I was surprised to see that BUSHWACKER collected the 5th highest vote total, 43, but we dropped 7 places from 24th to 31st.

HIGH INERTIA, by Linda Courtemanche, finished a well-deserved first place in the subzine listing, a rank it has held in 1987, and up 3 from '88. Tom Nash's BEEN THERE, DONE THAT finished second. BACKSTRETCH (Doug Acheson) finished third (+3).

The Top Five GM's were: 1. Russ Rusnak, 2. Francois Guerrier, 3. Andy Lischett (down from 1st in '88), 4. Jim Benes, and 5. Kathy Caruso (3rd in '88). David Hood was rated 6th. I was ranked 12th (down 3).

CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49

SPRING 1908

AUSTRIAN PLAYER LITERALLY DISAPPEARS. ENGLISH TAKE WARSAW & SEVASTOPOL. RUSS GAIN CONFIDENCE IN CON. FRENCH FIND BOOBY-TRAP IN PIEDMONT.

Jeff Suchard had informed me that his new, permanent address was "3301 S. Bear, Santa Ana, CA. 92704." Mail addressed to there came back marked "No such address." Another copy of BUSH was sent to Jeff's previous address, 2943 N. Bristol, #B, in Santa Ana, with a request that it be forwarded. I've heard nothing more from him. If anyone knows where Jeff is, please let me know, and you may wish to drop him a line telling him that I'm looking for him.

→ I'm going to ask John Galt, 701 Welch Rd., #1119, Palo Alto, CA. 94304, to submit standby orders for AUSTRIA for this FALL.

ENGLAND (Baty): 7A Denmark-Sweden-Norway. (Double move). 1F Baltic Sea (S) 7A Denmark-Sweden. 5F North Sea (S) 7A Sweden-Norway. 4F Prussia jumps over 1F Baltic, per Card #5, to Gulf of Bothnia. 4A Berlin-Prussia. 6A Livonia-Warsaw (Double strength attack per Card #1). 1A Silesia (S) 6A Livonia-Warsaw. 3A Galicia-Budapest. 3F Rumania-Sev. 8A Moscow (S) 3F Rumania-Sev. 7F Clyde (H). 5A Yorkshire (H). 9A London (H).

FRANCE (Acheson): 1A Switz-Piedmont (Blows up on Mine somebody left there!). 2A Port-Heaven (Card #8). 3A Rome (H). 4A Spain-Tunis. 4F Western Med (C) 4A Spain-Tunis. 2F Naples-Apulia. 3F Ionian (S) 2F Naples-Apulia. 5A Gascony-Spain. 11 A Bud,

AUSTRIA (Suchard?): NMR. 1A Smyrna, 8A Vienna, 10 A Heaven, 2A Venice, 3F Adriatic & 2 Amp Trieste all (H). 6A Norway (H) /d/, Annihilated per Rule 15. 5A Warsaw in C.D. (H), /d/, Annihilated. 4A Sev (H) /d/, Annihilated.

RUSSIA (Bargender): 2F Bulgaria(sc)-Con.

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

#### PRESS:

FRANCE to Austria: Your NMR's proved too costly for any alliance.

FRANCE to England: And what would I gain by switching sides? Let me think on it.

FRENCH 2nd Army: We're not so sure that the movement to "Heaven" is proper. It gives the wrong connotation. Why doesn't the GM just refer to Card #8 as a paratrooper unit.

BUSHWACKER, in reply: Because this space was "adopted" from Lew Pulsipher's "Black Angels" variant, where there are two such spaces, called "Heaven" and "Hell." Also, paratroopers were not invented until about 1939. Even fighter pilots did not carry parachutes until about 1917. There is no intent at theological implications in naming this space "Heaven." The unit has to go somewhere for a turn. It could just as well be called "Joe's Meat Market" or "Free Parking." Anyone have a suggestion?

DEADLINE for FALL 1908 orders will be WEDNESDAY, September 21, 1989. The Phone deadline will be Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anybody want to be a Standby in this game? You can have a slot for \$3.00 (Cheap).

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NOVEMBER 1870

ATLANTICA III - 1988AR ca01

NEW CANADIAN RULER. THIS MONTH, ENGLAND TAKES A HOLIDAY. GERMANS GAIN FOUR CENTERS, INCLUDING ONE BY ACCIDENT. JOHNNY HEBBS HOLE UP IN FLORIDA. NEW WORLD FLEETS START MOVING TOWARDS EUROPE. WILL EUROPE RESPOND? FRANCE FADING FAST.

