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This is BUSHWACKER, a Postal Diplomacy thing used to give its creator the illusion that he's spinning wheels. (What did your psychiatrist recommend?). Phone calls accepted only between 7 and 10 p.m. weekdays, and Noon to 10 p.m. weekdays, Eastern Time. Sorry to be tough about this, but we've got a small child who needs his sleep.

This publisher is a member of the International Diplomacy Assn. We have no game openings now, but stand-by positions are available in both "Atlantica II" and "1885", at \$3.00 each. Subscriptions: North America - 12 issues for \$2.00; Overseas - 12 issues for \$2.50. We trade with selected publications.

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There has been a change in our publishing schedule, due to a delay in our Fall vacation plans. The next deadline will be on THURSDAY, September 26th, instead of Sept. 23rd, as previously announced. This gives you one day less than the usual four weeks, but three days more than you were going to get.

LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT. Somebody out there appears to be upset because I cancelled a trade agreement. It has been my policy from the beginning to "trade with selected publications," as it says on the masthead. Every Diplomacy publisher ought to be free to trade with whomever he pleases. We all ought to trade with certain archivists and games number custodians. Outside of this, there is no obligation that I can see on any publisher to continue any trade he no longer wants. He should inform the other person that he's ending the trade, but that is all. It is important to me that you know I am not feuding with anyone. I'm simply saying that as the publisher of BUSHWACKER I believe I have the right to make my own trade agreements. O.K.?

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Since we did not get to the Dipcon in Chicago August 16-18, we haven't yet learned the names of the winners of the Calhammer Awards. We've heard a bulletin that the British swept all of the contests in which they were entered. And to think that a few months ago they were worried about the Americans dominating the hobby. Now, our people are sitting in the debris mumbling "The British are coming!" Oh well, as they used to say in Brooklyn, "Wait till next year!" ("Just you wait, Henry Higgins, just you wait!") We'll print the winners' names here next month, although I guess by that time everyone will have found out who they were in other publications.

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"Marley was dead, to begin with," said Dickens, so we won't waste much space here on the late 37th President, except for this one comment: The evidence seems to show that the difference between America under Nixon and Germany under the Weimar Republic is that although both reached a point called "1932;" in America, "1933" never arrived.

HOW MANY "PROVINCES" ARE THERE IN NORTH AMERICA?

In the United States, people talk loosely about "The East," "The South," and "The West." Sometimes the east is called "The Northeast." The Census Bureau says there are 9 Regions in the lower 48 States. Canada is classically divided into the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, and the "Prairie Provinces."

The following divisions are my own concepts as a geography buff and student of political science. It is based on the attitudes of people as well as purely geographic lines. It is obvious that State boundaries do not always follow regional lines. These Regions are based on what would be logical if the U.S. and Canada could be handled as a single entity. Before our Canadian readers reach for their muskets, I hasten to add that while such a merger makes economic sense (and, in effect, has already happened insofar as the business world is concerned), I recognize that the political facts of life will make such a union unlikely in this century. These regions are proposed not as a replacement for the current States and Provinces, but as a supplement to them, to permit better regional planning. Eventually, of course, it is hoped that the number of States could be reduced to a more rational level, consistent with geography and economics.

I. New England-Maritime Region

6 New England States (- Fairfield Co, Conn.), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Newfoundland (including coastal section of Labrador).

II. Eastern Region

N.Y., N.J., E. 3/4 of Pa., Del., Md. (- 4 southern Eastern Shore Co's.), all of Metropolitan Washington, Fairfield Co., Conn., and the 3 Eastern panhandle co's. of West Virginia.

III. Mid-America Region

5 Old N.W. Territory States, 7 North Central States (- Nebraska panhandle), W. 1/4 of Pa. (13 Co's., incl. Erie & Pittsburgh), 4 Co's. of W. Va. Wheeling panhandle, Okla. (- 3 Co's. of panhandle), plus Ozark area of N.W. Arkansas.

IV. Southern Region

The 10 Old Confederacy States ex. N.W. Ark. and the Washington Metro. area of Va. (4 Co's.), Ky., W. Va. (- the two panhandles), 4 Southern Eastern Shore co's. of Md., and the eastern half of Texas (incl. Ft. Worth and Austin).

V. Western Region

3 Pacific and 8 Mountain States, plus Western half of Texas (inc. Abilene, Wichita Falls & Del Rio), 3 co's. of Okla. panhandle, and W. Nebraska panhandle. (and, perhaps, Hawaii).

VI. Quebec. Quebec, plus inland portions of Labrador (W. of Goose Bay).

VII. Canada Region

Ontario to British Columbia, plus N.W. Territories (-N.W. corner of B.C.)

VIII. Alaska Region.

Alaska, Yukon, plus N.W. corner of British Columbia (incl. Whitehorse-Skagway R.R. and all territory W. of 130° W. longitude).

