Now, from the market place of Tarzana, let's have a...

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CENTURION GAME OPENINGS...YOUNGSTOWN NUMBER TWO (2): We have openings in a YV game for $1 gamefee + 50¢ deposit +sub (or trade). We have two interested so far. HURRY. LAST VARIANT OF THE YEAR TO OPEN IN CENTURION. Map provided if you need it. And rules.

CENTURION's game C5G opens with this issue. We have 5 openings in C5H, probably the last reg. Diplomacy game this year. Well.....Why not try your luck

THE RUSSIAN BEAR AFLOAT:
A History of Russians At Sea AD 940-1975 (or 1976...)
by Michael George Homeier

...Unbeknownst to him, this time Tsar Nikolai I Romanov had bitten off far more than he could chew. For it seems that Britain and France, alarmed at the prospect of a powerful Russia upsetting the delicate European balance of power, and recognizing that the crumbling Ottoman Empire, the "Sick Man of Europe", would be Russia's newxt imperialistic target, signed a military alliance with the Turks and planned to carry the war, when it came, to the Russians.

But this was all in the future, and the Russian Tsar knew nothing of it. Needless to say, the Turkish Navy fared no better against its Russian counterpart in this conflidt than it had in all the numerous previous Russo-Turkish wars, with the Turkish Fleet annihalated at the Battle of Sinope on 30 November 1853.

Russian control of the Black Sea was quickly usurped with the entry of the Anglo-French battle fleetinto those waters in 1854, as the old-fashioned muzzle-loading sail-driven Russian fleet was clearly no match for her enemies; modern breech-loading-rifled steam-driven vessels. The Russian Black Sea Fleet retired to safety in the Sea of Azov, and was stripped of its guns as artillery was needed to reduce the Allies' bridgehead in the Crimea.

The next tsar, Alexsandr II, recognized Russia's defeat in the Crimea, and was forced to sign a severe and humiliating armistice at Paris in 1856 which, together with negating all Russian claims as protecter of Christians in Moslem lands, dictated that Russia was to be prohibited to maintain a fleet on the Black Sea. Thus, centuries-old Russian naval prescence in the Black Sea was ended. But only temporarily.

The Russians worked earnestly to get the Treaty of Paris nullified, and, in the interest of improved Anglo-Russian relations, the British agreed to sign the Treaty of London on 13 March 1871, whereby Russia was allowed to reconstruct her Black Sea Fleet. Understandably, the Turks, who opposed the London agreement strenulously, were furious, and from that point on the Turks, ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ and British didn't get along so well, especially when Turkish fears were proven accurate be the inconclusive Russo-Turkish war of 1875-1878, when the revitalized Russian Black Sea Fleet rerrorized the Turksih coast at will.

Although for the next twenty-six years the Russian Navy on paper came to be one of the strongest in the world, there were serious deficiencies in the Fleet not included in Jane's Fighting Ships. The most important of many, and the one which was to prove fatal for the Romanov dynasty in another twelve years, was the fact that the vast majority of all Russian sailors were city-bread. It is important to note that while the uneducated, usually docile peasant was the mainstay of the Russian Army, the literate, well-read city (and revolutionary) dwellers crewed the the Navy's warships.

Russian arms remained quiet for a quarter of a century (excluding the Chinese interventions following the "Boxer Rebellion") until suddenly the peace erupted into direct conflidt with Japanese expansion westwards into Siberis, the Amur River Basin, and Manchuria (the Russian's move into these areas from the west.) And the situation favored the Japanese over the Russian's drastically.

Tsar Nikolai II's naval deployments had waived Russia's considerable preponderence in modern iron-clad battleships to Japan. It is, however, true that the

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RUSSIAN BEAR AFLOAT, CONTINUED

seven battleships stationed at Russia's main naval base in the Far East, Port Arthur, (namely, Tservich, Petropavlovsk, Perssviet, Poltava, Sevastapol, Retvizan, and Pobieda) were the cream of the Russian Navy, moderatly old ships, but crewed with the bext Russia had to offer--thus, crewed very well.

Still, the Russians were at a disadvantage. Port Arthur was connected to Russia's shipyards and repair works by a treacherous, signle-tracked spur of railroad knows as the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Because the Trans-Siberian was constantly breaking down, parts and equipment, and supplies for Russia's Manchurian Army took many weeks to make the crossing, when they succeeded in crossing at all. The Japanese had no such problem, their excellent yards and bases being within easy sailing distance of the scene of battle. To compound all their other problems, the Russian 1st Pacific Squadronsuffered from not only a grave lacking of preparedness but also a crippling lack of ablilty and initiative in senior officers.

