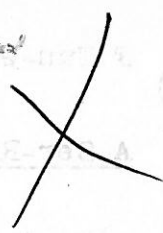


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# CEREBRAL NEBULA



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On rapture, we are publishing another glorious issue, issue #9. The CEREBRAL NEBULA is a journal of Postal Diplomacy (a registered trademark of Games Research, Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass 02118). The editor is:

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Game fees for regular games are \$2.00, which includes receiving zine until game is over. Variants are also \$2.00 unless the variant proves to be too much of a strain on the gamesmaster. Team games are \$1.00 for each person involved. This zine sells for \$1.00 per 10 issues. Note, a list of games offered is carried somewhere in the interior of this issue.

With this issue we again go back to the use of dittos instead of mimio. Hopefully the issues from here on in will be a little easier to read. By not using legal-size paper I can now put zine in my filing cab.

Diplomacy flag? Of recent there has been some talk of a Diplomacy flag and a flag for each magazine. This not only seems like a good idea to me but is being considered by a number of other editors. Any reader may send what he or she thinks is a good flag for CN. The best flag will receive a suitable reward.

Well, shall we take a look at how our games are coming along?

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ENGLAND: F London-EngC; F EngG-MidAt; A York-Liv; F Nor-Swed (dislodged)  
(Evans)

FRANCE: All units in civil disobedience ((sic!)) F Mid, AGas & Mar hold  
(Peery)

GERMANY: F North-Den; F Kiel-Helg; A Mun-Bur; A Holl-Pic; A Holl-Bel  
(Metzger)

ITALY: F Tun-WestM; F Nap-Tyrr; A Pied-Mars; A Ven-Pied  
(Hueston)

AUSTRIA: A Ser-Rum; A Bud (S) A Ser-Tun; A Tri-Ser; A Vien-Gal; F Gre (H)  
(Alden)

RUSSIA: F StP(nc)-Nor; F Swed (S) StP-Nor; A Rum (H); A Ukr (S) A Rum;  
(Rosenbaum) F Armenia-BlaS; F Sev (S) F Arm - BlaS

TURKEY: F BlaS-Arm; F Ank(S) F BlaS-Arm; A Spa-Smy; A Bul-Rum  
(Trudiker)

Underlined moves not possible. Note the English Fleet Norway is dislodged.  
This retreat along with Fall 1902 moves are due 21 August. Moves may be made  
conditional on the direction of the retreat.

As long as FRANCE wishes his units to be in civil disobedience we will  
allow it. What a way to go.

#### Press Releases

Peeryhaus (July 12, 1967) As many of the readers of Cerebral Nebulae are  
already aware I started my own Dippy 'zine, XENOGOGIC (XENOGOGIC for  
those who have read it) shortly after CN made its appearance some time  
ago. The growth of XENOGOGIC has proceeded slightly faster than that of  
CN; both in length and in number of games ((he's also bigger than stab,  
Brobdingnag, & Graustark... in fact, he has the biggest literary waste  
land)). Since, as many of you also know, XENOGOGIC will next month expand  
even more in size and in number of games being carried ((you'll see your  
glorious ed. in some of these games)) (we are adding four new games);  
including 2 eight man games and 1 eleven man game) this effort has taken  
a great deal of time. There are also the fifteen or more games ((13 for me))  
in which I am currently active that have made many demands on my time in  
addition to my various travels ((trips? humm)), etc. during the summer.  
For all these, and other reasons, I have not been able to give the atten-  
tion I might have wished to 1967J. The combined disaster of failing to  
submit first moves, if such was the case, and being faced with a three way  
attack by neighbors has resulted in France's suffering. Rather than  
continue to allow her to suffer and to expend more of my own limited time  
on a loosing effort I have ordered France into civil disobedience ((sic));  
and thus becoming the first player eliminated from CN ((congratulations  
Larry, you've just won the Medal of Glorious Victory)). I would like to  
congratulate Evans, Metzger, and Hueston for their brilliant execution of  
this attack. It was well done.

WONE , SICH

I would finally like to extend my best wishes to Cerebral Nebulae in its future activities; whatever they may be since I will probably not enter another game in this, or any, 'zine for some time to come. Having had the pleasure to meet one of the people responsible for your efforts (Doug Beyerlein) I think you will develop a truly fine 'zine. Snoopy wishes you well.