CANADA is now being run by Doug Acheson, 95 Dundonald St., Barrie, Ont., CANADA LAM 3T4. I wish to thank Glenn Overby for submitting Standby orders for France, which were not needed. I'm going to ask Glenn to submit back-up orders for ENGLAND for December 1870 (Winter). Overby's address: P.O. Box 36983, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48236.

ENGLAND (Wilson): NMR. F's Edi, Hebrides, Iceland, Irish Sea & Skag. all Held.  
(6)(5 units)  
FRANCE (Galt): F Azores-MAO. F Portugal (S) CANADIAN F MAO-Spain(nc) (NSO) /d/,  
(4) Annihilated. A Switz-Venice (IMP) /d/, (R) Burgundy (only space open). A Paris-Brest.  
GERMANY (Kilmer): F North Sea-London. A Burgundy-Paris. A Picardy (S) A Burg.-Paris.  
(7) A Munich-Switz. F Norway (H). F Sweden (S) F Norway. F Canary Is.-South Atlantic /d/, (R) Spain(sc)(Only space open).  
ITALY (Kendter): A Algeria-Mauretania. A Morocco (S) A Algeria-Mauretania. F Spain  
(9) (sc)-Portugal. F Gulf of Cadiz (S) F Spain-Port. A Marseilles (S)  
GERMAN a Munich-Switz. A Tyrol-Piedmont. A Yugoslavia-Tyrol.  
F Tyrr Sea-Western Med. F Ionian-Tyrr Sea.  
CANADA (Acheson): (Replaces Steve Smith, who NMR'd twice). A Ohio-Wisconsin. F Grand-  
(6) Banks-Newfoundland. F MAO-English Chnl. F Atlantis-MAO. F NAO (S)  
F Atlantis-MAO. F Norwegian Sea-North Sea.  
U.S.A. (R.Brown): F West Atlantic-Canary Is. F Bermuda & F South Atlantic (S) F WAO-  
(10) Canary Is. F Philadelphia-West Atlantic. F Myrtle Beach (S) F  
Bermuda. A Chicago (H). A Charleston (H). A Jax'ville (H) /d/,  
Annihilated. A Magnolia (S) A Jax'ville. F La.-Gulf of Mexico.  
C.S.A. (Palter): F Ga.-Jax'ville. F Bahamas (S) F Ga.-Jax'ville. F Gulf of Mexico-  
(4) Magnolia. F Carib.-Hispaniola.

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

ENGLAND:	Edi, Liv, Iceland, Ireland, <del>LONDON, NORWAY</del>	4 (-2), Remove 1 (1 annihil.)
FRANCE:	Brest, Azores, <del>PARIS, PORTUGAL</del>	2 (-2), Remove 1 (1 annihil.)
GERMANY:	3 Home, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, LONDON, NORWAY, PARIS, SPAIN	11 (+4), Build 4 (Room for only 3 Builds)
ITALY:	3 Home, Austria, Mars, Morocco, Tunis, Greece, MAURETANIA, PORTUGAL, <del>SPAIN</del>	10 (+1), Build 1
CANADA:	3 Home, Atlantis, Greenld, P.E.I., NFL.	7 (+1), Build 1
U.S.A.:	5 Home, Ky., La., Md., Minn., Richmond, CHARLESTON	11 (+1), Build 1
C.S.A.:	Jaxville, Cuba, Hisp., <del>CHARLESTON</del>	3 (-1), Remove 1

PRESS:

PHILADELPHIA: A Day of National Celebration was announced in recognition of the reuniting of the United States of America. There are reports of Rebels hiding out in the Caribbean. The President expressed the hope that they will surrender to Union forces and promised that they will be treated fairly and justly.

DIXIE LAND: I am down one this year. The rest go next year. You've been warned.

While my play left a bit to be desired, the fact remains that the US under this system is simply too strong. If he can ally with either neighbor, the other is dead. As CSA, I'd say that my position would at least have a chance if the extra Center was Maine instead of Minnesota. However, that ruins Canada. The solution ((may be)) to add one Center each to Canada and CSA. 6-5-5 might work. 6-4-4 doesn't. (more)

ATLANTICA III CONTINUED

BAYSVILLE, ONT: Never in his wildest dreams did this boy from backwoods Canada realize that he would run the international affairs of his home country. I accept!!

