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This is the 212th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy* zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Variant games, hobby news, and whatever else comes to mind. Edited by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. 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, except in dire emergencies, 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 ea01). It also contains the starting lineup for our next game, ANCIENT EMPIRES III, for which we will now obtain a Miller No.

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THIS IS BEING WRITTEN in advance of the arrival of "Hurricane Hugo," in hopes of getting it printed before the storm arrives. There is a possibility that wind and rain may cut off the electricity, in which case printing and mailing may be delayed.

CORRECTION on my report on DipCon XXII. The "Crying Towel Award" was named for "Duck" Williams, not "Dick" Williams. Also, the exact dates for DipCon 23 in Chapel Hill, N.C. will be June 22-24, 1990. And the correct address for the new Orphan Game Coordinator, Vince Lutterbie, is: 1021 Stonehaven, Marshall, MO. 65340.

A complete report on DipCon XXII, including all of the scores and 15 pages of photos, appears in DIPLOMACY WORLD #55. Single copies are \$4.00. Order from: Larry Peery, P.O. Box 8399, San Diego, CA. 92102.

ANCIENT EMPIRES III (ac10) COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS (BUSHWACKER #22) 1989 IR ac10

Everyone is now paid up. The problem was that one person's check was lost in the mail, and he had to send me another one.

ANTIGONIS: Chris Pankasky, 183 Connecticut Ave., Greenwich, CT. 06830
CARTHAGE: Brad Wilson, P.O. Box 126, Wayne, Pa. 19087
EGYPT: Ralph Baty, 4551 Pauling Ave., San Diego, CA. 92122
MACEDONIA: Alan Bergender, 2124 Greenbud Dr., Mosinee, Wis. 54455
NEW CARTHAGE: Robert Cheek, 14341 Franklin Ave., Tustin, CA. 92680
ROME: Tom Nash, 5512 Pilgrim Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214
SELEUCUS (Persia): David Perlmutter, P.O. Box 311, Haverford, Pa. 19041

Ralph Baty has advised me that he prefers to use the name "Egypt" to that of "Ptolemy," for his country. On the other hand, David Perlmutter states that he will continue to call Seleucus "Seleucus," which is technically the correct name for the Persian Empire at this particular time.

While we have two players from Southern California, they have been placed at opposite ends of the board (Egypt and New Carthage). Similarly, I have separated the two Pennsylvanians into playing Carthage and Seleucus. Also, I did not give either Robert Cheek or Brad Wilson Antigonis, since both have played Turkey in recent BUSH games. Within these guidelines, the positions were assigned by lot.

In addition, I have offered the No. 1 Standby position to: Edward Green, 420 E. Chapman Ave., #B, Fullerton, CA. 92632. I would like to have a couple more Standbys for this game. Come on in, the water's fine. If you're a regular reader of BUSH, just send me \$4.00 for a slot.

Before the game can begin, we need to take votes on the two Optional Rules. Optional Rule #1 provides for Barbarian Armies in Gaul, Danubia and Scythia. Optional Rule #2 adds a Winter 265 B.C. building season, instead of using the starting units spelled out in Regular Rule 3.

My personal preference is "Yes" for #1, to include the Barbarian Armies; and "No," for #2, preferring to keep the starting positions outlined in Rule 3. So, please let me have your votes on these items for our first deadline. Let's make this deadline one day earlier than the regular deadline for the other games. So, that means the Deadline will be TUESDAY, October 24, 1989. Majority rule will apply for Option #1. Five "Yes" votes would be required for the adoption of Option #2.

I already have votes on hand from two players. You know who you are. If there are no more snags, the first move, Spring 264 B.C. (or Winter 265 if Option #2 is voted in) will be due with our November deadline, which will be around Nov. 28th. Please let me know if any of you need anything in the way of maps, rules, House Rules, etc.