The Japanese, true to an oft-repeated form, moved quickly once war was inevitable, and prior to any declaration of war,Japanese torpedo boats made a surprise sortie into Port Arthur on 8 February 1904, covering the transport of Japanese troops to China. Although presented with the incredible targets of battleships at anchor without torpedo nets, and engaging in no anti-torpedo activity whatsoever, the Japanese failed to do worse damage than putting the Tsesarevich and Retvizan out of action for a few days.

The remaining five Russian battleships sortied from Port Arthur the following day and engaged the numerically superior Japanese Fleet. Although the Russian fire was described by the Japanese as "always on target", most of the Russian shells fell over or short. The Japanese, on the other hand, with superior weapons, range, and optical equipment, scored worse than their enemy, and after a few hours of this inconclusive action, the Russian admiral Makharov steered back to Arthur, while the Japanese admiral Togo took up blockade station outside the port.

By now the Russian Manchurian Army, outnumbered, outgunned, and in constant state of unsupply, was driven down the Liaotung Peninsula and into Port Athur, whereupon long-range Japanese,Howitzers commenced a deadly bombardment of the interior of the Russian navla base. Prodded by this withering rain of death, Makharov sortied against the Japanese on 13 April 1904. Thisng were going spectaclarly well for the Russians when suddenly Makharov's flagship Petropavlovsk struck a mine and sank, and in the ensuing confusion the Russians were herded back into Arthur.

Admiral Wiren, Makharov's successor, sortied one last time with the Arthur squadron on 10 August 1904 in an attempt to break out from the doomed Port and join up with the crusiers in Vladivostok. The Russian ships, ill-repaired and with numerous guns removed by the Army for the port's defense, were kicked back into Arthur by the accurate scoring of Togo's ships, and only Tsesarevich escaped to internment for the rest of the war in China. The Russian fleet was now totally disarmed, and when the Russian Army surrendered Port Arthur to the besieging Japanese forces, the 1st Pacific Squadron blew itself up.

Although public opinion was dead-set against the war, and although the revolutionaries were gaining in strength due to Russia's reverses in the Far East, Tsar Nikolai II calmly decided to carry the war to the enemy, and ordered the Baltic Sea Fleet to sial to Japan, crush the Japanese fleet, relieve the siege of Port Arthur, and carry on the war to a successful conclusion. But the Baltice Sea

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THE ROMAN'S LETTER COLUMN (CENTURION'S MAILBOX)

FROM RICHARD KOVALCIK, JR. (Dated 9/28)(Room 304 Bexley Hall, 52 Massachussets Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139): First, I would appreciate it if you would give me the address of the person who distributes free YV maps for IDA. I doubt thatt you will be able to do this becuase only ((ONLY)) TDA distributes FREE YV mpas.

Second, my letter of August 21st was not meant as a threat against you. It was only meant to try to straighten out some misconceptions you seem to have acquired about TDA.

Third, I would like to know how you know that you're right. Were you around in the hobby when the things under discussion occured? If not, who did you here about them from.

Fourth, you might also note that just because someone sends you a letter or a comment (i.e.:Ron Stephens) you should print it. It is a tradition in Diplomacy fandom that if someone says "do not quote" or "not for publication" it should not be reprinted...

((First, I think it's Raymond Heuer is distributing YV maps for IDA. I don't have his address, but you should be able to find it... TDA only "hands out YV maps..." this according to Ben Grossman, I spoke to him on the phone the other night. He says "the printing is no good, (they were computer printed) and because of the size ((bulkiness)) they can NOT be mailed..." Theregore, tehy are distributed in N.Y.C ONLY.

((Threats... I learned about why I'm right from Walt Buchanan (a letter in POICTESME #18; a letter (Doug Beyerleins) in POICTESME #16?. I trust them more than you...they LIVED through the events while in the hobby.

((First, NO WHERE in Ron Stephens' letter did it say "not to be reprinted." Also, by LAW, any letter that falls into my hands (if mailed, etc... to me) is mine and may be used in any way I want. Now what...))