"1885" - 1974 Uff

JANUARY 1885

FIRST BATTLE OF WAR IS NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN BAL TIC SEA. AUSTRIANS THREATEN OTTOMANS, GERMANS INVADE AUSTRIA, WHILE RUSSIANS CROSS GERMAN FRONTIER.

ENGLAND (Ricci): F London-North Sea. F Edinburgh-Hebrides Sea. F Liv.-Irish Sea.
 FRANCE (Burden): A Paris-Picardy. A Marseilles-Switzerland. F Brest-Mid-Atlantic.
 SPAIN (Landry): A Madrid-Portugal. F Valencia-Gulf of Lions. A Cadiz-Valencia.
 GERMANY (Feuerherd): F Kiel-Baltic. A Berlin-Kiel. A Dresden-Bohemia. A Munich (H).
 SWEDEN (Barents): F Stockholm-Baltic Sea. A Malmo-Denmark. F Norway-Malmo.
 RUSSIA (Johnson, Bob): F St. Pete-Courland. A Warsaw-Silesia. A Moscow-Ukraine.
 F Sevastopol-Rumania.
 TURKEY (Ball): A Const.-Bulgaria. A Smyrna-Levant. F Sinope-Const.
 AUSTRIA (Vane): A Vienna-Tyrolia. A Budapest-Croatia. F Split-Albania. A Cluj-Serbia.
 ITALY (Ishkan): NMR. (Move made by stand-by). F Rome-Tyrr. Sea. A Venice (H).
 F Naples-Ionian Sea.

Underscored moves fail. All others succeed. Because of the importance of the first move, I arranged to have a set of backup orders written for each country.

Note: Effective 9 September, Ed Feuerherd will have a new address: 2126 Northland Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. (Within sight of the beautiful Social Security Bldg.)

PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (Dec. 15, 1884): King Russell of the Dual Monarchy explained his foreign policy today at the Annual Croatian Ball and Fireworks Display, held in Local Union Hall #79. "We look with concern to the east as the sun becomes red with foreboding. The balance of power must be maintained. I ask not for peace, but for success! As for my youthful neighbors to the immediate west, I look with anticipation for a demonstration of nationalistic vigor; however, not against the buffer state of Europe."

VIENNA (Jan. 1, 1885): As the could of war makes it way across the horizon one can only hope that one's diety will give the necessary guidance. Serbia is hereby annexed to Austria. Although no claim is made of Albania, we are conducting a Police Action to insure the safety of the natives.

Tas Ryrie is hereby requested to submit backup moves for Italy for February, just in case none are received from John Ishkan.

DEADLINE for February 1885 moves is THURSDAY, September 26, 1974. Telephone deadline is Wednesday night at 10 p.m., Eastern Time.

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ABSTRACTION - 1972 Jco

MARCH 1917

		<u>CURRENT STRENGTH</u>
ENGLAND (Sulfridge):	Build A London	14 (+1)
GERMANY (Tilson):	Remove A Dresden	2 (-1)
ITALY (Ryrie):	Build F Rome (one unit short)	11 (+2) (10 units)
AUSTRIA (Greer):	A St. Pete (R) Archangel. Remove A Zara.	12 (-1)
TURKEY (Vane):	Remove A Andalucia	7 (-1)

Change of address for Tim Tilson. As of 23 August, Tim has gone on active duty with the U.S. Army at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. That's the Army Finance Center, so (more)

I guess Tim's going to take command of the .50 caliber IBM machines. We don't know whether his rank is Second Lt., Corporal Punishment or General Nuisance. Stay tuned here and find out next month. Meanwhile, please use the following address until he gets a permanent one: 1117 Tweed St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783.

PRESS RELEASES

ROME (March 17 - St. Patrick's Day): H.R.H. Alexander I, Imperial Whiz, spoke today to a wildly cheering crowd outside the Vatican. H.R.H. had just returned from the front, where he had initiated new moves to restore Italian supremacy. We quote an excerpt from his speech:

"Now that cordial relations have been restored between Italy and Austria I have but one question to ask the other nations of the world: Who is responsible?"

CONSTANTINOPLE (March 25, 1917): "I really can't get too excited about the dire threats of Austria, since that is the country we're attacking, and my advisors told me we'd hear grunts and squeals of protest," said the People's Representative at a luncheon for Rolls Royce drivers in the Capital. Today the Austrian embassy was ordered to leave the country, not in fear of their maintaining a spy ring, but to reduce illiteracy in Constantinople.

DEADLINE for APRIL 1917 moves is THURSDAY, September 26, 1974. Telephone deadline 10 p.m. Wednesday night, Eastern Time. If you want us to conduct another poll on ending combat with the May moves, please include a request for same with your April orders.