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UPDATE ON THE FIVE ITALIES GAME (ug12)

I have five people who have expressed an interest in playing this variant. However, a couple of you gave this as an alternate choice, so I don't know whether you're still interested. Here's the list, in the order in which I received your names:

Tom Nash, Brad Wilson, Lee Kendter, Jr. (Paid in full), Glenn Overby (Paid in full) and Malc Smith, the expatriate Englishman now living in Norway. I had also offered a slot to Ed Green in lieu of an Ancient Empires starting position, but he has declined. I'd still be happy to offer Ed or anyone else a Standby slot.

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Since BUSH runs on monthly or 5-week deadlines, Malc believes that Air Mail to Norway is good enough to permit him to play. So, if Tom Nash and Brad Wilson will advise me as to whether they're "game" for this game, too, we will then be able to make the country assignments here. Malc Smith sent me a preference list as follows: "I/I/I/I/I". Malc also sent me a postcard from "Hell." Hell, Norway, that is. I have been told to go there many times, but this is the first time I've ever received mail from the place.

If anyone listed above declines a starting slot, we will have room for one more, so Please drop me a line if this instant insanity interests you. By the way, the five Italies are labelled "A, B, C, D & E," so I will have to do "country assignments" to keep people living in the same State separated. Perhaps people living in Hell can be placed between pugnacious Pennsylvanians.

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VACATION DIP III - 1985R rm39

WINTER 1918

Note: For two reasons, we are playing only the Winter season. First, one major player made a plea for separation of seasons for personal reasons, which I felt was warranted by the circumstances. Secondly, I have been in touch by mail or phone with five of the seven players here, and there was a strong feeling by nearly everyone that the time has come to end this game.

Accordingly, there is a Proposal on the table for a 3-way Draw between England, Germany and Turkey.

Also, there is a permanent C/A for Craig Reges (AUSTRIA) to: % A.T. & T., 5 Woodhollow Rd., Rm. 2-R-20, Parsippany, N.J. 07054.

		Current Strength	
		SC's	Vac Units
AUSTRIA (Reges):	No room to build. 2 units short.	2 (—)	1 (—)
ENGLAND (Chang):	No change.	11 (—)	0 (—)
FRANCE (B.Wilson):	No change.	0 (—)	1 (—)
GERMANY (Young):	Build A Berlin. No room for 2nd build. Will play 1 short.	10 (+2)	0 (—)
ITALY (Bargender):	No change.	2 (—)	0 (—)
RUSSIA (Cheek?):	NMR. No change.	0 (—)	0 (—)
TURKEY (Kenny):	Remove A Armenia.	16 (—)	0 (—)

Paul Kenny advises me that he has adapted the revised rule about which Powers can vote on Draws or Concessions in the Vacation Dip game he's running in his subzine, STANDARD DEVIATION. It will be interesting to watch this. Paul also says "Maybe the English Vacation Fleet should start in Gibraltar or Malta." This would be good for historical accuracy, but would mean drawing in a new province on the map. At least Sicily is already there.

So, the BIG thing now will be a Vote on the Three-way Draw. I already have some "Yes" votes on file on this, but I'd appreciate each of you sending in a new vote. Personally, I strongly urge everyone to vote "Yes," as there is a general feeling that nothing else can be accomplished in the short time before the game has to end in 1920. Most of you have already submitted orders for Spring 1919. Everyone will want to have Spring orders on hand, in the event that the game continues.

DEADLINE is WEDNESDAY, October 25, 1989, for Votes and Orders. Telephone deadline will be Tuesday, October 24th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Young, who remarried a few weeks ago. I hope you and Louise will be very happy together.

CHARACTER DIP - 1987AF rm49

FALL 1908

NOTE: Correct Address for Jeff Suchard (AUSTRIA): 3301 S. Bear, Apt. 49-D, Santa Ana, CA. 92704. Jeff wrote to me when a much-delayed copy of the July issue wended its way into his mailbox. I then sent him a second copy of the August issue, as the P.O. had returned the first one, sent to his old address, as "Undeliverable." Jeff then made a phone call at the last desperate moment to get his orders in. Jehn Galt had submitted standby orders for Austria, which were about to be used. Thankyou, Jehn, for your assistance here.

