

# CIMMERIA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Peter Scribner's complete address is: Box 1719-C, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA 17604. His phone number is (717) 397-2340

1. My telephone number was misprinted last issue. I apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused anyone. My actual number as printed above, is (716) 636-4617. The best times to call are week days. On MWF from 12:30 PM to 3:30PM and between 11:15 PM and 12:00. On TuTh from 2:30 PM to 5:15 PM and between 9:00 PM and Midnight. Also Sunday nights until 12:00. I make no guarantee that I will be in when you call, but the above times are the best ones as you almost certainly will never get me at any other times.

2. Speaking of phone calls, I will call anyone collect on the night of the deadline if I don't have a set of orders from them, with permission. List phone number and times (within the above limits).

3. The following zines are believed to have game openings:  
IMPASSABLE. John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013. John is opening five games; 3 for newbloods/novices, and 2 for experienced players. There is no gamefee listed so write to John for info. Subs are 12/\$2. John is also the publisher/editor of IDA's official zine, DIPLOMACY REVIEW. IMPASSABLE, in addition to being one of the neatest zines and one of the best bargains is also one of the most interesting to read, with zine reviews, news of the hobby, many games, press, and articles on the game and related topics.

CLAW & PANG. Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826. In issue 39 Don lists two games open for a \$2 gamefee plus a sub at 10/\$2. C&P is a two week deadline zine that comes out regularly every issue (a feat that I haven't yet been able to figure out how is possible). C&P is also an immaculately neat zine, but it doesn't have too much in it to read, beyond the actual game reports. There is always at least one article (usually satirical, or at least humorous), but it isn't much on press.

TURNABOUT. Peter A. Berggren, Davistown Schoolhouse Rd., Orford, NH 03777. I haven't seen this one, but Peter plugged CIM in his zine, so the least I can do is reciprocate. Sub is 10/\$2 and the gamefee is \$5.

4. I am in need of articles. They may be on any subject although preferably within a harmonious vein to the format of CIM. If the article is used, you'll receive a three issue sub or its equivalent. It's a good way to continue your participation in a game without having to pay for a sub renewal.

5. The International Diplomacy Association is about to conduct its annual elections. There is still time to join in order to vote. Membership is \$2 per year to Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, IN 46052.

6. The IDA 1974 Diplomacy Handbook is now available for sale by mail. The 80 page handbook consists of mainly new articles on all aspects of the hobby. The price is \$3 with a \$1 discount for IDA members. Send money to John Boyer (address above).

THE GAMES

(1973CH) "WINTER 1907"

There was a misprint (error) in last issue's game report. The ITALIAN move F Tyr-Tur should have read F Tyr H. The game result is unaffected as only the wording was wrong.

RUSSIA (Olson): Removes A Kiel.

TURKEY (Scribner): Build A Smy, A Ank.

ITALY (Jarvis): Removes F Tyr.

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The DEADLINE for "SPRING 1908" is Friday <sup>15</sup> November 1974 by 9 PM my time.  
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A LETTER FROM PETER SCRIBNER

Steve: CIM #18 and the published results of (1973CH) surprised me with a great error, which I am probably the only one to notice, but I request that it be remedied.

My published moves for Turkey were the first set of moves I sent in, not the newer second set of moves I sent in when I heard RUS A Tyr retreated to Trieste. Friday Aug. 23 was the original deadline for F 1907. On Sat. Aug. 24 I heard from Tokoli that Tyr retreated to Trieste. On Mon., Aug. 26, a new set of Turkish moves were mailed to Camp Seneca (next day delivery, supposedly). I presume the letter either didn't arrive or arrived after you left, was not forwarded and was not returned to me.

The second set of moves were: Tun-Naf; Apu-Nap S by XIM Ion; Ven-Rom; Adr-Ven; Tyr-Tri Sup by Alb; Bul-Ser; Bla-Rum; Ukr-War S by Gal; Sev-Mos.

In 14 moves, along with retreats and builds, I have never failed to send in an order. Would anyone believe that now that I am leading in the game with the rest of the board basically against me that I would fail to send in a move defending against the Russian retreat into Trieste? However, I now stand to suffer a major set back not due to my own efforts but because of the efforts of the US Mail Service or Camp Seneca.