((Let me just say I recommend Larry's zine for its fine coverage of world affairs and its "humor". Xenodogic has developed into one of the best zines on the coast. Larry is a good ally which can be seen in 66-O, AC, AE, & VE3.)).

**RUSSIA:** Russians brave high winds from down under.

Trebizond: While on vacation in the land "down under", the Russian fleet was viciously attacked by hordes of Kurds and two rowboats were sunk by the advance missile projectors supplied to the Kurds by the advanced weapons division of the Turkish army. The hail of fire from the slingshots was so deadly that the Russian Admiralty decided to cut short the projected 9 month visit and commence maneuvers in the Black Sea. Heaping insult upon injury, gusts of hot air, coming from the direction of Ankara caused the hospitalization of many sailors. This led to the popular Russian term "Land of Airy One", meaning the Sultan's domain, or just "Airy One" meaning the Sultan's official newspaper.

Bucharest: Having just returned from a visit to the deep interior of the Motherland, Aleksei Brusilov, Commander of the Russian Armed Forces found no official messages from either his southern or western friends. He decided, therefore, that the armies should begin preparation for the long winter ((a pun Tom? you are coming to the U. in the Fall)). Accordingly, a huge wheat crop is being planted and the arrival of the Russian navy in the Black Sea is expected to speed up the harvesting of a vast amount of caviar for the workers on the home front and the allies of the czar.

Roma: In continuation of the policy adopted by the Italian government last fall, all Italian units have been issued orders to advance on the French held positions. Princess Janet's Own Home Fleet has been ordered to sail to Spain to protect its citizens from the French dogs, and the newly built fleet of the Western Mediterranean has been ordered into the Tyrrhenian. The Italian Armies also received orders to advance on France. The Italian government wants it to be known that Italy will not rest until the French dogs are destroyed.

Ankara: Her Royal Majesty, Queen Sarah F. Allen, requests the Russian government to state its requirements for a peaceful settlement of its current misunderstanding with Turkey.

Geneva (Reuters April 1902): The news in this border town is that the French government is controlled by a computer in the confines of Peeryhaus. The last shred of centralized government is reported to be in this fortified bunker. Meanwhile, Austrian cavalry has stormed Galacia with only minor losses. Miles Standish reportedly leading the charge. In the north, Russian reindeers have taken Norway after a brief engagement with English vessels in Narvik harbour. Only in Geneva is the war not felt, although many troops (mostly French) have been flooding into the town. The economy has also witnessed a boom. In spite of all international actions, no end seems in sight for the war.



1967T (CN#2)  
 Winter 1901 (builds)

ENGLAND (Turner): build F Liv.  
 FRANCE (Stewart): constant  
 GERMANY (Haggart): build A Kiel & A Mun.  
 ITALY (Turk): build A Rome & A Ven(Venice)  
 AUSTRIA (Gemignani): remove A Boh.  
 RUSSIA (Baker): build A War & A Mos.  
 Turkey (Wagner): build F Con.

The builds were informed to the players and Spring moves were then asked for. This issue is a little late because of that reason.

1967T (CN#2)

----- Spring 1902 -----

RUSSIAN HEALTH AT NEW LOW  
 GERMANS, TURKS, ENGLISH ADVANCE

ENGLAND: F Liv- IrishS; F EngC-Brest; A Norway-StP; F North-Norway  
 (Turner)

FRANCE :F Brest-EngC; A Mars-Bur; A Par (S) A Mars-Bur  
 (Stewart):

GERMANY: A Bel-Pic; A Bur (S) A Bel-Pic; A Mun (S) A Bur; A Kiel-Ruhr  
 (Haggart) F Hol-Kiel

ITALY : F Tun-Ion; A Tri-Vien; A Tyr (S) A Tri-Vien ~~A Ven-Tri~~; A Rome-Ven  
 (Turk)

AUSTRIA : F Adr-Tri; A Vien (S) E Adr-Tri (A Vien. dislodged and must  
 (Gemignani) retreat)

RUSSIA: F Swed (H); A Rum-Ser; A Gal(S) A ~~Rum-Ser~~; F Sev-Rum; F Sev-Rum;  
 (Baker) A Mos-Sev; A War-Ukr;

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Rum; E BlaS (S) A Bul-Rum; F Con-Ag.  
 (Wagner)

Note that the Austrian attack on Trieste succeeded. I do not follow the Miller Rule.