CANADA to England: It looks as if the Colonials will have to rescue the Home Country. (Might set a pattern for future confrontations).

CANADA to USA: Are you suggesting the undefended border?

Comments by GM: I agree with Dan Palter that the U.S.A. is too strong with 6 Home Centers. However, this was based on my experiences in other Atlantica games, where the USA player was less experienced. (A total novice in one case). In these other games, Canada and CSA had always teamed up from the beginning to wipe out the neighbor in between them. I had taken this as a sign of intrinsic weakness in the USA position. However, this game shows that this is not so when USA is played by a good player. I think that in future games, I will eliminate the "Wild West" SC. The USA needs an extra SC, since it is caught in the middle, but not two extra Centers. I believe this is a better solution than adding more Centers to CSA and Canada. That would only unbalance the game in favor of the American Powers, which in turn would require that more SC's be given to the European ones.

Other players' comments on this matter are welcomed.

DEADLINE for DECEMBER 1870 adjustments will be <sup>THURS</sup> ~~WEDNESDAY~~, September 21, 1989. Since there are so many adjustments needed, and since the status of the English player is uncertain, I feel that we should only play December (Winter). However, if everybody also submits orders for January 1871, and nobody objects, I'd also process those moves. I'd like to hear from Brad Wilson on this matter ASAP.

Anyone interested in having a Standby position in Atlantica III may have a slot, if you will send me \$3.00 for the cost of the rules/maps, etc. This is a \$2 discount over the usual Standby Fee. The Telephone Deadline will be <sup>Wed</sup> ~~Tuesday~~, Sept. 20th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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FALL 1918

NO ARMISTICE, AS E-F-G Draw DEFEATED. GERMANY GAINS MUNICH, MOSCOW AND PERSIA AS TURKS TAKE WARSAW. ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE APPEARS TO BE SLOWLY BEATING BACK TURKS.

AUSTRIA (Reges): VF Spain(sc)-Gulf of Lyon.

(2) (1 unit)

ENGLAND (Chang)

(11)(11 units)

I erroneously printed "10" units last month. A Piedmont-Tyrol. ITALIAN control of A Pied continued thru this season, w/ order being "A Pied-Marseilles." (Per Rule 4.e. a unit cannot be ordered to help dislodge one of its own active pieces). F Marseilles (S) AUSTRIAN F Spain(sc)-Gulf of Lyon. F W Med (S) AUSTRIAN F Spain (sc)-GoL. F NAfrica (S) F Western Med. F MAO-Spain(sc). F America-MAO. A London-Picardy. F Eng Ch (C) A Lon-Picardy. A Belgium-Ruhr. A Gascony (S) F Marseilles. A Burgundy (U) = (H). NMR. VA Syria (H).

FRANCE (B.Wilson):

(0) (1 unit)

GERMANY (Young):

(8) (8 units)

A Ukraine-Moscow. A Livonia (S) A Ukr-Moscow. A Berlin-Prussia. A Siberia-Persia by play of Event Card #91 (which makes Persia a SC). A Moscow-Siberia. A Silesia-Warsaw. A Munich (S) ENGLISH A Piedmont-Tyrol (NSO, due to Italian control). A Kiel (S) A Munich. A Tuscany-Piedmont. F Rome-Naples. Ordered ENGLISH A Piedmont-Mars.

ITALY (Bargender):

(2) (2 units)

RUSSIA (Cheek):

(0) (0 units)

(no units). Tsar phones home.

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VACATION DIP III (Cont.)

TURKEY (Kenny): F Gulf of Lyons-Marseille. Plays Card #1 for extra Support. A Sev-Moscow. A Warsaw (S) A Sev-Moscow. A Armenia-Sev. F Black Sea (S) A Armenia-Sev. F Venice-Adriatic. F Tunis-Western Med. F Tyrr (S) F Tunis-Western Med. F Ionian-Tunis. A Tyrol-Venice. A Trieste (S) A Tyrol-Venice. A Galicia (S) A Warsaw. A Vienna (S) A Gal. A Budapest-Romania. A Bohemia-Silesia. F Eastern Med. (S) A Smyrna. A Smyrna (S) F Eastern Med. (IMP).

