



# BUSHWACKER

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This is the 228th consecutive issue of BUSHWACKER, now just a warehouse dedicated to the completion of the Diplomacy Variant ANCIENT EMPIRES III, (1989IR ac10). How the mighty have fallen. In days of yore, this was considered to be the best Diplomacy Variant zine in North America. This year, we probably won't even get the necessary 10 votes to make the Main List in the Runestone Zine Poll (coming soon).

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## MORE LISTS

You'll remember that last month I mentioned the 20th Century Leaders Poll being conducted at Disney World and Disney Land, to select the ten most important people in our century. I also gave you my choice for the Top Ten. Since then, I've discovered and read a book called The 100: The Most Influential Persons in History, by Michael Hart.\* Hart lists the 100 people who, in his opinion, have affected our lives most significantly over the entire course of history. He gives thumbnail biographies for each of them, plus for the next ten people, who are on his Honorable Mention list. He also lists another 90 people who might be on his "second 100" list of names. \*Catalog No. 920.2.

I was surprised to see him list Muhammed first, with Jesus only third, following Isaac Newton. I was also surprised to see that neither Abraham Lincoln nor Leonardo di Vinci was on the "100" list, although both are given Honorable Mention. So, as is my wont to draw up lists, I made up my own list of those people whom I believe belong in the "Top 60." I stopped at 60, since there is a limit to even how much time I can ~~spend~~ spend on a project. Finally, I made up a 4-page article on the subject, including a direct comparison of Hart's "Top 50" with my "Top 60".

This is too big for BUSHWACKER, and I doubt whether D.W. would have been interested. However, I am already supposed to be writing a column in EXCELSIOR, the zine published by Bruce McIntyre, 6636 Dow Ave., #203, Burnaby, B.C., CANADA V5H 3C9. The first two pieces have already been printed, in what is called "Fred's Column" (what an exercise of imagination that title is!). XL suffered a lapse of publication in January and February, but Bruce assures me that the next issue is on the way, and he does plan to continue, so you'll be able to read my entire "Top 60" list sometime in April in XL. So, why not send Bruce about \$5.00 for the next five issues? (Hint, hint).

I've also finally gotten around to starting Will Durand's The Story of Civilization. I inherited the first nine volumes of this set two years<sup>ago</sup>, and they've been sitting on my shelf glaring at me ever since, but my various Diplomacy activities kept me too busy to start reading it until now. I'm only in the middle of Greece, but already I can see several names of persons who ought to be on a list of the Most Influential 200 (or 300) people in history. I find myself more in agreement with Durand than with Michael Hart. ((You can have a copy of my 4-pg. report for \$1.00))

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ANCIENT EMPIRES III - 1989IR ac10

SPRING 259 B.C.

NEW CARTHAGE MARINES LAND IN ROME, WHILE PRAETORIAN GUARD GOES TO GENUA. EGYPTIAN FLEETS ALSO APPROACH ROMAN SHORES. ANTIGONUS REBUFFS CRETAN INVASION, SECURES AEGEAN SEA. MACEDONIANS HURL THRACIAN INVADERS BACK INTO THE SEA.

ANTIGONUS (Pankosky): F Levantine Sea-Aegean Sea. F Crete (S) F Levantine-Aegean.  
(6) F Euxine Sea (S) A Caucasus-Thrace. A Caucasus-Thrace. A Mysia (S) A Caucasus-Thrace. A Pontus (S) A Mysia.  
EGYPT (Baty): F Egyptian Sea-Ionian. F G of Syrtis (S) F Egyptian Sea-Ionian. F Sinai-Egyptian Sea. F Red Sea-Sinai. A Arabia (S)  
(9) F Red Sea-Sinai. F Utica-Aiolian Sea. A Sabratha-Utica. A Charax (H). A Judea (H).  
MACEDONIA (Bargender): A Dacia-Sirmium. A Thrace (H). A Chalcydice (S) A Thrace.  
(4) F Aegean Sea-Crete /d/, (may (R) Athens, Caria or OTB).  
NEW CARTHAGE (Cheek): F Tyrr Sea-Rome. A Genua-Aquileia. A Illyria (S) A Genua-Aquileia. F Iberian Sea-Ligurian Sea. F Massilia (S) F Iberian-Ligurian Sea. A Carthago Nova-Saguntum (succeeds due to Rule 6).  
(6) F Ionian-Neapolis. F Sardinia-Tyrr Sea. F Sicily (S) F Sardinia-Tyrr Sea. A Rome-Genua. F Saguntum-Ligurian Sea /d/ per Rule 6;  
ROME (Nash): (May (R) Narbonensis or OTB). A Aquileia (S) A Rome-Genua /d/,  
(7) (6 units) (may (R) Alps, Tarentum or OTB).

Players are reminded that any unit which Retreats must Hold on the following move, per Rule 11. Since I was not the original designer of this game, I do not use Just's Right-Hand Rule for Retreats unless a player NMR's. Players may make their Fall moves contingent on these "Summer" Retreats.

NO PRESS

Nobody NMR'd this turn! Terrific! I wish to thank Bo Johnson for his assistance in providing back-up orders for Rome. For once, I don't have to worry about who is going to play what country next turn.

DEADLINE for SUMMER 259 Retreats and FALL 259 moves will be TUESDAY, March 26, 1991. Telephone deadline will be Monday, March 25th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time. That's four weeks from this month's deadline. I'm making it slightly early, as I will be out of town over the three-day Easter weekend.

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THE PARIS GUN REVISITED

In both the June 1990 BUSH and the October 1990 EXCELSIOR, I mentioned the famous Paris Gun of World War I, which had a range of 74 miles. PBS recently ran a program on Gerald Bull, the Canadian "Big Gun" genius, who was murdered in 1990. At the start of the program, they showed a film clip of the Paris gun actually being fired! Very interesting. Even a soundtrack had been added. The program went on to show some of Bull's creations, such as the Barbadoes Gun of 1966, and the 155 mm. self-propelled artillery piece. Bull's company sold 200 of these to Iraq, where they may have been used in the current unpleasantness. Quite a weapon, much superior to anything in the arsenal of any NATO armies. Check your PBS stations for a possible rerun.

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POOLCON. A Dip only Con. To be held at the home of Vince Lutterbie, 1021 Stonehaven, Marshall, MO. 65340, July 3-6, 1991. An alternative for those who cannot make it to Toronto for DipCon or Baltimore for ORIGINS. Write for a flyer.

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