FROM SCOTT ROSENBERG (182-31 Radnor Road, Jamaica, NY 11432)Dated 9/26:

I will tell your readers exactly EVERYTHING that TDA has done in the past year: (1) it has distributed some articles for publication. These articles are printed and read by members and non-members alike of TDA. The artilces have been proven to have gross inaccuracies. They are also extremely boring and verge on the useless. (2) it has distributed YV maps for free. So what? Big deal!

These two services have been made into big PR gimmicks. Whenever anyone says TDA does nothing these have been pointed to as examples of what TDA does, implying that it does much much more. It does not.

John Beshera, as I have said many times, is no fool; of course he wouldn't print a rating list with himself on top...he gets second or third. But privately, on a more intimate basis, you will find that in all dealings with Beshera he attempts to create n othing more than a mindless puppet out of you, existing solely to perform his bidding...which is exactly what Richard Kovalcik, Jr. has become.

It is impossbile to offer concrete proof that TDA has bankrolled zines because such dealings would inevitably be between Beshera and a puppet--and kept concealed. Yet TDA offers of "discounts" on publishing materials are more often thinly veiled attempts at, again, subverting your will to TDA's.

Richard's referance to Beshera's article in Bob Lipton's anniversery issue (THE MIXUMAXU GAZETTER) was quite appropiate. This article shows Beshera at his lowest, most double-dealing level. He laments the publicization of some of his presonal letters and then builds his whole article on the publication of some very personal letters of Walker's! We also note that this article, which is nothing morcand nothingless than a personal attack on Rod Walker, appears under the notorious "THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION Presents" headline, which TDA uses to designate its articles. Thus we see an organization bending its will towards attack on one person. Again, this same problem was encountered with TDA's house zine WAZIR back when it was still published.

A CONTINUATION IS ON PAGE #4. Hmm.....

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AND NOW, FOR THE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, THE GAMES!!!!

1975CJ (C5A) FRENCH TO BUILD THREE, BUT BREST IS ENGLISH! Fall 1903

AUSTRIA (McIlvaine):A Tyo-Boh, A Vie S A Tyo-Boh, A Tri S ITALIAN F Adr-Ven, F Gre H, A Ser-Rum, A Rum-Gal OWNS:Bud, Tri, ~~XX~~ Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum, ~~Bul~~. ~~Seven~~ Six. Even (lost one S03)

ENGLAND (Kendter):F Nth H, F Ska-Swe, F Bar S A Nwy-StP, A Nwy-StP, A Fin S A Nwy-StP, F Wes-Trn. OWNS:Edi, Lvp, Lon, Nwy, Bre, Swe, StP. SEVEN. Build one.

FRANCE (Diehl):F Tun S ENGLISH F Wes-Trn, A Rom S F Trn-Nap, F Trn-Nap, A Boh-Gal /a/, A Mar-Pie. OWNS:Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Rom, Nap, Tun, ~~Mun~~. BUILD ~~X~~ THREE, room for 2, will play 1904 one short. (7)

GERMANY (Diller):A Ber-Sil, A Pru S A Ber-Sil, A Mun-Boh, A Ruh-Mun. F Bal S ENGLOSH F Ska-Swe. OWNS:Ber, Kie, Den, Bel, Hol, Mun. (6) BUILD ONE.

ITALY (Kovalcik, Jr.):~~XXXXXXX~~, F Nap-Rom (-Apu, OTB), A Pie-Mar, F Adr-Ven. OWNS:~~Nap~~, ~~Rom~~, Ven, ~~Tun~~. Remove 2 IF F Nap R-Apu, otherwise remove 1. Lost one in Summer, 1903.

RUSSIA (Zimmermann):F Bot-Lvn, A War S F Bot-Lvn, A Mos S F Bot-Lvn, F Bla-Sev. OWNS:Mos, ~~StP~~, Sev, War. (3). Remove ONE

TURKEY (Fujihara):A Bul H, F Aeg S A Bul, F Ion S F Aeg. OWNS:Ank, Con, Smy, Bul (4). BUILD ONE.

SUMMER 1903:FRENCH A Tyo R-Boh; ITALIAN A Tun R OTB.

WINTER 1903 moves due Wedensday, October 29 at noon.

1975EN (C5B) THE BAVARIAN OCTOBERFEST MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SEE: Fall 1902
FIRST THE FRENCH, SECOND THE RUSSIANS, AND NOW...
THE ITALIANS!!!

