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This is the 226th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, and the 4th issue of the warehouse format bringing the last remaining Diplomacy* Variant games to a conclusion. 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 mainly going to the remaining players and standbys in our games, plus copies going to a few special people. With the end of FIVE ITALIES (1990B ug12), the only remaining game is ANCIENT EMPIRES III (1989IR ac10).

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1991 WARGAMING CONS CALENDAR

ORIGINS (Combined with AtlantiCon). Baltimore, Md. Convention Center, July 4-5-6. This will be the biggest gaming Con of the year. This year it's Baltimore's turn to host it, as it rotates around the country. There will be hundreds of games and miniatures openings. Among them, of course, will be Diplomacy and some of its variants, and perhaps games like Civilization, almost certainly to be GM'd by the New York Games Board. Flyer isn't out yet, but write this on your calendar.

DIPCON AT CANCON. This is the all-Dip National Championship Tournament and social event of the year for die-hard Diplomats. This is the third year for CanCon, the Canadian National Dip event, and will be the first time that DipCon has been held in Canada. It will be held on the campus of the University of Toronto in Scarborough, Ontario, over the weekend of August 2-4, 1991. Housing will be available on campus. When the flyers come out, we'll have more details. Attendees will also be able to vote on the site selection (probably in the Midwest) for the 1992 DipCon.

AVALONCON. This is a new one, sponsored by The Avalon Hill Game Company. To be held the weekend of August 23-25 at the Penn Harris Inn & Convention Center in Camp Hill, Pa. This is right across the river from Harrisburg, some 75 miles north of Baltimore. Twenty Avalon Hill games will be featured, including Diplomacy, Britannia, Civilization and Kingmaker. Registration will be \$20 in advance, with no additional fees for separate games. Room rates at the Penn Harris Inn will be \$60/day for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. A good rate if you double up. Preregistration forms will be printed in THE GENERAL, but, hopefully, someone will reprint them in a zine. (In 1989, A-H was tentatively planning to host such a Con in 1990, but it got postponed for a year).

I don't have any information yet on PoolCon in Missouri, or PeeriCon in San Diego. If people will send me their flyers, I'll be glad to pass on the news.

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FIVE ITALIES END-GAME STATEMENTS (1990B ug12)

We have not exactly been swamped with End-game statements. Here are some short bits, some new, and some previously received:

APPLESAUCE (Lee Kendter, Jr.): I think Fred summed up well the problems of the game. The turnovers and NMR's severely hurt the game, and are why I was willing to end it in a four-way ((draw)) just to end the game. The other major problem that I had was lack of letters received. I only received a total of five letters in this game from start to finish. That is a really low amount of writing. Certainly not much of a Diplomacy Game.

BOLOGNA (Andy York): A draw is just fine (about the only way I'll survive the game). Actually, it wasn't that great a game to play, as the other players didn't communicate at all. (Well, I may have received one or two letters).

CICERONI (Tom Nash): It's too bad. The concept is good. But the game stinks. I don't know what makes it so bad...

And that seems to be the end of this late, unlamented game.

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ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR ac10

FAIL 260 B.C.

MACEDONIA RETURNS TO THE WARS. ROMANS RAM INTO SAGUNTUM, REPEL ATTACK ON ROME. EGYPT TAKES GULF OF SYRTIS BUT DEFEATED IN IONIAN. NEW CARTHAGE GRANTS R & R TO AFRICAN ARMY, COMES DOWN FROM ALPS INTO ILLYRIA. ANTAGONUS AWOL.

EGYPT (Baty): (9)	F Cyrene-Gulf of Syrtis. F Utica (S) F Cyrene-GoSyrtis. A Sabratha (S) F Utica. A Libya-Charax. F <u>Egyptian Sea-Ionian</u> . F <u>Sinai-Egyptian Sea</u> . A Judea (H). A Assyria-Arabia. F Persian Gulf-Red Sea.
MACEDONIA (Bergender): (5) (4 units)	F Athens-Aegean. A Chalcydice (S) A Thrace. A Thrace (S) A Chalcydice. A Dacia (S) BARBARIAN A Scythia.
NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek): (7)	F Aeolian Sea-TYS. A Icosium-Nova Carthage. F Iberian Sea (C) A Icosium-N. Carthago. F Massilia (H). A <u>Genua-Rome</u> . A Alps-Illlyria. A Numidia (H).
ROME (Nash): (6)	F Ligurian Sea-Saguntum. A Aquileia (S) A Rome. A Rome (S) A Aquileia. F Gulf of Syrtis-Ionian. F Sicily (S) F GoSyrtis-Ionian. F Sardinia (H).
ANTIGONUS (Pankesky): (5)	NMR! A's Mysia & Caucasus (H). F's Crete, Euxine Sea and Levantine Sea all (H).