I move that this be remedied and a revised set of results for F1907 be sent out at once. Failing that, I move that the players be polled as to what should be done. Peter Scribner Sept. 30, 1974

((Either one or both of your <sup>as</sup> assumptions is correct. At the top of the sheet of published "SPRING 1907" moves, which was sent to all the players, it says "Please send all orders to me at Camp Seneca Lake, RD #1, Penn Yan, NY 14527 until Aug. 26." That was because I was going to be leaving camp the morning of Aug. 27th, before mail delivery. If your moves arrived, they arrived after I left and were never forwarded or returned.

((Secondly, after I arrived at school (the first week in Sept.) I mailed you a card at Franklin & Marshall informing you of the retreat and giving you, I believe, two weeks to submit a change of orders. Apparently, you either never received the card or forgot about the deadline, because I delayed the deadline two extra weeks for you and received no orders. That appears not to be your fault. It was your fault, however, for mailing a set of orders to me at camp, when it was clearly stated up to what date <sup>not</sup> to do so.

((Finally, Houserule #17 states: "The Gamemaster will not be responsible for the failings of the US postal service." Therefore, I feel that the move

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SHOULD not be re-played using your revised set of orders. There is also the possibility that you changed your orders to fit the situation, which is not to accuse you of being dishonest, but you did see the Fall results and I have no way of knowing whether your second set of orders is genuine or not.

((I am willing to be fair about the situation since if anyone is to blame, it is the postal service. I accept your suggestion of a player poll. If a majority of the players feel that the move should be re-played by substituting your second set of orders for your first (Note that this does not mean that the season will be literally be re-played, but that the results would be different based upon Scribner's second set of orders, rather than his first) then I will go along with that. Players (including Jarvis, as this affects him) send in your votes along with your "SPRING 1908" moves. I would also appreciate any comments you might have.))

(1973CH) PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE: May the blessings of Allah be upon you;  
May he take you into his arms and embrace you;  
May his servants befriend your house, tend your garden, nurse your children;  
May all behold His vision  
And worship Him according to THE Law;  
May His missionaries be welcomed throughout the universe;  
May His vision of peace and unity be accomplished by all true believers  
And may all who oppose His Plan--  
Blow it out their shorts.

His Reverency, Hlan Mitie,  
Faith Minister to His Supremacy

Thanks to Dave Hodgson, who submitted standby orders for Russia. Luckily they weren't needed.

1974CR "WINTER 1901"

RUSSIA (Olson): Builds A Mos. ITALY (Scribner): Builds F Ven.  
TURKEY (Butler): Build A Con, F Smy. FRANCE (Lyon): No Build Received (NBR).  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Tokeli): Build A Vie, A Bud.  
GERMANY (Jarvis): Builds A Man, A Kie. ENGLAND (Hodgson): Build F Liv.

The DEADLINE for "Spring 1902" orders is Fri. <sup>15</sup> Nov 1974 by 9 PM my time.

Would someone submit standby orders for France? Thanks to Ronald Kelly for submitting orders for Russia.

PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE: Our foreign policy here in the palace is coming of age almost as fast as this year's hashish crop. Perhaps it can be summed up in one phrase (Originated by Volman & Kaylan): "Anything more than a mouthful is wasted." Mohammed Motif Mukluk, Marketing Director, KON-STANT-POPPY ENT., ERPRISES.

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VIENNA (AP): The imperial city remains calm tonight despite the approach of Italian light cavalry from the west. The unexpected invasion, or border incursion as officials have called it, has aroused neither fear nor jingoism among the population. The imperial chief of staff, Ulaszlo Szilagy, has been quoted by reliable sources as saying, "The Italian attack is just a mistake, peace will surely be reestablished by fall." Local Italy experts blame the misunderstanding on Generalissimo Pietro di Scribniari's "mercurial" temperament. "he's pissed off because we served red wine with fish at last year's Austro-Italian friendship banquet; we all know Pietro is the Charlie O. Finley of the Mediterranean," one expert declared.

1974CQ "SPRING 1902"

ITALY ADDS TO AUSTRIA'S WOES; GERMAN-RUSSIAN CONFRONTATION!

Underlined orders fall.