AUSTRIANS FLY TO PORTUGAL, REGAIN TYROL. FRENCH COUNTER WITH SLIP INTO GREECE, SLAP AT VENICE. ENGLISH MOVE DOWN STEPPES TO UKRAINE & RUMANIA. RUSS ZAG BACK TO CON. TURKS LOST PATROL IN ARMENIA.

ENGLAND (Baty): 8A Moscow-Ukraine. 7A Norway-St. Pete-Moscow (Double move, per Card #4). 3A Galicia-Rumania. 3F Sev (S) 3A Gal-Rumania. 6A Warsaw-Galicia. 1A Silesia (S) 6A War-Galicia. 4A Prussia-Warsaw. 4F GefBothnia-Sweden. 1F Baltic-Denmark. 5A York-Norway. 5F North Sea (C) 5A York-Norway. 9A London-York. 7F Clyde (H).

FRANCE (Acheson): 2A Heaven-Bulgaria. 3A Rome-Venice. 2F Apulia (S) 3F Rome-Venice. (8) (7 units) 4A Tunis-Greece. 3F Ionian (C) A Tunis-Greece. 4F Western Med-Tyrr Sea. 5A Spain (H).

AUSTRIA (Suchard): 1A Smyrna-Con. 8A Vienna-Tyrol. 2A Venice (S) 8A Vienna-Tyrol. (10) (7 units) 2 Amp Trieste & 3F Adriatic (S) 2A Venice. 10A Heaven-Portugal. 11A Budapest-Ukraine (IMP.).

RUSSIA (Bargender): 2F Con-Bulgaria(ec). (Double-strength move). (1)

TURKEY (Cheek) (1): NMR. 1F Armenia (H).

PRESS:

LONDON Wees: We spent several months planning this last Spring moves, and Austria slept though all of that crushed armor, losing a double-strength unit, a jumper, and a double mover. That was fun!

FRANCE to GM: By the way, "Joe's Meat Market" sounds great. A human touch to the game. Troops have to be fed.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, CHARACTER DIP, WINTER 1908: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ENGLAND:	3 Home, Belg, Berlin, Den, Hol, Kiel, Moscow, Munich, Rumania, St. Pete, Sweden, NORWAY, SEV, WARSAW (reactivated)	16 (+3), Build 3
FRANCE:	3 Home, Naples, Rome, Spain, Tunis, GREECE, PORTUGAL	8 (—), Build 1 (1 annihilated)
AUSTRIA:	3 Home, Con, Serb, Smyrna, Venice, PORTUGAL, GREECE, NORWAY, SEV, WARSAW	8 (-3), Build 1 (1 annihilated)
RUSSIA:	Bulgaria	1 (—), No change
TURKEY:	Ankara	1 (—), No change

→ WE HAVE A DRAW PROPOSAL for a TwoWay Draw between England and France.

I will not call for any Standby orders for Turkey. If Turkey again NMR's, he will go into Civil Disorder. Robert Cheek, please let me hear from you.

DEADLINE for WINTER 1908 adjustments and VOTES on the Two-Way Draw is WEDNESDAY, October 25, 1989. Telephone deadline will be Tuesday, Oct. 24th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone not voting will be counted as voting "Yes".

ATLANTICA III - 1988AR ca01DECEMBER 1870

USA PRESENTS NEW IRONCLADS FROM BROOKLYN NAVY YARD, NEW CAVALRY UNIT ON HIGH PLAINS.
ENGLAND RETURNS TO THE SCENE. OTHER POWERS MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. SOUTH SLUMBERS.

