

# Bushwacker

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This is the 224th consecutive issue of the last remains of BUSHWACKER, consisting of a warehouse to finish off our remaining games of Diplomacy\*. This is brought to you by: Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Phone: (301) 461-1885. Phone calls accepted daily between 12 Noon and 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time, but players are requested to submit their orders by mail.

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This issue is going mainly to the remaining players and standbys in our games, ANCIENT EMPIRES III (1989IR ac10) and FIVE ITALIES (1990B ug12), plus copies going to a few special people. There are no subscriptions, but if you really must have a copy, send me \$1.00 in bills or stamps.

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THE NEW MILLER NO. CUSTODIAN, as of mid-October, is: Lee Kendter, Sr., 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA. 19135. The former MNC, Randy Grigsby, had given up the ghost in August, but it took a while for him to select a replacement. There is quite a backlog of MN's to be issued, and quite a few gamestarts and finishes to be reported (for all of 1990, in fact), so we wish Lee the best of luck in getting this material out to the hobby. Lee was MNC once before, in the early 1980's, before turning the post over to Fred Hyatt, so he's an old hand at this sort of thing. Also, his son, lee Kendter, Jr., is the NAVB Custodian, so we're looking forward to a lot of coperation between the MNC and the NAVB.

## FIVE ITALIES - 1990B ug12

TIME OUT

We have some problems here. First, I have heard nothing from Ed Green. I must assume that the Army has sent him to "parts unknown," so he must be removed from control of EMEROGIIO (ITALY "E"). I have heard from Brad Wilson (DEII), on a beautiful postcard from Chicago, so he is back in the game. I also rec'd orders for DEII from Bo Johnson. I then asked Bo to send me some back-up orders for EMEROGLIO, but these have not been received.

Most seriously, another player wishes to resign from the game if I do not grant a "hold" on the Spring 1904 moves. I will grant this request, but I am going to suggest that the game be ended, as still another player has suggested, in a four-way between the surviving players. I want Kendter, York, Nash and Wilson to let me know ASAP whether they wish to end this game in a 4-way Draw. Also, if there is not a unanimous Draw vote, are you willing to continue playing? (This is for the benefit of the person who doesn't believe the game is worth continuing, due to my GM error on the Retreat of the dislodged DELI A Venice E to Piedmont D).

Here's what happened there. When the DELI A was disledged from Venice E, it was obvious to me that the only logical point it would Retreat to was Piedmont D. So, I moved the yellow map tack on my board to Piedmont D for my own convenience, "knowing" that would be the order I'd receive from Brad Wilson. Then, Brad failed to submit an order for Winter '03! So, seeing the map tack securely ensconsed in Piedmont, I removed the DELI F TYS "E", as the farthest unit from home. I then forgot to write in the A Venice E (R) Piedmont D in the game report.

My mailbox was soon abuzz with questions about what had happened to the DELI A in Venice E. Most players were notified by postcard of what had happened. I felt that at that point, I did not want to readjudicate the Fall 1903 moves to remove the DELI A Venice E. Maybe that would have been the best solution, but it was not the road I took. Now, one player wants to resign due to "GM interference," and another suggests that we vote on a Draw.

So, I'll leave it up to you. This game has been star-crossed from the beginning. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, I'm again asking Bo Johnson, 302 Breese Terr., Madison, Wis. 53805, to submit orders for EMBROGLIO. I can't ask you to vote on the Draw, Bo, but if the game continues, you will be in charge of that country.

If anyone wants to change any of the orders he's written, you may do so. If the game continues and one player resigns, I have obtained the services of David Anderson of Pontiac, Michigan, as a new Standby. In any case, the DEADLINE for your votes, for any new orders, and for orders for EMBROGLIO, is FRIDAY, November 23, 1990. That's the day after Thanksgiving, so I'll make the Telephone Deadline Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, since we'll all be busy on the Holiday.

Incidentally, only one player voted to get rid of Just's Right-Hand Rules for unorderecSpring Retreats, so that will remain part of the rules for this game.

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DELI to World: Life is short, and then you die.

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# ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR ac10

FALL 261 B.C.

SCRATCH TWO EMPIRES AS UTICA, PARTHIA FALL. NEW CARTHAGE FORCES CROSS RUBICON, ATTACK AQUILEIA. GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE ENDS IN STALEMATE IN AIOLIAN SEA. ANTIGONUS GAINS THE AEGEAN SEA WITH SOME HELP FROM EGYPT. STANDOFF IN THRACE, MYSIA.