RUSSIA (Goldston): A Vie-Bud; A Gal S A Vie-Bud; F Rum H; F Swe-Bal; F StP ne-Nwy; A War-Prn; A Mos-Liv.

TURKEY (Petito): NMR. A Bul, A Con, F Aeg, F Smy all H.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Conn): A Tri-Vie; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Aeg.

ITALY (Kelly): A Ven-Tri; A Apu-Alb; F Ion C A Apu-Alb.

FRANCE (Baker): A Bur H; A Par S A Bur; A Por-Spa; F Eng-Pic.

ENGLAND (Cunningham): F Nwy H; F Lon-Eng; F Nth S F Lon-Eng; A Wal-Lon.

GERMANY (Sawyer): A Den-Swe; F Bel H; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Ber-Sil.

The AUS A Bud is dislodged and annihilated, having nowhere to retreat.

The DEADLINE for "FALL 1902" is Fri 15 Nov 1974 by 9 PM my time.

PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW: The Empress Alexandra has been placed in the care of special physicians according to unofficial sources here. The Empress, it was rumored, was greatly distraught over the series of shattering events in her "family" including the untimely death of her grandmother Victoria and the growing suspicion that her Uncle Edward and her cousin Wilhelm were cooperating in a foreign policy that was on a collision course with her husband's. Meanwhile, the Czar was said to be deeply involved in briefings with his general staff although he issued a public statement affirming his hope that a "family" war could be averted.

STANDBY PLAYERS are needed to file orders for Turkey in 1974CQ Anyone interested? Dave Hodgson?

"They'd Rather Be Reich"

"Frank B. Fuhrer, president of the Pittsburgh Triangles, has been elected president of World Team Tennis. His predecessor? Jordan Kaiser."

--Sports Illustrated, 30 September 1974

1974PK "FALL 1901"

ITALY/RUSSIA TAKE N. AUSTRIA; GERMANY EXITS FRANCE!

Underlined orders fail.

RUSSIA (Lariton): F Bot-Swe; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Gal-Vie.  
TURKEY (Wishart): NMR. Replacement player is Ronald M. Kelly, #210 225  
Virginia Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Gre;  
A Con-Bul.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Johnson): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Tri-Ven.

ITALY (Gardiner): A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tun.

FRANCE (Berggren): A Pic-Lon; F Eng C A Pic-Lon; A Spa-Por.

ENGLAND (Baker): A Yor-Lon; F Nwg-Nwy; F Nth-Bel.

GERMANY (McLendon): A Bur-Bel; F Hol S A Bur-Bel; A Kie-Mun.

The AUS A Tri is dislodged and may retreat to Bud, Alb or off the board. This retreat is due immediately. Players may make their builds conditional on this retreat.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

RUS: Home, Swe, Vie, Rum (7) Build 3.

FRA: Home, Por (4) Build 1.

TUR: Home, Bul (4) Build 1.

ENG: Home, Nwy (4) Build 1.

AUS: Bud, ~~Tyr~~, ~~Vie~~, Ser, Gre (3) Even.

GER: Home, Bel, Hol (5) Build 2.

ITA: Home, Tri, Tun (5) Build 2.

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The DEADLINE for "WINTER 1901" adjustments is Fri <sup>15</sup> Nov 1974 by 9 PM my time.  
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Thanks to Dave Hodgson for submitting orders for TUR & AUS.

PRESS RELEASES

CAMELOT: It was unanimously agreed before the Round Table today that the barbarian Saxons hail from the region known as France. Messengers are being sent to inform Sir Gawaine, Sir Kay, Sir Lancelot, and the Mad Madam Mim of this fact.

GERMANY TO ENGLAND: It seems that I have incurred the wrath of my southern neighbor, France, simply because I took the time to construct a Bier Hall while passing through Burgundy. I thought that area was in dire need of some good German beer, seeing as how they had such a miserable grape crop last year.

Anyway, would you handle this nuisance for me, old friend? I have much more pressing business than to concern myself with such trivia.

