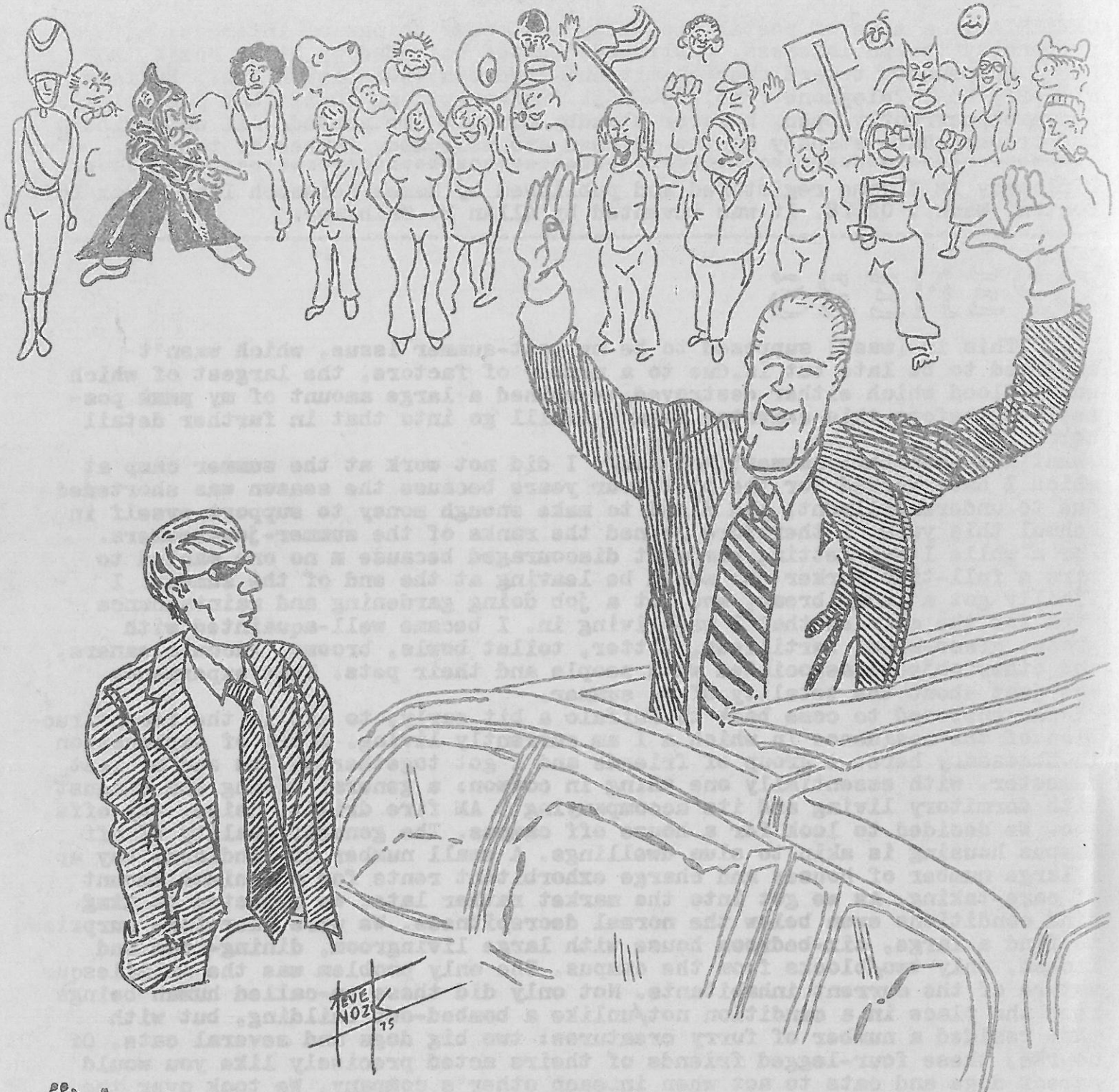


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"My insurance company? New England Life, of course. Why?"