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ATLANTICA II - 1973 AMdy

MARCH 1871

		<u>CURRENT STRENGTH</u>
ENGLAND (Chin):	Build F London, A Liverpool	13 (+2)
FRANCE (Johnson, Linda):	No change	3 (n.c.)
GERMANY (Ishkan):	NMR. Displaced A from Berlin* and A Picardy removed by GM.	2 (-2)
ITALY (Burden):	Build F Naples	8 (+1)
CANADA (Boyer):	Remove F Halifax, F Maine	4 (-2)
C.S.A. (Vane):	Build F Richmond, A Charleston	16 (+2)

*Normally this unit would not have been removed by the GM since it was in the Home country, but since it is a displaced unit for which no retreat order was written, I am following the spirit of the '71 Rulebook.

PRESS RELEASES

RICHMOND (Mar. 4, 1871): The states are again united. The delinquent States are granted full statehood; however the original States of the Confederacy will get 3 Senators per state on a temporary basis.

Peace is being negotiated with Canada and Italy so that the English merchants who have suffered under our embargo of cotton will rise up against the present Parliament. Our fleet will become iron as our will is now!

NEW LONDON: The court opened with the usual splendor and triumphant blows of the trumpets. The court jester announced the ruler of all Canada, "His Majesty, King of Canada, Emperor of North America and Grand Marshall of the United Canadian Armed Forces, Peter Brahms! Bow before your King!" The people bowed in respect, and the King sat down. He coughed, and spoke:

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WE'LL ALL BE RICH AS ROCKEFELLER

We were very pleased to see President Ford select Nelson Rockefeller as his Vice-President. Now, instead of having a Veep who arranged to have his groceries delivered to his back door free from Food Fair, we have a gentleman who can solve our diplomatic conflicts by buying up any country which annoys us!

In the spirit of nostalgia and fun, we take this opportunity to reprint E. B. White's poem from the NEW YORKER about John D.'s grandson, Nelson, and the Communist artist, Diego Rivera. In the mid-1920's, Grandpa put Nelson in charge of then a-building Rockefeller Center. Rivera was hired to paint the murals in the RCA Building. He included a portrait of Lenin in one mural. Worse yet, he included a drinking scene! (Old John D. was a fierce Prohibitionist). Nelson was sent to negotiate with Rivera:

I Paint What I See - by E. B. White

"What do you paint, when you paint a wall?"

Said John D.'s grandson, Nelson.

"Do you paint just anything there at all?"

"Will there be any doves, or a tree in fall?"

"Or a hunting scene, like an English hall?"

"I paint what I see, said Rivera.

"Whose is that head I see on my wall?"

Said John D.'s grandson, Nelson.

"Is it anyone's head whom we know, at all?"

"A Rensselaer, or a Saltonstall?"

"Is it Franklin D? Is it Mordaunt Hall?"

"Or is it the head of a Russian?"

"I paint what I think, said Rivera...

"I'll take out a couple of people drinkin'

"And put in a picture of Abraham Lincoln,

"I could even give you McCormick's reaper

"And still not make my art much cheaper.

"But the head of Lenin has got to stay

"Or my friends will give me the bird today

"The bird, the bird, forever."

"It's not good taste in a man like me,"

"Said John D.'s grandson, Nelson,

"To question an artist's integrity

"Or mention a practical thing like a fee,

"But I know what I like to a large degree.

"Though art I hate to hamper;

"For twenty-one thousand conservative bucks

"You painted a radical. I say shucks,

"For this, as you know, is a public hall,

"And people want doves, or a tree in fall,

"And though your art I dislike to hamper,

"I owe a little to God and Gramper,

"And after all,

"It's my wall."

"We'll see if it is," said Rivera.

P.S. Lenin left, and Nelson proved himself an able diplomat.

"General Berb Harents, what do you have to say for your crimes of high treason?"

"I say nothing, Sire, except that you have murdered Marcie, my true love! For that you deserve to grovel in the pig pen!" It was too late, of course, to do any good, but the King gave the signal for his execution.

"We treat our allies fairly and our enemies with contempt, but for traitors we have no respect whatsoever," said the King. "I have decreed martial law in all of Canada until we have driven out the invaders from the south." The people mumbled loudly over this new decree, for it meant a long and desperate war with the C.S.A. "I am personally putting up 200,000 Canadian dollars for the capture, dead or alive, of President Vane of the C.S.A. He must be removed as a dangerous and cancerous threat to world peace!"

The court was exceedingly loud over this latest announcement, and the court guards had to be called in to quell any trouble about to brew. The King bid them to leave him. They left, and Peter Brahms was alone.

He thought, "This Vane, he must be mad for power!"

DEADLINE for April 1871 moves in THURSDAY, September 26, 1974. Telephone deadline is 10 p.m. Wednesday, Eastern Time.

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One of these days we've just got to get organized, and keep our promise to reprint Edi Birsan's rules for "Diplochess," plus a game review of our own. One of these days, but not tonight, Josephine.

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