AUSTRIA (Trenam):F Ion-Trn, A Vie-Gal, A Gal-Ukr, A Boh S ITALIAN A Tyo-Mun, A Ser-Rum. OWNS:Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Rum. (6)BUILD ONE.

ENGLAND (Behnen?):NMR. F Eng U, A Pic U, F Lon U, F Nth U (-Yor, Edi, Nwg, Ska, Hel, OTB). OWNS:Edi, Lvp, Lon, ~~Nwy~~. (3). Remove 1 if Fleet Nth Retreats, otherwise EVEN.

FRANCE (Stephens):F Bre-Pic, F Mid-Eng, A Gas-Par, A Spa S F Lyo-Mar, F Lyo-Mar. OWNS:Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por. EVEN. with 5.

GERMANY (Zimmermann):F Den-Nth, F Bal-Den, A Hol S A Bel, A Bel H, A Mun H (-Bur, Ruh, Kie, Ber, Sil, OTB). OWNS:Ber, Kie, ~~Mun~~, Bel, Den, Hol. (5). EVEN If Army Munich Retreats, otherwise Build 1.

ITALY ~~XXXXXXX~~ (Ditter):A Pie-Mar, A Tyo-Mun, F Trn-Lyo, F Wes S F Trn-Lyo. OWNS:Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mun. (5). Build ONE.

RUSSIA (Kovalcik, Jr.):A Sev S A Mos /a/, A Ukr-War, A Mos S A Sev, F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Nth, F Swe S F Nwy. OWNS:Mos, StP, ~~Sev~~, War, ~~Ukr~~, Swe, Nwy. (5).BUOLD ONE (two annihalated).

TURKEY (Diehl):A Rum-Sev, A Arm S A Rum-Sev, F Bla S A Rum-Sev, A Bul S AUSTRIAN A Ser-Rum. OWNS:Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Sev. (5). Build ONE.

AUTUMN AND WINTER 1902 moves due Wedensday, October 29 at noon. Orders may be made conditional on the retreats.

THISISANEWTYPERWERTHEIRGHKASDKKDKDKDKDKKKKKKKDDFFHEIIIDEJJEJEJEJEJJEJJEJEJJEJEJJ

Make sense of that? Gary ~~Behnen~~ Behnen's standby is listed on the last page.

Is this the last line?
NO!
NO!

1975GK (C5C) SLEEPING SICKNESS SPREADS FROM MN. TO NEW YORK! Winter 1901

AUSTRIA (Diehl): Builds A Vie, A Bud. Also Has A Rum, F Ion, A Ser.
ENGLAND (McDonald): Builds F Lvp. Also Has A Nwy, F Eng, F Nth
FRANCE (Squires): Builds F Bre, A Par. Also has F Mid, A Spa, A Por.
GERMANY (Nelson): Builds A Kie, A B_er. Also has A Bel, A Hol, F Den.
ITALY (Behnen): Builds: F Nap. Also has F Aeg, A Ser, A Apu.
RUSSIA (Tobin): builds: A Mos. Also has A Mun, F Bot, A Gal.
TURKEY (Zimmermann): Builds F Con, F Smy. Also has A Bul, F Bla, A Sev.

Spring 1902 moves due 10/29/75 at noon. COA: (Behnen) see to of page 4

1975GS SLEEPY.....CZAR SICK: HE MOVES TO MISSOURI!!! Win ter 1901

AUSTRIA (van den Boogard): Builds A Vie. Also has A Bud, A Ser, F Gre.
ENGLAND (Lucero): Builds F Edi. Also has A Bel, F Nth, F Nwg.
FRANCE (Cooper): Builds A Par, A Mar. Also has F Por, A Spa, A Pic.
GERMANY (Parker): Builds A Mun, F Kie. Also has A Ruh, A Hol, F Den.
ITALY (McDonald): Builds A Rom, F Nap. Also has A Tri, F Tun, A Ven.
RUSSIA (Behen): Also has A Fin, F Swe, F Con, A Rum. BUILDS: F StP(nc), A War.
TURKEY (Scheutz): Builds F Smy. Also has A Sev, A Bul, F Aeg.