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, VACATION DIP III, WINTER 1918: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

AUSTRIA:	Portugal, Spain	2 (—),	Build 2 (No room)
ENGLAND:	Lon, Ipl, America, Brest, Iceland, Ireland, Mars., Norway, Paris, Piedmont, Sweden	11 (—),	No change
FRANCE:	(none)	0 (—),	No change
GERMANY:	Ber, Kiel, Belg, Den, Edi, Holland, St. Pete, MUNICH, MOSCOW, PERSIA (new), <del>WARSAW</del>	10 (+2),	Build 2 (Room for only 1 build)
ITALY:	Naples, Rome	2 (—),	No change
RUSSIA:	(none)	0 (—),	No change
TURKEY:	3 Home, Bul, Crete, Greece, Bud, Rum, Sev, Serbia, Sicily, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Vienna, WARSAW, <del>MOSCOW</del> , <del>MUNICH</del>	16 (-1),	Remove 1

In addition, Austria and France each have one Vacation unit on the board.

PRESS:

TURKEY to BUSHWACKER: You know, that Final Conflict game running in CIA is from 1984.

BUSHWACKER to Turkey: But how many original players are still in it? We have only three, of whom you are the only one with any Supply Centers.

DEADLINE for WINTER 1918 will be WEDNESDAY, September 21, 1989. The Phone deadline will be Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. I suggest that we play both Winter and SPRING 1919 together, since there are only going to be two adjustments this Winter. If anyone plays an Event Card affecting these adjustments, I'll notify any neighboring Powers by postcard of such a possible change. So, we'll play these two seasons together unless three players (or two players with a majority of the SC's between them) request a separation.

As you have already deduced, the revoting on the E-F-G 3-way Draw did not pass. It looks like more diplomacy is in order. Perhaps if you all communicated with one another, you could work something out. The lineup of people in favor of the 3-way Draw might surprise you.

Here's a temporary address for Craig Reges (AUSTRIA) from now until about Sept. 28th: Craig A. Reges, c/e AT & T, 5 Wood Hollow Rd., Rm. 2-R-20, Parsippany, N.J. 07054.

Any comments about the revised "Vacation Dip IV" Rules, which permit the players without SC's or units to draw Event Cards, but simply exclude them from voting on Draws or Concessions? This is a reversal of my draft proposal. It keeps the "homeless" players in the game, but keeps them from deciding the results of a voted outcome.

CARDS #1, 34, and 91 were used this year. Your next Event Card is: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSHWACKER player Ralph Baty and his date, Susan, for dinner at a fancy Mexican restaurant in Old Town. Lovely place, except that by the time our entrees arrived it was so dark outdoors that I couldn't see what I was eating. I always worry about eating something I can't see, but it was delicious, whatever it was.

On another evening during the Con, four of us decided to avoid the hotel restaurants, and go to a place called Baker's Square instead. This group included Mike Maston as driver, Rod Walker as navigator, Linda Courtemanche as the rose among the thorns, and myself. It turned out that Mike and Linda are both active punsters, and kept us in stitches both before and during dinner.

Because of my Scots ancestry, I also searched for inexpensive eating places on my own. There was a big shopping center called Fashion Valley behind the Town & Country Hotel, accessible by a footbridge across a tiny creek. I later learned that said creek was the mighty San Diego River! This was not the kind of shopping center where welfare people would go with their food stamps. However, there were some inexpensive places to eat in there, and it was an interesting place to window shop.

I saw a lot of downtown San Diego on the Monday, as there is a tour bus called the "Molly Trolley" which has excellent sightseeing guides. This bus makes circular trips around the city in both directions, and one of its stops was right outside of the Town & Country. I got off the bus at the Santa Fe depot to ride the trolley, and then resumed my tour there later. Also, Alex and I went out on San Diego Bay in his boat, from the Convair Boating Club dock next to the airport. It was the first time I've been in a large sailboat in about 30 years. Lots of work, but very interesting.

We also saw the Exxon Valdez in her drydock, but this was from the Tiajuana Trolley rather than from the sailboat. She is a monster, 987 feet long. People expressed their anger against the ship, but the poor dumb thing shouldn't be blamed for the acts of its captain and crew. Everyone says she'll be renamed after her repairs are completed.

Alex, Marny and I rode the trolley to the border and visited Tiajuana for the day. People don't know what real poverty is until they've visited Mexico. However, there are good bargains in items such as perfume, leather goods and liquid refreshments down there. I purchased my usual bottle of Kahlua while there.

It may be noted that none of the four plane flights I used between Baltimore and San Diego, going via O'Hare both ways, arrived on time. Why do they even bother to print timetables? On my way home, I stopped over in Chicago for three nights to see some friends there, and visit a couple of museums. Got home on August 8th.

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