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OPENERS

1. This is (was?) supposed to be my post-summer issue, which wasn't supposed to be late but is, due to a number of factors, the largest of which was a flood which either destroyed or ruined a large amount of my ~~past~~ possessions before this semester began. I will go into that in further detail below.

What happened this summer? Not much. I did not work at the summer camp at which I have worked for the past four years because the season was shorted due to underenrollment, and I had to make enough money to support myself in school this year. I therefore joined the ranks of the summer-job-seekers. For a while I was getting somewhat discouraged because no one wanted to hire a full-time worker who would be leaving at the end of the summer. I finally got a lucky break, and got a job doing gardening and maintenance work for the complex that I was living in. I became well-acquainted with grass, grass-seed, fertilizer, litter, toilet bowls, brooms, vacuum cleaners, and other objects associated with people and their pets. That experience was just about the totality of my summer.

I was supposed to come back to Buffalo a bit early, to aid in the reconstruction of the residence in which I am currently living. A bit of explanation is necessary here. A group of friends and I got together at the end of last semester, with essentially one thing in common: a general tiring and disgust with dormitory living and its accompanying 3 AM fire drills, noise, rip-offs, etc. We decided to look for a house off campus. The general quality of off campus housing is akin to slum dwellings. A small number of landlords buy up a large number of houses and charge exorbitant rents for a minimum amount of care-taking. As we got into the market rather late, we expected to find conditions even below the normal decrepitness. We were therefore surprised to find a large, six-bedroom house with large livingroom, dining-room and kitchen, only two blocks from the campus. The only problem was the animal-like nature of the current inhabitants. Not only did these so-called human beings keep the place in a condition not unlike a bombed-out building, but with them resided a number of furry creatures: two big dogs and several cats. Of course, these four-legged friends of theirs acted precisely like you would expect dogs and cats to act when in each other's company. We took over the place on June first... (some of us thought) probably against our better judgement.

In addition to peeling ceilings and walls, gaudy paint, bags of garbage thrown about, and broken objects, we also had to contend with the mess of the animals (the four-legged ones). You can imagine how the place looked... and smelled.

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1973CH "FALL 1910"

FIRST TURK CASUALTIES FALL TO BRITONS IN MARINE WAR!

RUSSIA (John Olson): F Bot-Stpsc.

TURKEY (Peter Scribner): F Tyn-Wes; F Tun/D/ S F Tyn-Wes; F Ion-Nap; F Adr-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Tus-Pie; A Tyr S F Tus-Pie; F Rom-Tus; A Ven S F Rom-Tus; A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A War S RUS F Bot-Lvn (NSO); A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos; A Arm-Sev.

FRANCE (Mike Raff): F Pie-Nar.

ENGLAND (John Tokoli): A Nwy-Stp; F Bar S A Nwy-Stp; A Mos/D/-Sev; F Bal C
X GER A Swe-Pru (NSO); A Bur S GER A Mun; F Eng-Mid; F Wes-Tun; F NAF S
F Wes-Tun; F Lyo-Tyn; F Spa sc-Lyo.

GERMANY (Bruce Lyon): NMR. A Swe, A Ber, A Kie, A Mun.

The TUR F Tun is dislodged and annihilated. The ENG A Mos is dislodged and may retreat to Lvn or OTB.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

R: Vie. (1) Even.

T: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Bud, ~~Tyr~~, Rum, Sev, Ven, War, Rom, Nap, Mos, ~~W~~ (15) Build 1 (one destroyed). Builds A Ank.

F: Mar. (1) Even.

E: Home, Nwy, Den, Bre, Spa, Por, StP, ~~Mos~~, Tun. (10) Even (Build 1 if A Mos R-OTB).

G: Home, Bel, Hol, Swe, Par. (7) Build 3 (no room).

 The DEADLINE for "SPRING 1911" moves is Wed. 12/17/75 by 9 PM

Check address list for COA's. Moves may be made conditional on the ENG retreat.