Fall 1902 moves are due 21 August. Moves may be made conditional on the direction of the Austrian retreat.

#### PRESS RELEASES

Sofia: The joint Austria-Turkish Council on International Health announced that the delegates had, in fact, come to an agreement on the proper spheres of influence of the two countries in the Balkans. All that remains is to clear all those pesky Italians and Russians out of them.

Berlin: Austria at my back door? You know you could have Knocked.

Edapest: The Russians are the only ones who've got problems - wait until you see Italy's troubles.

CN #3  
1967? (Spring 1901)

ENGLAND: F Lon-North; F Edi-Norwg; A Liv-York  
(Gallo)

FRANCE : A Mar (S) A Par-Bur; A Par-Bur; F Bres-Mid  
(White)

GERMANY : A Mun-Ruhr; A Ber-Kiel; F Kiel-Hell - Den  
(Hueston)

ITALY : A Ven-Tyr; A Rome-Ven; F Nap-Tyrr  
(Bourge)

AUSTRIA: A Vien-Gal; A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Alb  
(Brannan)

RUSSIA: A War-GAL; A Mos-Ukr; F Sev-Rum; F StP-GofB  
(Lyon)

Turkey: A Con-Bul; A Sym-Con; F Ank-Blas  
(Gemagnani)

Note that Lyon is now back in charge of his own country. Thanks to Red Walker for his moves. Fall 1901 moves are due 21 August. Send moves to Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. 27th Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116

#### Press Release

Naples: The Perennial Naples to Tunis Bathtub Race has begun. Every bathtub in the province of Naples has been entered this year to make the largest flotilla yet - five tubs. The entire race hinges on the efficiency of the key man in each crew of twelve - the bailiori - who must insure that the water flowing in the drain does not reach a sufficient level to sink the craft.

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Just to prove people do win Diplomacy games we would like to congratulate Jerry Pournelle for his win in 1965D. The game was carried in Wild 'n Woolly and Jerry was playing Russia.

Congratulations to Derek Nelson for his win 1965F. Derek was playing Turkey and the game was carried in Graustark.

Finally congratulations to James Latimer for his win 1966E. James was Russia and the game was carried in Diplomania. Please note that a complete description of the above games and center year positions can be obtained from J. McCallum, Palston, Alberta, Canada. Broh. #65 can be obtained for 10¢, which is the copy that gives summary of games.

On my recent trip to Southern California in late June I visited the Diplomacy outpost of San Diego. I arrived at Hal Naus's trailer slightly earlier than Hal expected and briefly watched Hal put his trailer all back into shape. Hal showed me his Diplomacy in his not too large trailer which included everything such as a kitchen, dining room and bedroom devoted to the subject and still am crowded (( I have to sleep on top of all the Dippy "junk" in my room, ed.)). I spoke with Larry Peery over the phone for a good half an hour and finally convinced him to journey down to Naus's place as his dog was already shot. He disclosed his plans for XENOLOGIC '83 and shared some colorful secrets which tend to make him one of Diplomacy's more unusual players. The whole visit was very pleasant and I wish to say thank you to both Mr. Naus and Mr. Peery for the wonderful time. The only thing which gave me a bad impression of the greater San Diego-LA area (( isn't San Diego a suburb of L.A.)) was the freeways. It took us three and a half hours to travel back to LA from San Diego, a distance of only 90 miles. I suggest Southern Californians either widen their freeways or bring along a picnic lunch ( and maybe dinner) when traveling over them.

@ Letters to the Ed. @

Charles Turner, J. "This is so outrageous not even Larry Peery or I would say it!!!"

Phil Sawyer, J. "If you might guess, I am not particularly interested in your AH games."

Larry Peery, J. "I don't have any publication" ((don't worry Larry, I do have some samples))

s AH Games

Last issue I published Peery comments about AH games where he said they were nothing more than shooting craps. I also asked you to refer to me to reply to this statement. Well, no one disagreed with Mr. Peery's statement. You win Larry.