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"Everybody loves a fairy-tale and the White House life is a fairy-tale for millions. This is all right within reason; the presidency is a unifying force, like the flag. Mr. Ford is legitimately trying to harness the force now in the war on inflation. But where do you draw the line? Probably no other democracy is so vulnerable to a charismatic demagogue who has won the presidency, let us say, in time of turmoil, and follows the Nixon guideposts. That fine lady Margaret Chase Smith, onetime senator from Maine, suggests a constitutional amendment to provide a special election in the event that a president is impeached or resigns in the face of impeachment proceedings. Many Americans are concerned, she says, about a situation in which a discredited ex-President made the personal selection of his successor and received a sweeping pardon from the man he chose."



Handwritten note in a cloud-like shape: "GIVE TO THE HOUSE WRITERS MY ROLLAIDS?"

SN from R. Green

A COMMENTARY

"Its essential conservatism is another reason for the ((Rules)) Committee's invulnerability to attack. The House is a conservative institution fundamentally and it is not offended by the actions of the Committee. In many instances failure of the Committee to grant a rule will please most members of the House because they do not wish to vote on a bill--say for veterans' pensions--because they don't want to vote yes, but they feel they cannot vote no. Also many of the bills bottled up by the Committee are ones the leadership wants stored away without controversy...usually the committee is not resisting but complying with the will of the membership, however much it is in conflict with the progressive members of the House. This is demonstrated by the restraint placed on the Committee during a brief period when the conservatism of the House was submerged somewhat. In 1965, when the House was lopsidedly Democratic and there was a cushion of liberal Democratic Strength to depend upon, the Committee was put under the "twenty-one-day" rule. This provided that after the Committee had held a bill for twenty-one days the Speaker could recognize the chairman of the committee from whence the bill came originally and have it acted upon on the floor. As soon as the Goldwater gift to the national interest (namely his overwhelming defeat, which helped elect one of the most liberal Congresses in the history of the nation) vanished in the 1966 election, the twenty-one-day rule immediately was rescinded and the Rules Committee began business at the same old stand in the same old fashion."

"He ((Lyndon Johnson)) spoke of a North Vietnamese attack on two American destroyers that were on routine patrols in international waters, and he announced he had ordered a retaliatory air strike on the bases in North Vietnam from which the attacking patrol boats had come. He said that he would go to Congress the next day and ask that it show the unity of the nation "in its determination to take all necessary measures in support of freedom and in defense of peace in Southeast Asia." His message promptly did go forward to Congress the next day, hearings were held the following day, and the third day the joint resolution that came to be called the "Tonkin Gulf Resolution" was enacted 88 to 2 in the Senate and 416 to 0 in the House of Representatives."

---Duane Lockard, The Perverted Priorities of American Politics

"Continued indications of what was described as an impending Democratic landslide in the Nov. 5 elections for the House of Representatives emerge from the latest Gallup Poll...figures showed "the demise of Richard Nixon's "new majority." Democrats who switched to Richard M. Nixon in 1972 are now leaning "heavily Democratic" in the current congressional races because of inflation and "disillusionment over Watergate," he ((George Gallup)) said." ---The New York Times, 27 October 1974

Our current national situation has me extremely puzzled. I would almost be inclined to say that it has put me in a state of cognitive dissonance--an unresolvable situation which is a direct conflict between what I have always believed, and a new awareness of what I see.

I am unequivocally opposed to those policies that have become a part of our national policy over most of the last three decades, with many of them coming to a head in the Nixon administration (with the possible exception of detente, though I can't give Nixon credit for it, mainly because he spent far more of his career advocating policies opposing detente, than those promoting it), and particularly in the areas of economics, political morality

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and the support for and growth of the military-industrial complex. The present administration, while perhaps not as contemptuous of its opposition as its predecessor administrations, by and large stands for the same things. Ford's policy (with perhaps a very few minor exceptions) is the policy of maintaining the status quo: Witness his pardoning of Nixon, his refusal to consider any meaningful ways of dealing with the economy (such as a price roll-back and/or a wage/price freeze and his milk-sop surtax proposal which would hurt those with middle incomes without really touching upper-level incomes), his condoning of the CIA plot to destroy the government of independent Chile, and his refusal to cut the military budget, and his vetoing of the "Freedom of Information Act".