PRESS

CONSTANTINOPLE: Correction of Typo in last statement--After hearing of the Russian inaction of Fall, 1909 His Supremacy diced the gonads of the Russian Ambassador to the horror, not the honor of the Turkish Court. What kind of people do you heathans think we are? --YMIM, Omar

1974CR "FALL 1904"

STAB IS ON AS WIND SHIFTS NORTH!

The ITA F Spa sc retreated to Lyo

RUSSIA (Olson): F Fin-Swe; A Mos-Lvn (No such unit); A War-Gal; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum; A StP unordered H.

TURKEY (~~Mike~~ Raff): A Arm-Sev; F Aeg S A Bul; A Bul H; A Ank unordered H.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (John Tokoli): A Vie-Gal; A Sil S A Vie-Gal; A Rum S A Vie-Gal; A Rum S TUR A Arm-Sev; A Ser S A Rum; F Gre H; A Bud unordered H.

ITALY (Peter Scribner): F Wes-Spa sc; F Lyo S F Wes-Spa sc; F Tyn-Wes; A Pie S FRE A Mar; A Ven S A Pie;

FRANCE (Bruce Lyon): NMR. F Bre, A Mar H.

ENGLAND (Dave Hodgson): F Nwg-Bar; F Nwy H; F Eng-Bre; F Mid S F Eng-bre; F Spa sc S GER A Gas-Mar (NSO); A Por S F Spa sc.

GERMANY (Bill Jarvis): A Tyl-Mun; A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Hol; F Den-Nth; A Gas S FRE F Bre; A Bur-Pic.

Peter Ferin & Ethan Vishniac are both requested to submit orders for both GER in 73CH and FRA in 74CR.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

R: Home, Swe (5) Even.

F: Bre, Mar (2) Even.

T: Home, Bul (4) Even.

E: Home, Nwy, ~~Mos~~, Por, Spa (6) Even.

A: Home, Ser, Gre, Rum (6) Even.

G: Home, Den, Hol, Par, Bel (7) Build 1.

I: HOME, Tun, Spa (4) Remove 1.

 The DEADLINE for "SPRING 1905" moves is Wed. 12/17/75 by 9 PM.

Moves may be made conditional on "Winter" adjustments. Check for COA's.

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1975CU "FALL 1901" GN: Mike Ruff, A751 Fargo Quad, SUNYAB-Amherst, Buffalo, NY 14261 Tel (716) 636-4617.

WAR WAGES IN WEST, EUPHORIA EXISTS IN EAST!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Peter Perin): F Alb-Gre; A Bud-Ven (?); A Ser S F Alb-Gre.
ENGLAND (Bill Jarvis): F Lon-Eng; A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy.
FRANCE (Ethan Vishniac): A Pic-Bur; F Bre-Eng; A Mar-Spa.
RUSSIA (Peter Scribner): F Rum-Bla; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-Swe.
ITALY (Steve Kozik): F Ion-Tun; A Ven-Pie; A Apu H.
TURKEY (Bruce Lyon): NMR. A Bul, A Con, F Arm.
GERMANY (John Tokoli): A Kie-Den; F Hol-Bel; A Mun-Bur.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

A: Home, Gre, Ser. (5) Build 2. I: Home, Tun. (4) Build 1.
E: Home, Nwy. (4) Build 1. T: Home, Bul. (4) Build 1.
F: Home, Spa. (4) Build 1. G: Home, Den, Bel. (5) Build 2.
R: Home, Rum, Swe. (6) Build 2.

John Olson and Dave Hodgson are both requested to submit orders for TUR to Mike. Check address list for GOA's.

The DEADLINE for "WINTER 1901" adjustments is 12/17/75 Wed.

PHONETICS PHROM PHARGO: "I'm calling for a separate Winter "builds move" due at my place (A751...) ex. Try to be on time. The Fall '01 deadline was extended a week and 1 person still hadn't sent in moves. Best time to phone is from 5:30-8 PM every day, 11:30 PM-1:00 AM Sun-Thurs. No collect calls accepted unless made from Buffalo New York (while I'm in Buffalo)!"