PRESS:

EGYPT to Rome: You seem to be the only player on the board attacking two other players at once. Perhaps your six units have some secret weapon against our 16?

BUSHWACKER: The corvus or the catapult?

EGYPT to New Carthage: You may lose one, temporarily, to those pasta eaters, but I guarantee that you will get it back with interest!

ROME to New Carthage: Hey, Dimwit! Why are we fighting when Egypt has 2 Centers?

ROME to Macedonia & Antigonos: Hey, Dimwits! Why are you fighting each other when Egypt has 2 Centers?

(More)

EGYPT to Rome: If my Press has not been clear, perhaps the following will help. Egypt does not consider any Roman unit as friendly. Do not consider any Egyptian unit as friendly.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT, ANCIENT EMPIRES, WINTER 260: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

ANTIGONUS:	3 Home, Media, Syria, CRETE	6 (+1), Build 1
EGYPT:	3 Home, Arabia, Charax, Babylon, Judea, Parthia, Utica	9 (—), No change
MACEDONIA:	3 Home, Thrace, CRETE	4 (-1), No change (1 annihilated)
NEW CARTH:	Lusitania, Nova Carthago, Icosium, Massilia, Mauretania, Numidia, SAGUNTUM	6 (-1), Remove 1
ROME:	3 Home, Sardinia, Sicily, Sirmium, SAGUNTUM	7 (+1), Build 1

GM's NOTES: 1. My thanks to Andy York for submitting back-up orders for Macedonia, which weren't needed.
 2. I'm glad to see Al Bargender is back in the game.
 3. I don't know whether this has happened in this game, but another person has just remailed a letter to me that had been returned by the P.O. (although perfectly addressed) marked "Moved, Unable to Forward." I explained to him that our regular postman has been out with a back injury for the past six weeks, so anything could happen when a sub is involved. We live in a building with 12 units in it, and it's not unusual for someone to move out every couple of months. (After just four years here, we're the second oldest tenants in length of residence). So, I suppose this could account for the postman thinking we'd moved out. I had a similar problem with one of my Mensa SIG subscribers recently. So, if ^{you} get informed by the Postal "service" that I'm no longer here, just remail the letter in a new envelope, and I'm sure it'll get here.
 4. I adjudicated this game on the deadline date, as there's a snowstorm coming. I hope that Chris Pankesky's orders were only delayed in the Christmas rush, and not an NMR. Some of our Xmas cards from Chicago took 7 days to get here! I warned everyone to mail their orders early. Four of you did so.
 5. Anyway, I'm going to ask Jerry Todd, 8047 High Point Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21226, to submit Back-up orders for ANTIGONUS for WINTER 260 B.C.

Here's the rest of the players' addresses for you again:

Alan M. Bargender, 2124 Greenbud Dr., Mosinee, Wis. 54455 (MACEDONIA)
 Ralph Baty, 4551 Pauling Ave., San Diego, CA. 92122 (EGYPT)
 Robert Cheek, 14341 Franklin Ave., Tustin, CA. 92680 (NEW CARTHAGE)
 Tom Nash, 202 Settler's Rd., St. Simon's Is., Georgia 31522 (ROME)
 Chris Pankesky, 136 Lake Dr., #5, E. Hampton, CT. 06424

DEADLINE for WINTER 260 Adjustments will be TUESDAY, January 29, 1991. I'd first heard that the Postal rates were going up on February 3rd, but now I've heard a rumor that it might be on Friday, February 1st, so I want to get one more issue in the mail before the price increase. If everyone also submits orders for SPRING 259 B.C., and no one objects, I'll also adjudicate the Spring season. Telephone deadline will be Monday, January 28th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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NOTICE: We will be out of town from Friday, January 11th, through Monday, Jan. 21st, so don't try to contact us during that period. We will be in sunny Florida during that time. We won't be able to pick up our mail until Jan. 22nd, as the 21st is a Federal holiday.

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THE 1991 MARCO POLL is starting. Just list the five best North American zines, in rank order, in your opinion; and do the same (if you wish) for the five best players. No ballot needed. Just mail your lists to: Pete Gaughan, 1521 S. Novato Blvd., #46, Novato, CA. 94947.

There will be no rankings for subzines or best GM's this year. Voting deadline is April 1, 1991. Pete will then print a list of the Top Ten finishers in each category. No ties, please. You must rank your selections from 1 to 5. Pete will not accept any votes for himself or for his zine, PERELANDRA (last year's winner).

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FUTURE ISSUES of BUSH will probably be no more than two-page flyers. If this be the case, they will be mailed in envelopes, to prevent any damage in the P.O. This will be the last issue going to "Five Italies" players unless special arrangements have been made, or you were in "Ancient Empires." If you have a desperate need for this zine, just send me \$1.00.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!

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