Spring 1902 moves due 10/29/75. COA-Behnen see top, page 4. one thing, the ruling on Nwy...(england moving F Nwg-Nor) stands. There is a precedent: The EXPONENT, game 1975Meb. Sorry...
This is C5E. BOOGARD COA - SEE PAGE 4

1975GT (C5F) RUSSIA MOVES NORTH, TURKEY MOVES NORTH. SO??? Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (McDonough, Jr.): A Vie H, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb.
ENGLAND (Weswig): A Lvp-Yor (that was A Lvp-Yor), F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth.
FRANCE (Adam): F Bre-Mid, A Par- Bur, A Mar-Spa.
GERMANY (Diehl): NMR: Neutral moves: A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie.
ITALY (Bradshaw): A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion.
RUSSIA (McDonald): A Mos-StP, F StP(sc)-Bot, A War-Ukr, F Sev H.
TURKEY (Yontz): A Smy-Arm, F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul.

FALL 1901 moves due 10/29/75 at noon. Diehl's standby listed on last page.

1975HK (C5G) JUST TO MAKE UP FOR 1973AB... Winter 1900

AUSTRIA: Ted McDonald, 4711 Tuckerman St, Riverdale, MD 20840
ENGLAND: Jim Diehl, 5008 Normandale (Normandale) Highlands Dr, Bloomington, MN 55437
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ITALY: Ron Stephens, 515 Borough Road, Tacoma, WA 98403
RUSSIA: Larry Norton, Pinecrest Manor 1320, 7300 Cedar Post Road, Liverpool, NY 13088
TURKEY: Randolph Bart, 9950 Reseda Blvd, #13, Northridge, CA 91324.

SPRING 1901 moves due November 19 (Wedensday) at noon. There wil_lbe a bourse run with this game. Golly, I'm typing lousy today. Hmmm..... Maybe I'll retire.... Maybe I'll tell you that Randolph Bart won my birthday contest, my birthday is October 3, that's how he got in the game... . Ooops, I'm Impartial!!!

thus endus another hour. it's five alredy. I better hurry up...

it's six

SORRY ABOUT PRINTING PROBLEMS THIS ISSUE. HOPE TO HAVE THEM FIXED ASAP!

1975Xcv (CY1) ENGLAND AND FRANCE STAB EACH OTHER? I'M NOT JOKING! Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (Parker): F Trieste's sailors get stoned, A Vie-Bud, A Bud-Ser, A Clu-Rum
CHINA (Adam): F Can-ECh, A Pek-Man, A Han-Sik
ENGLAND (Tobin): F Joh-Sia, F Lon-Eng, F Lvp-Iri, F Edi-Nth
FRANCE (Diehl): F Sgn-Sia, F Bre-Eng, A Par-Pic, A Mar-Spa.
GERMANY (McDonough, Jr.): A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Pos-Sil
INDIA (Bradshaw): A Deh-Cal, A Cal-Tib, F Mad-EIn
ITALY (Scheutz): A Ven-Tri, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion, F Mog-Ade
JAPAN (Behnen): F Kyo-SJa, F Tok-NPa, F Osa-ECh
RUSSIA (Kendter): F Vla-Kor, A Oms-Sib, F StP(sc)-Bot, A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, F Sev-Rum
TURKEY (Stephens): A Bag-Nej, A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con

Fall 1901 orders do 10/29/75 at NOON.

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HMM...GAME OPENINGS ARE LISTED ON PAGE #1. As to Electoral College, yes, after our second YV game is filled.

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ROSENBERG'S LETTER, CONTINUED...

In short, none of what Doug Beyerlein said was "lies." Doug is one of the most respected men in the hobby, and is not prone to hastiness or ill-considered opinions. In fact, Doug has had relations with Beshera for about 5 times longer than Richard has, and has known the history from personal experience. If I were a reader I would certainly trust his word more than Kovalcik's.

- ((Well, I agree completely. See Kovalcik's letter for the truth about YV maps. Richard, Face the truth. TDA does little (really none, but it does do dome questonalbe the- things.).

)((At the Dinkicon, I spoke to Road Walker. Hmm, I forgot what he said. Wait till next time...

((One last thing, I agree with Scott...))More letter from Scott...

And now onto another matter. I noted with interest Ron Stephens' comments on Jim Diehl & Gary Behnen. My sole knowledge of these two gentlemen derives from material printed in CENTURION, POICTESME, and Diehl's "open letter." The only conclusion I can draw from these is that Diehl and Behnen must be doing something--conflicts such as these rarely occur, and when they occur so often to the same set of people you know something's wrong. While I don't particularly approve of Ron's listing of games that Behnen & Diehl are in together, I think I sinff something strange going on (though I don't know what)...