Steve here. At this typing, Mike is in Rochester recuperating from an emergency ~~app~~ appendectomy. I have no way of knowing how long he will be out of school, and I'm certain that he has other things than Diplomacy to be concerned with. Send your orders to his school address anyway, though this game may be delayed. Mike is back in action as of 11/16.

PRESS

BERLIN: Eine Fairy Tale für die Kinder.

Once upon a time, in the depths of the Enchanted Forest, there lived a knight named Toklestein with his fief call Deutsches Reich. Toklestein, being of an amiable nature, summoned all the other knights of the forest to a story-telling contest. To make the competition more interesting, the noble devaliers agreed that if any of their number told a story that didn't make the others laugh, that knight's land immediately be added to Deutsches Reich.

First the handsome Toklestein related the yarn of the traveling minstrel and the serf's daughter. All the knights laughed. Then Vishnique the Scraggly arose, but before a word could pass his lips, the assembled knights laughed. Vishnique was a very funny fellow. Next Ferincelot the Strange shouted the name of his college, and his noble audience roared with laughter. Bruce the Lyon-Hearted induced a chuckle or two by calling his colleagues, "cancerous blobs of miserable slime." Then Prince Charming Jarvis passed the test with flying colors by relating "the story of my life." Indeed, gentle reader, these warriors were all strange and funny men.

Suddenly, a tall stranger with shifty eyes strode forth from the forest gloom.

"I am Sir Scribs the Misbegotten," droned the stranger, "and I have a tale to tell." Sir Scibs babbled on incoherently, attempting humor with subtle word plays like "Red Grangerov." But the knights did not laugh. In desperation the noble Scribs made reference to lynchings and starving Armenians, yet alas there was no laughter.

"Sir Scribs, no mirth have you caused, so your domain is forfeit to Deutsches Reich," intoned the intelligent Toklestein.

"I can make you laugh!" interjected a portly knight who reeked of Borkum Riff.

1974EK "FALL 1904"

BATTLE OF WARSAW PAGES!

Note error in SO4 adjudications. The GER A Gal was erroneously reported as being dislodged and annihilated. It retreated to Sil.

RUSSIA (Michael Lariton): A Ukr-War; A Mos S A Ukr-War; A Gal S A Ukr-War; F StP no /D/-Nwy; A Vie S IIA A Tri-Tyl; A Bud S A Vie.

TURKEY (Ron Kelly): F Alb-Adr; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ion; A Ser H; A Apu H; F Bla H.

ITALY (Margaret Gemignani): A Tri-Tyl; A Ven S A Tri-Tyl; F Rom-Tus; F Tyn /D/ S F Rom-Tus; A Pie S F Rom-Tus.

FRANCE (Peter Berggren): F NAF-Tun; F Wes-Tyn; F Lya S F Wes-Tyn; A Spa-War; A Mar-Pie.

ENGLAND (John M. Baker): A Edi-StP; F Nrg C A Edi-StP; F Bar C A Edi-StP; F Nwy S A Edi-StP; F Bot S A Edi-StP.

GERMANY (Steve McLendon): F Kie-Hol; F Bal H; A Lva-Mos; A War /D/ S A Lva-Mos; A Tyl /D/ S IIA A Tri (NSO); A Boh-Vie; A Sil k unordered H.

RUS F StP no is dislodged and annihilated. IIA F Tyn is dislodged R-Nap, Rom, or OTB. GER A Tyl is dislodged R-Mun or OTB. GER A War is dislodged R-Fru, OIB.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

R: ~~StP~~, Mos, Sev, War, Bud, Rum, Vie (6) Build 1 (one destroyed).

T: Home, Bul, Ser, Gre (6) Even.

I: Home, Tun, Tri (5) Even (build 1 if F Tyn R-OTB).

F: Home, Per, Spa (5) Even.

E: Home, Nwy, Swe, StP (6) Build 1.

G: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, ~~StP~~ (6) Remove 1 (if A Tyl R-Mun, A War R-Fru).

I will call for conditional "Spring" moves based on "Winter" adjustments, however, any player may veto this combination. The DEADLINE therefore, for "WINTER 1904" adjustments and "SPRING 1905" moves is Wed 12/17/75 by 9 Pm.