ANTICONUS (Pankewsky): (5) CARTHAGE (B.Wilson): (1) (0 units)

EGYPT (Baty):

MACEDONIA (Bargender):

NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek):

ROME (Nash):

(6)

SELEUCUS (Perlmutter): (2) (1 unit)

F Mysis-Aegean Sea. F Levantine Sea (S) F Mysia-Aegean.

A Antioch-Mysia. F Euxine Sea-Thrace(ec). A Media (H).

No units. Utica occuped by Egypt.

F Parthia (MS) A Babylon. A Assyria-Judea. F Egyptian Sea-Crete. F Gulf of Syrtis-Utica. A Sabratha (S) F GoS-Utica. F Athens-Aegean See. F Crete (S) F Athens-Aegean. A Thrace-Mysia. A Chalcydice-Thrace. A Dacia (S) A Chalc.-Thrace. F Mumidia-Aiolian Sea. F's Iberian Sea & Ligurian Sea (S) F Mumidia-Aiolian. A Icosium-Numidia. A Sahara-N.W. Africa. A Saguntum-Narbonensis. A Genua-Aquileia. F Aiolian-Utica. A Aquileia-Rome. A Illyria-Aquileia. F Sicily-Aiolian Sea. F Sardinia & F Tyrr. (S) F Sicily-Aiolian. (F Aiolian again survives as Beleagured garrison). A Persia-Babylon (IMP.) Units which Retrest must Hold on the following move.

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# SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, ANCIENT EMPIRES, WINTER 261: GAINS, TOSSES

5 (--), No change O (-1), No change (had O units) 3 Home, Media, Syria ANTIGONUS: CARTHAGE:

9 (+3), Build 3 3 Home, Arabia, Charax, Judea, BABYLON, EGYPT:

PARTHIA, UTICA

5 (--), No change 3 Home, Crete, Thrace 3 Home, Icosium, Massilia, Mauretania, 7 (--), No change MACEDONIA: NEW CARTH:

Numidia

3 Home, Sardinia, Sicily, Sirmium 6 (--), No change 0 (-2), Remove 1 (1 amnihilated) ROME:

eketton, partyta SELEUCUS:

#### PRESS:

NEW CARTHAGE to Rome: No, I don't est Roman Meal bread!

PERSIAN GULF to BUSHWACKER. The weight of history, sir, is born on the backs of

SELEUCUS to World: In the words of that great Median Bard, Bruce Springsteen, "I had a job, I had a girl, I had an Empire...\*

Dave Perlmutter will continue to receive BUSH for the duration of this game, unless he begs for mercy. Brad Wilson, of course, is in the other game.

Since only EGYPT has builds coming, it would appear logical to combine the Winter and Spring seasons. So, I will call for both WINTER 261 and SPRING 260 B.C. orders for next month. The DEADLINE will be FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1990. Telephone Deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 21st, since Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. This will give people some time for Diplomacy before Christmas. I plan to have the next Deadline on Thursday, Dec. 27th, after the worst of the Xmas mail rush is over.

### GAME OPENING NOTE

I have completed my revision of the Atlantica game, and come up with an 8-player game called "Atlantica IV." This adds Mexico to the Great Powers on the American side of the board. The earlier versions of this game were unbalanced in that there were four Powers on the European side and only three on the American side. Two of the three New World Poers usually ganged up on the third, and annihilated it, before going to war with the European side. The American Powers should now stand a better chance of survival.

I have announced this opening in DIPLOMAG, the bimonthly newsltr. of the Mensa Postal Diplomacy Special Interest Group (SIG). It will be run as a demonstration game for novices, as well as providing a bit of variety to all of the Regular games which are offered by the SIG. Since this game is filling rather slowly, I've decided to allow two non-members of the SIG to participate. One BUSHWACKER reader has already expressed an interest in playing "Atlantica IV." The Game Fee will be about \$9.00. As DIPLOMAG is bimonthly, game reports go out by flyer in the intervening months. If you'd be interested in playing, please contact me ASAP. I'd also be interested in having a couple of Standbys.

I'm also finishing up a slight revision of my "Character Dip" game. This will not be so extensive as to require a new Mark No. Anyone interested in having a revised copy of Character Dip may have one by sending me 50¢ in stamps or coins.

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