((since I said everything last issue, No Comment.))

GAME OPENINGS

CENTURION has game openings in reg. Dip and YV. See Page #1.

THE BOOK OF STAB #36, c/o Randolph Bart (9950 Reseda Blvd, #13, Northridge, CA 91324) has game openings in regular dip. for $2 plus sub, and anarchy I for $1 plus sub (special conditions for Anarchy I). Subs are 10/$2 payable to Jonathon Hall. Ditto.

DYNASTY #2, c/o Adam Gruen (470 North St, Harrison, NY

DONTINUED NEXT COLUMN

10528) in regular Dip at sub. Subs are 12/$2.50. Poor (sorry, but the truth) mimeo.

THE EXPONENT #19 (c/o Fred Brenner, 2821 W. 12th St, Brooklyn, NY 11224) has openings in Colonia at sub. Subs are 10/$1.50. Mimeo.

GASSED #12 c/o (don't have the address. Next iss.

INFAMOUS #15, c/o Steve Solomon (17240 Lake View Dr, Morgan Hill, CA 95037) has openings in reg. Dip at $1 +sub. Subs are 8/$1.50. Ditto.

THE MORAVIAN GAZETTE #3 c/o Robert Goldman, (200 Old Army Rd, Scarsdale, NY 10583) has openings in Dippy for sub. Subs are 10/$2 Mimeo. .....

I'll plug everyone possible this or next issue, folks...

ANNOUNCEMENT: DEADLINES ARE ON WEDENSDAYS!!! It clearly said that. Hmmmmm. Behnen's moves count, as do Tobin's...They both had good excuses..Behnen's EN moves DO NOT COUNT. I used the Hold orders (via HR #7)

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RUSSIAN BEAR AFLOAT, continued

Fleet, commanded by Admiral Rozhestvenskiy, was gravely undermanned, so the Tasar rounded up large numbers of revolutionaries and other city-dwellers, and on 24 August 1904 Rozhestvanskiy's fleet began its historic voyage. On paper it looked good: five new battleships, five old battleships, four armored cruisers, six light cruisers, and ten destroyers. But in truth the Baltic Sea Fleet was in pitable condition. Few of the sialors had anything more than the most perfunctory training; none of the officers had ever commanded in combat; all but the new battleships were over ten years old and were not even fit for museum pieces. But true to his orders, Rozhesvenskiy sailed from St. Petersburg on a voyage three quarters of the way around the glove.

NEXT TIME: The ANNIHALATION OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY, AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE ROMANOV DYNASTY!!!

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OPENING MOVES: AUSTRIA

By Terry Lucero

In Diplomacy, Austria is the major land power. She borders directly on 3 other powers, and has ready access to a fourth. Only England and France have sufficient buffer zones to avoid coming in direct conflict with Austria, during 1901 at least. The other 4 countries are all vulnerable to an Austrian attack, but in their numbers there is stregnth. Should they so choose, they could make short work of Austria, and then proceed to other objectives. Thus, it it to the Austrian player's advantage to maintain peaceful relations with 2 of his 3 neighbors, os that he con concentrate on the third, and leave them to deal with England, France, and Turkey.

To begin with, Austria's easiest expansion route in 1901 is into the Balkan's His main rivals in this area are Russia and Turkey, particularly the latter, with the possible interference of Italy. The most common opening moves are thus: Spring 1901: A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal (I underline because it usually fails due to Russian A War-Gal), and F Tri-Alb. Fall 1901: F Alb-Gre, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, and A Vie-Gal. These gain Austria 2 supply centers, with which he usually builds armies in Bud and Tri. However the Balkans is not the only area into which he can expand; rather it is the only one he can occupy alone. With one of his neighbors, it is possible for Austira to move in any direction, and join in any major offensive.

One possible way Austria can move against is Turkey, in cooperation with Italy. This offensive requires absolute trust on Austria's part, because Italy is required to move thorught Austrian territory, in order to get into position, to mount an attack in 1902. The moves involved are: Spring 1901: ((This is also the Key Opening...RF)) Austria: A Vie-Gal, a Bud-Ser, and F Tri-Alb. Italy, F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Apu ((Wrong, it's A Rom-Ven...RF)), And A Ven-Tri. Fall 1901 Austria, A Ser-Gre, F Alb-Ion, and A Vie-Gal. Italy, F Ion-Eas ((wrong, it's F Ion-Aeg...Look again!!!RF)), A Tri-Ser, And A Apu H ((A Ven-Apu...RF)). As one can see, these gain Austria nad Italy 1 centre each, and put a combined force of Austro-Italian units in position to bring this offensive to Turkey proper in 1902. From this position, they can proceed through the Balkans, or from convoys into Turkey proper (i.e. Syria).