1974CQ "WINTER 1904"

Note error in adjustment chart. RUS was reported as getting only one build instead of the proper two because of the destruction of A Ser. The GER A Mun R-Sil. The RUS F Den R-Ska.

RUS (Dennis Goldston): Builds A War, A Sev.

AUS (Joseph Conn): Builds A Tri.

ITA (Ron Kelly): Builds A Rom.

FRA (John Baker): Builds F Mar, A Far.

GER (Roger Sawyer): Removes A Sil.

COA for Sawyer: 4110 N. Brentwood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46236

SO5 orders on file for F, A, E, G.

The DEADLINE for "SPRING 1905" moves is Wed. 12/17/75 by 9 PM.

PRESS

BREMENHAVEN: The Imperial family announces the birth of David Anthony, Crown Prince of Prussia and heir to the German Empire, on 5 September. The robust Prince entered the world screaming at the indignities committed upon his nation and empire by the wolfish war-mongering neighbors. The Empress made a voyage to the safety of American shores prior to her confinement, due to the delicate situation in Europe at present, so that the Prince might be received by gestures of respect and cheers of delight rather than by the sounds of gunfire and the screams of peasants which have filled our once-tranquil European air for the past few years. Wilhelm, King of Prussia and Kaiser of the German Empire, feels that this is an excellent opportunity to issue a call to reason for the sake of His own young Prince as well as for the sake of less fortunate Princess. The Kaiser call for all right-thinking nations to join together to demand that the aggressor nations withdraw their oppressive troops from German soil immediately. As an added impulse toward the now-dimmed hope of eventual

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D I R E C T O R Y

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Boyer, John 117 Garland Dr., Carlisle, PA 17013 (T)
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DUBLIN: Poet William Butler Yeats responded harshly today to reports in the Italian monthly Lasagna Digest that the Irish revolutionary movement was acting in concert with the Italian Army. In his keynote speech at today's Leprechan Lunch held at the downtown Dublin Hilton, Yeats assured his audience that "we Irishmen can wash our own dirty laundry. Although we are displeased at the thought of remaining British subjects, the idea of foreign intervention on our beloved Emerald Isle is appalling. Can you imagine a greasy mob of slobbering Italians, drunk on Irish coffee, rushing off to trample our four leaf clovers? Personally, I hope the British Navy can defeat this menace, even if it has to go sailing to Byzantium to do it."

LONDON: Prime Minister Sir Angus McPeop left a somber House of Parliament today with his chief military advisors after the governing body drafted a formal declaration of war against the recently renamed Slobdom of Italy. The declaration came just six months after the smothering death of the Prime Minister's daughter, Bertha. McPeop announced: "We will not rest until this greasy green slime recently secreted into the Mediterranean is totally obliterated."

Italian actions were not the only cause of alarm in the foreign ministry today, as the British Navy was directed into the Barents in response to a disconcerting Russian troop buildup in Scandinavia. Foreign Minister Henry Casen-George assured reporters that the fleet would be moved if the Russians agreed to a substantial troop reduction.

DOVER: The King left today for Brest, where he is expected to spend some time raping and pillaging.

1975CU PRESS (continued from page 4.)

"Who are you?" queried the brave Toklestein.

"I am Sir Nosucchini the Marxist," shouted the Knight as he began his story. A strange and wearisome tale it was, and although it was filled with Djinns, Plebennis, Puns, Virgins, and other mythical beasts, no one laughed, or chuckled, or even chortled, though of flatulation there was plenty.

And so Nosucchini the Marxist forfeited his land to Deutsches Reich.
Moral: SIC(K) PUNS REICH FIRST TIME EVERY TIME.

VIENNA: His Divine Majesty the Emperor, influenced by the events in neighboring Soviet Russia announced that the Empire is now called the Austro-Hungarian People's Empire. He called for policy of friendship, brotherhood and equality among nations. (Sep 1)

TIRANA (Sep 2): The Hungarian Semi-Voluntary People's Defense Force carried out the demands of the latent Albanian ultimatum, that called for an immediate annexation of Albania by the Empire. The People's province of Albania was thus created.