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The September issue of Strategy & Tactics will carry a special Dippy section. Articles by Tom McCallum, Capt. R.C. Walker, and John Boardman will be featured. S&T has developed into a springboard for almost every aspect of war warg. Articles dealing with AH games, Table-Top games, Sletcher Board Naval games, and many others are introduced in detail. At only \$5.00 a year, this magazine is well worth your money.

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Had Brannen's (S&T) will be the biggest take-off from regular Diplomacy. The game is a simplified variant played in a big cube. When the game gets going it should be very interesting? You may witness your opponent's first move.

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There will be another wide, if a weekly, variant soon (more people needed). This 55 man game has got to be a larger version of the game. Ford II, is

For those interested in any of the previously mentioned articles, please note their addresses;

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LENO: Dan Brannan 3044 A Telegraph Ave, Berkeley Calif. 94705

EMERSON: Capt. R.C. WALKER, TUSLOD Det. 183, APO New York, 09254

People in CN#1, please note Richard Metzger's new address:  
70515 Montrose Ave., Tacoma, Wash. 98499

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Who cares what he does, when his ship comes into that terrifying foreign

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The XENODOGIC couldn't have said it better, "Then there is the matter of the International Inquirer ((i.e., I.E.)) which once again has dropped its low-level pornography on yours, and mine (own self true) doorstep. Pure unadulterated (well, from what Misbach's bear saying, even that may not be true), garbage."

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#### New Players

Paul Scroggie, Fishtrap Lake, Sprague, Wash. 99032

Robert Curran, Com Flt Act. (code 00) c/o EPO San Francisco, Calif.