Another possble line of attack si against Russia, via Galacia and Rumania. This attack requires the aid of Turkey, and perhaps Germany. It is necesarry to invade Russia from at least 2 directions, so that its own size can work against it. The arrangement of the Russian provinces makes defense difficult, and the occupation of one brings at least 2 supply centers under attack. The moves for

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OPENING MOVES:AUSTRIA, continued

this offensive are:Spring 1901:Austria, A Bud S A Vie-Gal, A Vie-Gal, F Tri-Alb. Turkey, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm. Fall 1901: Austria, F Alb-Gre, A Bud-Ser, A Gal S TURKISH F Bla-Rum. Turkey, F Bla-Rum, A Bul S F Bla-Rum, A Arm-Sev. These rob Russia of any gain in the South and deprives him of his usual gain of the province of Galacia. His single build (due ot the gain of Sweden) can't hold out against the 4 builds by Russia and Turkey, and he is outnumbered 10 to 5 at the beginning of 1902. From this point, with the possible help of Germany or England, the attack can be pressed in 1902 with Sevastapol and/or Warsaw falling that year.

Finally the only other major attack Austria can mount is against Germany, and here again he needs help. It is necessary for Russia to add at least one unit to the attack, and its helpful to have France's aid, in order to gain the needed superiority over Germany. With France and England mounting an offensive in the west, Austria and Russia could proceed thus:Austria, A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb. Russia, F Stp(sc)-Bot, F Sev-Rum, A War-Sil, A Mos-War. In addition, Italy moving A Ven-Tyo would bring aid, by placing three units on Munich. From here, Austria can proceed in this manner:Austria, F Tri-Gre ((sic)), A Ser S F Tri-Gre((sic--should be F Alb-Gre, A Ser S Falb-Gre)), A Boh-Mun; Russia, F Rum H, A Sil S AUSTRIAN A Boh-Mun, A War-Pru, and F Bot-Swe. Italy's A Tyo S AUSTRIAN A Boh-Mun could make the difference between success and failure of the Munich occupation, but it is not usually necessary, due to French attacks from the West.

Thus, we can see that Austria's survival and growth in the game are dependent on his allying with 2 of his neighbors against the third, and, at the same time, occupation of the Balkans. Failure to do either can result his lacking sufficient units to defend himself and attack after 1901, and invite his occupation and partition by Russia, Turkey, Italy, and Germany.

1973AB (ex-C5D) statements:

FRANCE:Entering this game as a standby in 1907, I was confonted with a proposed England/France draw. Had I accepted, the player who had relinquished the position would've got credit ofr participating in the draw. Hence, I made the only logical choice in voting against it. Naturally, in lieu of second place, I would've perferred a three or even four-way draw. Both Austria and Turkey were intereste in this. Turkey, of course, could go nowhere without his home centers and was unable to give the immeadiately needed assistance. With Austria and Turkey thus tied down, I made the desperate offensive moves that resulted in an English victory sooner than it normally would have. I gambled, I lost.

--David Staples

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1975CJ% (C5A%) DELAYED--new deadline (resubmit ALL moves) Tuesday, October 28, 1975. Computer broken. Sorry.....

1975HK% (C5G%)moves due Tuesday, DECEMBER 9, 1975.

Hmmm, I have no other material. Oops, I have ½ a page for page #10, but still, how about some material next time? As of November 3, we will pay 3 free issues per article. Gamefees are likely to rise soon, Well...I'm not the USPS. What do you want ME to do, complain?!? Next, sorry for the bad typing this issue, this is a new typewriter, an electric, and I'm not used to it.

Don't you hate space filler? If you do, write ARTICLES

On second though, we will continue to pay 4 free issues for articles over 1 page after November 3. But NOT INDEFINATELY....

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I just recieved GASSED #2 12. GASSED is done by David Truman, of 50 Stephanie St, Apt 1510, Tronto, ONTARIO CANADA M5T 1B3. Subs are $2/year's worth of GASSED, or apx. 13 issues/year. OOPS, $2.50 year in the USA (includes airmail). Gamefee is $5 for a regular game, or $12 for a prize game. Gamefee includes airmail sub to the U. S. of A. Computer Printout.