BELGRADE (Sep 3): The Serbian government, threatened by Turkish aggression asked for assistance from the People's Military Forces. This brotherly help was promptly delivered in the streets. Long live the People's province of Serbia!

BUREAU OF USUALLY LEGITIMATE LOQUATIQUSSNESS: The chief typist and decoder for Cimmeria announced today, that the annual "Bruce Lyon Award for Legible Handwriting" was being shared this year by a certain Austrian emperor.

OPENERS (continued from page 2)

We just had to keep telling ourselves what great potential the place had. So we did keep telling ourselves what great potential the place had... over and over and over and over and over and over again.

By the end of the summer, I was preparing for my usual "everything-but-the-kitchen-sink" trek to school. And since in addition to clothes, books, ditto machine, games and other absolute necessities, I was bringing up some furniture I found, I decided that more than one trip to Buf would be required. I loaded up the station wagon with everything that I wouldn't need at home for about a week, including books and a lot of paper work and Dip-related material. When I arrived in Buf, the house was still in uproarious condition, and still inhabited by a number of summer subletters, so I stashed my property in the basement, where it would be out of the way and untouched until I returned in about a week. Little did I suspect that Mother Nature was about to pull a good one. It began to rain, and continued to rain for several days. When I returned to Buf for the second time, a week after the first visit, I had no knowledge of what was in store for me. I began to happily unload the remainder of my belongings, which blended in well with the garbage dump that was the house. I think it was a day later when I went into the basement to get something I needed, and was horrified to see the sight of my books, Diplomacy zines (dating back to '71), records, photographs, and other items soaked completely through with dirty water. (Pause for a moment of silence and meditation). In following weeks, my housemates had to watch where they walked as every conceivable bit of floor space was being occupied by my drying debris. In addition to that mess (which I still haven't had time to completely replace or fix,) there was the house to clean and redecorate, books to buy, a job to find (which is another story) and oh yes, attend class and do homework.

I came to school with a job guaranteed to me, as I worked in a campus snack bar last semester. The only problem was the snack bar was on one campus while I was on another. I was told that there would be "no problem" in transferring from one campus to another, when I submitted my request last May. You can imagine how I felt when I was informed that the request had not been acted upon, and that all the Food Service units on Main Street (near where I live) were completely filled. Aghast at the mismanagement, arrogance and disrespect for me (and I'm sure other individuals), I filled out applications, which I knew would never be looked at, and went out to Amherst to beg for my old job. I was lucky to get it back, as the manager informed me of many applicants who had gotten there ahead of me. So instead of walking 15 minutes to a job, I walk 15 minutes to a bus stop, where I catch a bus for a half hour ride out to Amherst and back.

But wait, what about the whole purpose of school, education and classes? Well, I manage to fit them in somewhere. I planned to take the normal four course load plus a mandatory phys ed class (which takes up the same amount of time as an academic class but only earns one fourth the credit), but ended up taking five "academic" classes because the administration was threatening to eliminate one of my favorite areas, so I enrolled in one of their classes to demonstrate my support. My current workload with about six weeks to go, is six papers and approximately ten books.

The house? Almost all the furniture has been replaced, almost all the rooms have been painted or panelled, the house has been fumigated, and one week into November, there is still gaudy orange trim in the dining room.

Why is this zine late? I don't know.

2. My schedule. If for some absurd reason, you should like to contact me by telephone, the following times are the most likely ones to get me at home. Please note that I make no guarantees that I will be home at these times, but I MAY be: Monday: 1 PM-5 PM; Tuesday: 7:30 PM-Midnight; Wednesday: 1 PM-2:45 PM; Thursday: 3 PM-Midnight Friday: 3:30 PM-Midnight Saturday: Noon-Midnight Sunday: Noon-Midnight. The weekends are more uncertain than other times.