		Current Strength
ENGLAND (Wilson):	Remove F Edi	4 (-2) (1 annihilated)
FRANCE (Galt):	Remove F Azores	2 (-2) (1 annihilated)
GERMANY (Kilmer):	Build A Berlin, A Munich, F Kiel. No room for 4th build.	11 (+4) (playing 1 short)
ITALY (Kendter):	Build F Naples	10 (+1)
CANADA (Acheson):	Build A Halifax	7 (+1)
U.S.A. (R. Brown):	Build F New York(sc), A Wild West (1 unit had bn. annihilated)	11 (+1)
C.S.A. (Palter?):	NRR. GM Removes F Gulf of Mexico	3 (-1)

I have orders on hand for JANUARY 1871 from England, France & Canada. I had orders from Germany, but I've lost them.

I received backup orders for England from Glenn Overby, which were not needed. Thankyou, Glenn. You'll remain on the Standby list.

We have received TWO Proposals already for ending this game. I'm a little surprised to see these proposals coming in so soon. They are:

★ Prep. #1 - Concession to U.S.A.

Prep. #2 - A four-way Draw between Germany, Italy, USA and Canada.

PRESS:

BREST to World: I'll help anyone who fights Italy or Germany. If you don't, you may live to regret it - I won't!

Comment on Game Design from Ron Brown: I agree with your analysis regarding the initial strength of USA. I think 5 Home Centres might be more fair to Canada and CSA. But, I wouldn't over-estimate USA's strength at this point, as there are some European powers with more strength than any two of the North American ones.

I'm going to ask Edward Green, 420 E. Chapman Ave., #B, Fullerton, CA. 92622, to submit backup orders for C.S.A. for January 1871 (Spring). Dan Palter, please let me hear from you. The DEADLINE will be WEDNESDAY, October 25, 1989. This will include your VOTES on the two Proposals listed above. Proposals must be approved unanimously to pass. The German player is reminded that I must have a new set of orders from you, as your order sheet apparently walked away under its own power. TELEPHONE DEADLINE will be Tuesday, October 24th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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OUR NOMINATION FOR BEST RADIO COMMERCIAL OF THE YEAR

We nominate the commercial for Kronenbourg French Alsatian beer, "the official beer of the French Revolution." "Believe me, Bastille-storming is hot work," the announcer assures us. With "La Marseille" playing stirringly in the background, we're told that since Kronenbourg was founded in 1664, it had "already been around for 125 years when the Revolution began." Is this commercial limited to the East Coast, or have you heard it elsewhere?

PLUGS:

Diplomacy Map Postcards are being sold by: Mike Legg, 541 W. 15th Ave., #51, Escondido, CA. 92025. These are oversized cards with the Regular Conference maps on one side. They can be used either as postcards for your diploming, or as Conference maps in FTF play. Zine publishers could also use them, as is or slightly reduced, for showing game positions in their reports. The price is \$3.00 for a set of 25.

Ron Cameron wishes to remind everybody who contributed to the "Melinda Helley Fund," which was to be used to fly Melinda to San Diego for DipCon XXII, that they should contact him about how they wish to handle the disposition of their donations. Due to personal problems, Melinda was unable to make the trip. Ron is asking these folks who don't want their donations refunded whether they're willing to have the money retained for the future mailing of the Helley Award Trophy to future winners of that Award. This will go annually to the female participant found most worthy of it. Beyond that, any surplus would go into the general Hobby Award Treasury, which pays for the purchase, engraving, and mailing of the Hobby Award plaques, which includes the Miller, Walker and Kering Awards. Since the Hobby Awards Treasury is at low ebb, I hope you will agree to this use for your donations. You may contact Ron Cameron at 7821 Bouma Cir., La Palma, CA. 90623.

Anyone wishing to make a direct donation to the Hobby Awards Fund may send same directly to me. Any amount, even one dollar, would be appreciated. Make all checks out to "Fred C. Davis, Jr." Thankyou.

Diplomat's Excuse Tee Shirts are on sale for \$10. ea. from: Susan Welter, 740 River #16F, St. Paul, MN. 55116. They're fire engine red, and covered with all sorts of excuses. I think it's a matter of one-size fits all, but send your size anyway.

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Sorry to send out such a skimpy issue of BUSH, but we're racing both the clock and the hurricane. We'll have more material next month.

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