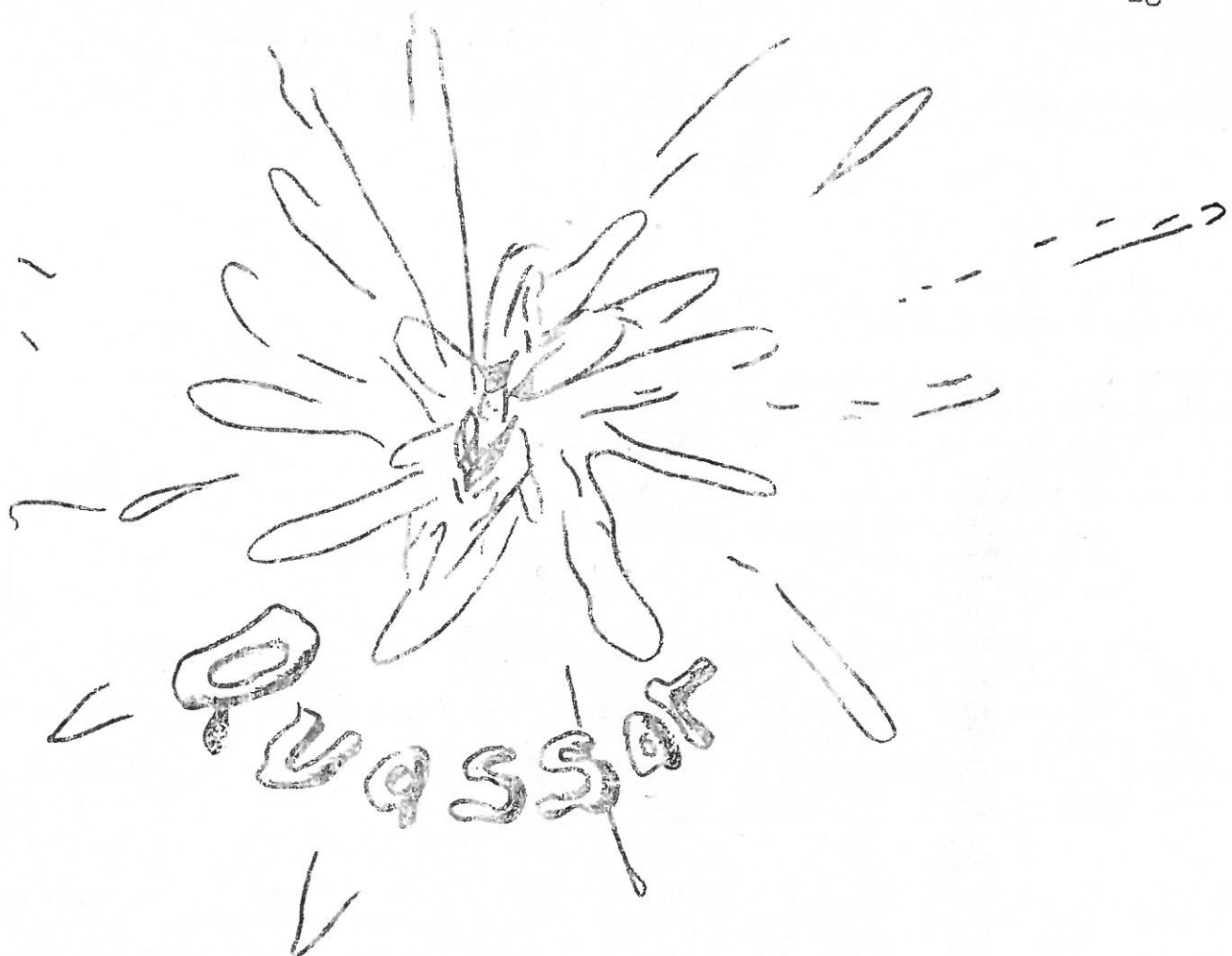
(AM only) 96662

Clay Cowan, 7822 Shoup Ave., Canoga Park, Calif. 91304

Ricky Ars, 2263-58 St., Sacto., Calif. 95817

Did you know this zine really is controlled from beings from another planet? As you can see, they haven't yet mastered our(?) form of speech. Or is that a typewriter is too primitive for them? Ever tried duplicator fluid over potatoes? See Doug I told you they wouldn't believe us! Correction fluid is better than glue.





Cerebral Quassar ?

In Graustark #132 Mr. Boardman made a referenceto what was called a "quassar". I share Mr. Boardman 's views when he says, "We have so little information about them that the most wildly divergent and unlikely theories have been put forth." With that statement let us once again depart from the field of Diplomacy into the field of cosmology. Since this little talk is concerning quassars, lets first try and find out what a quassar looks like. Basically a quassar is a "star-like" object which has surpassed anything in the universe in its brilliance and reletive speed. When compared to a star in the Milky Way for instance a quassar may appear to be as bright as the star to which it is compared but, the quassar is billions of light years farther out in space. Thus, a quassar is not a star, at least in the sense that a normal star is in. Then just what is a quassar. In my opinion, a quassar is an implosion of a "super-star". The mass of a super star is needless to say of enormous grossness. Of course this star is rare in itself which is the main agument to the presence, if any, of any super-stars. Because quassars have gone into the unknown everybody can state their own wild theory and can't be proven wrong.

Mr. Boardman, what do you think a quassar is? Any readers cosmologists?



GAMES

As announced in Erehwon, most games carried in that zine can also be found here. We also carry variants on the regular board as well as variants on maps, etc. Doug Baker's Balkan War may also get started. The game is the only variant which can end in a smaller length of time. Who knows, I may even get around to finishing the rules for Nuclear Diplomacy.

Registered

- Imperialism VIII (the "world" game): Cowan, Haggart, Musa, & Benson.
- Imp. IX: Gemignani & Princeps
- Balkan: Gemignani & Musa
- Regular: Arc, Greene, & Blake.

If you would like to add or remove your name from the above list please so inform me. Also, I may have missed someone.

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Contest off! No, there is not a free game for every person who finds a typo error in this or any issue. Anyway, I don't make any errors! The nerve.

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- CN#1: Long (1967J)
- CN#2: Long (1967T)
- CN#3: Beyerlein (1967?)

Publisher: Doug Baker

\* Last and most Least \*

For those of you who read Graustark please note (as I'm shure you have) the remarks by William Lee Linden. His greatest blunder was asking who "Bangs Leslie Tapscott" was. Well, he found out. I could just see John's face when he saw that classic line, "who is Bangs Leslie Tapscott". Congratulations John, we knew you could do it.

The latest issue of International Inquirer at last revealed Erehwon's famous anonymous Neutral Player. I've always pictured him as a Superman type character incapable of being backstabbed while being of a very weak hand in leading an attack.

Anyone want to buy a used mimio  
 machine in good (snicker) condition?  
 (the happy pub.)

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Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.