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3. Some issues ago, I said that I would call players collect on the deadline if I didn't have a set of orders for them, with their permission. I hereby announce that I will no longer do this. Deadline dates are often arbitrary, and I frequently cannot be here for them. There has also been some problem with this in the past, as some players who have given me permission to call them have changed their address, and not informed me of their new number. Players, you are responsible for getting your orders to me on time. The best ways to do this are A) Mail a set of orders upon receipt of the zine. Many misses are due to forgetfulness. B) Mail a duplicate set of orders with your originals. This is insurance against a USPS screw-up. C) If you mail early, enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard which I will mail back to you as a receipt. Finally, you can always try to call me, though this is highly unsure, at best. Also, I cannot guarantee that my housemates will transmit an accurate message to me. They are human too. I will never accept collect calls.

4. I have been desperately (and apparently for the most part) ~~and~~ vainly soliciting contributions for CIM. Part of the reason CIM is always late, is because I have to produce all the material myself. If I get some contributions, it will not only earn the contributor 3 issues, it will lighten my work-load, allow CIM to be more frequent and regular, and make the zine more interesting and diverse. I would like to start an Academy column (on a rotating basis), but have received nothing about that idea. I'm interested in game reviews, book reviews, politics, philosophy, artwork, and anything that you think might be of interest. Artwork must be drawn on ditto masters. Let me hear something from you, people!

5. Speaking of articles and contributions, I'm sure that many of the players must be getting perturbed about the speed of their games. What I would like to know is the following: what is the most important aspect of CIM in your opinion? Do you think I should keep a high emphasis on articles and art, or be more concerned with the games? What I mean by this is, that barring any contributions, the more art and articles in an issue, the longer it takes to produce. This usually means that CIM will be late. If I place the most emphasis on the games (meaning regularity), the size of CIM will probably be drastically reduced, probably to about six pages. What is most important in your opinion? I hope that all readers will take the time to write me on this issue, so I'll know where to go from here.

6. It has come to my attention, that the postage rates are to rise after Christmas. If this is so, then the sub price of CIM will rise accordingly. You will therefore be doing yourselves a favor by renewing your subs now, before the rate increase.

7. Zines, Game openings and reviews.

Turnabout #15, Peter A. Berggren, Davistown Schoolhouse Rd., Orford, NH 03777 8/\$2. Has a regular Dip game open for a \$2 GP. It will be included in the 75-76 Postal Dip Tourney (see CIM #23). TURNABOUT X is a classy zine published offset on glossy paper. Of late, it has been running quite a few photos. It's always interesting to read, with quite a bit on hobby and international politics. There has been an on-going discussion of the KGB.

Speculum #26, Dave Kadlecik, Box 802, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053. Has openings in quite a few variants, and will run almost anything you would like him to run. Subs are 8/\$2. An extremely informative zine, has many zine reviews (not limited to Dip), publishes variant maps and rules, and has some interesting discussions/articles about hobby matters. Good zine.

The Exponent #20, The John Dewey High School Strategic Games Club, ed., Fred Brenner, 2521 West 12th St., Brooklyn, NY 11224. 10/\$2. Has two slots in a game of Colonia remaining. No game fee. The quality and regularity of this zine has amazed me, as I recall similar attempts in high school were short-lived, due to having to depend on others' facilities. Exponent has had some interesting articles of late, though in the past, a lot of their stuff has seemed to be novice oriented (which is not meant to be an insult). Nice-

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looking zine, though I hate legal-sized pages (8 1/2 x 14"):

The Predawn Leftist #8, Ben Grossman, 29 E 9 St., #9, New York, NY 10003. 8/\$2. PDL has steadily increased in quality since its inception. There are openings in a number of variants and also regular Dip. Regular Dip is \$2 + sub. #8 publishes a huge multi-section map for Colonia with rules. Also has rules and articles for other games. PDL could become a top-notch zine if only Ben's mimeo would print a bit darker and more legibly (it is readable, just not 100% ~~xxx~~ pleasing) Also, if Ben would drop the use of ~~xxxx~~ lines of letters to divide sections of the zine, it would look a lot neater, less confusing and more esthetically pleasing. No major complaints. Good zine.