I cannot go along with such a president and what he stands for. The logical conclusion, therefore, is to support candidates whom espouse similar feelings to mine. In our political system this is largely manifested through the "loyal opposition" i.e. the Democratic Party, which seeks to make political gain out of criticizing the minuses of the "in" party of Republicans. Apparently, many other people follow this logic, as I sought to demonstrate by presenting the NY Times quotation above. By all indications, the Republican party is "in for it" this election as all the polls are predicting a Democratic landslide. This may be fine, in view of the above logic I so meticulously diagramed for you. But it is at this point the conflict between what "is the proper thing to do" and what a careful observation of "what is" come into being.

Many liberals (including Duane Lockard, quoted above) hailed the 1964 Congress as the "Goldwater gift" and "one of the most liberal congresses in our nation's history". It was lauded for passing such reform legislation, such as the "Great Society" programs and making large contributions to the cause of civil rights and individual rights. It was also the Congress that passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and got us embroiled in the bloody inferno of Vietnam. How could such a great liberal majority do such a thing?

I have very little faith in the ability of a vast liberal majority to effect any meaningful changes, regardless of what they espouse now. Not that I believe that such a congress is dishonest in presenting its views to us now-- just naive. The trouble is, too many people see such a liberal majority as "the" solution to our problems. When they find out that nothing meaningful has really changed, they won't blame it on the problems, but on the liberals. The result will be continued status quo, perhaps even a sizable reactionary movement, and continued failure, especially in terms of our economy. It's bad now, and it's going to get worse the way we're headed.

Not that I don't think a liberal majority can accomplish some changes. It can and probably will. It's just that working to effect change within the framework that has caused the problems is like putting new wall paper on the inside of a structure that is collapsing due to poor construction and decay.

What am I trying to say? I'm talking about things like the fact that America contains 15% of the World's population and consumes 50% of its resources. Many people in the world have inadequate access to necessities for the maintenance of life, let alone comfortable existence, yet Americans bitch when they have to turn their thermostats down 3 degrees, or because they can't get enough gasoline to power their Cadillacs around the block.

I'm talking about the fact that about 1% of the population controls about 28% of the wealth and are permitted to escape from paying their fair share of income tax through tax loop holes designed to protect business interests (witness Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew and Nelson Rockefeller) mainly because they have enough money to control the system and prevent more equitable tax laws from being enacted. Have you ever seen a candidate elected to a major

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office who wasn't either rich or without substantial financial backing from rich sources? You must have money to run for office which means either selling your soul to special interests or else being the member of a special interest by virtue of your wealth.

I'm saying there is something very wrong when the US supports people like Nguyen Van Thieu, Chiang Kai Shek, Chung Hee Park, Ferdinand Marcos, Francisco Franco, Rafael Trujillo and George Papadopolos-- and militarily intervenes in Guatemala, Cuba, China, Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Bolivia, the Congo, Lebanon, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam and Cambodia since World War II-- and at the same time proclaims the belief in freedom, democracy and self-determination.

I could continue on and on. Volumes have been written on the above subjects and other related ones. My point is that something appears to be FUNDAMENTALLY wrong. Americans are not going to be permitted to consume far beyond the proportion of their numbers in the world. The energy crisis is just the first indication of this. The inflation we are experiencing is another indication of other countries beginning to demand their fair share-- and it's going to get worse. It is going to become necessary to readjust our entire life styles and priorities if we are going to co-exist with a world of have-nots (whom we largely steal from to maintain our high standard of living). A liberal congress, I'm afraid, is not going to achieve this by making minor changes that leave the over-all situation intact.

Like many people, I'm disillusioned in the post-Watergate aftermath, not merely with the whole sorry mess, but mainly with the fact that people haven't learned much from it, it seems. I have little faith left in government. The system, it seems, is self-defeating. I don't claim to know all or even some of the answers. Just don't disappoint yourselves by expecting too much from a new Democratic majority. Things aren't going to get much better without a few structural changes. I fear.

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LAST MINUTE ITEMS

The Deadline for all games is Fri. 15 Nov by 9 PM, regardless of what it says elsewhere in the issue. As we go to press, I am pleased to announce the establishment of trade relations with Gil Neiger, editor of The Pouch, 300 West 108th St., Apt. 11B, New York, NY 10025. A fine zine with many games, articles and things of interest, including game openings at \$10 a shot. Back issues of CEM are available. Write me if you're interested. \*Bye All...  
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