LIBERTERREAN, an OFFSET (!) zine published by Jim Bumpas, 948 Lorraine Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Has game openings in regular Diplomacy for a $2 refundable deposit + sub. Subs are 8/$2, well worth it. I've played in one of Jim's games and can certify that this is published bi-weekly, on time (since I've been receiving it) and is always reedable. Highly recccmended.

THE MIXUMAXU GAZETTE #39, is a usual good diplomacy zine done by Robert Lipton (box 1962, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042) and HAS game openings at... $7.00 for most of you all, $6 if you Play in TMG, and $3.50 if you trade with him. Has DNYMPA protection. Mimeo, 12 pages, reccomended.

THE MASTER MACHIAVELLIAN #13, their anniversery (1st) issue, and it si, is done by Mike Homeier (238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angles, CA 90049) and sells for 10/$2. Has openings in reg. Dip for $1 plus sub, and Colonia for $1.50 =sub.Ditto.

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THE VILLAIN OF BELGRADE:
an anonymous press release

BLEGRADE (Game---you figure it out):His ex-royal highness, Senor Jaun Valdez, prince of Montenegro, Leader of the Slavs, and holder of other 'unimportant' offices, was weeping. His small, 400,000 man army destroyed by 77 jesters of the Austrian Armed Forces. "X" the mark of the royal unjester, Sir Anthony la Marcos, holder of the NEWDA award for non-existancy, had spread the word...he challanged Senor Juan Valdez, prince of Montenegro..., to a duel.

Three weeks later, at the Belgrad Gym, Senor Juan Valdez, and Sir Anthony la Marcos stepped in the square. The referee, Bernie Goldstien, sat on top of his elevated seat on top of the "Forum". They stepped into the square, and Mr. Goldstien started the music..."!" ((?)) some old Kentucky square dance musci was played; so the square began to dance...it changed into a ring, 500' by 2.91" It widened a little...

TO BE CONTINUED

((decent press, people))

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Why not subscribe to THE POCKET ARMENIAN, a 12 page mimeo (very readable) tri-weekly magazine??? It sells for 8/$2, 8/$2 again. Write Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Road, Jamaica, New York 11432 for more on this fabulous gamezine. Its' contents include:A demonstration game with anaylisis (1974CL); a couple press-release series; a few games, esjpecially 1974GU &1974ID...Watch me lose... and of course lost space is never (?), but lots of articles, enough to make you mad. One of the best gamezines in the hobby. Definately write behind CENTURION in the top 10. Unfortunately, one of that zine's editors, seems to hate me... write Scott? By the way, it's not Scott...

THAT FILLED UP SPACE, no space-filler...

Stand-by for GERMANY in 1975GT (USF) is...Gary Behnen. See Page #4 for his address.
There will be no other standbys needed this time. GET YOUR MOVES IN...

NEXT TIME (Mike's column)
More Russian Naval History
More Plugs
More Games
More Press
More of my serries (series) on hippy country's...fill your heart's delight!
And, of course, the great typewriter...
Maybe I'll resort to "The Owl With White Eyelashes..."
How about some articles. WE PAY $$$
No, we don' pay pounds, or crowns...they're worth to much!

I still have to recieve EVERYTHING #23 and DIPLOMACY WORLD Fall issue...John Weswig, Doug Beyerlein, and Walt Buchanan, take note. You still have 3 weeks...

That reminds me, why not subscribe to EVERYTHING, the official journal of the Boardman Number Custodian. Subs are 10/$4 payable to "Chintimini Enterprises" of 2115 NW Elder Street, Corvallis, Oregon 97330...That's John Weswig's address. He must publish EVERYTHING, and Doug Beyerlein Edits it.

I hereby declare myself against The Diplomacy Association. The only this organization does (RK-besides things that really don't matter) is...I don't really know! The only thing it does is criticize Rod Walker. That isn't what an organization should do..Is that the kind of organization YOU want to join,.one without a membership list, without any democratic offices or functions??? Or is a democratic organization, like the International Diplomacy Association the one you want to join. Join the IDA, send $2 to Walt Buchanan, RR3, Box 324, Lebanon, IN 46052. [illegible]

CENTURION #11
c/o Russell Fox
5160 Donna Avenue
Tarzana, CA 91356

Doug:

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