That's all I have for zines with game openings. Some other recommended zines are the following:

DIPLOMACY WORLD, II, 3, Walt Buchanan ed., Box 324, Lebanon, IN 46052. DW is a quarterly magazine owned by GRI. 40 pages (incl. hardstock cover). Needless to say, this zine has much to offer. \$4/year, \$1 off to IDA members, if requested.

Everything, #23, publisher, John Weswig, 2115 N.W. Elder St., Corvallis, OR 97330. Subs 10/\$4 payable to "Chintimini Enterprises". Ed., Doug and Marie Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, Apt. F, Palo Alto, CA 94301. This is the official journal of the ~~EM~~ Boardman Number Custodian, and as such, contains BN assignments and the results of finished games.

Graustark #336, John Boardman, 234 East 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226. 10/\$2.

The Pocket Armenian #23, Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432 8/\$2 or 9/\$2--IDA members. Both Grau and TPA are always interesting.

Imladris Son of Pouch #2, Jeremy Paulsen, Apt., G-19, 63-60 98th St., Rego Park, NY 11374. No sub listed. If this continues in the Pouch tradition, which it certainly seems to be doing, it will be a damn good zine. Quite a few games, variants and articles.

Strategy & Tactics #52, Simulations Publications, Inc., 44 East 23rd St., New York 10010. \$14/year. Features the game, "Oil War" about a hypothetical situation in which the U.S. and Israel collaborate against the Persian Gulf oil countries in a take-over within the next ten years. I found the "fictional" background highly amusing. Especially the part about President Rockefeller. There is also a long section about the U.S. amphibious assault against Japan between 1942 and 1945.

The General #, #12, 3, Avalon Hill Game Co., 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21214. \$7.50/year. Has quite a bit on naval warfare, the Origins I convention of last summer, and a series replay of "Waterloo".

8. The production of this zine has been delayed again for over one week because I have been bed-ridden in the University Health Service for eight days with an "upper respiratory virus". I came down with the illness while typing up CIM last week... sigh.

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European unity, the Kaiser has made an offer to all peace-loving nations of Europe, ~~whkxk~~ that the young German Prince should be named the Heir to the Imperial throne of the Empire of Greater Europe, which the Kaiser hopes to see emerge from the cinders of the old nation states. The Kaiser ~~haxxxxxx~~ sees young Prince David as the only hope to save Europe and the only Prince capable of ruling the expanded Empire. LONG LIVE PRINCE DAVID!!! Meanwhile, responding to direct questions concerning rumors that more than half of the German Empire is under foreign control, Kaiser Wilhelm stated emphatically that no part of the German Empire is under foreign control. The Kaiser did, however, qualify his statement with the explanation that certain foreign elements claim to have control of large areas of the German Empire based merely upon the fact that

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GAME REVIEW: PAYDIRTY!

(Formerly Sports Illustrated Pro Football)

((Note: I recently purchased Strat-o-matic Pro Football, but have not, as yet had enough time to play it. This article is intended to be the first of two about a comparison between the two.))

I possess both the 1971 edition (based on the '70 stats of the NFL) and the '73 edition (based on '72 stats). This game has provided countless hours of enjoyment starting back in my junior year in high school (as several readers who participated will remember) when a successful league involving 24 of the 26 NFL teams, played a ten game schedule and playoffs. The game, while lots of fun, does leave much to be desired in realism and degree of strategy.

First and most important, there are no individual players in this game. The team's season statistics are reduced to several charts (offensive, defensive, and special teams). The outcome of a play is determined by dice roll.

The offensive player has a choice of four running plays (line plunge, off tackle, end run, and draw) and five passing plays (screen, short, medium, long and side line). The defensive player has a choice of six defensive alignments (standard 4-3-4, short yardage 6-1-4 or 7-1-3, spread 4-4-3, Pass prevent short 3-5-3, pass prevent long 3-3-5 and blitz). The strategy lies in utilizing the offense's assets vs. the defense's liabilities and vice versa. In essence, you must out guess your opponent and play the odds, and hope the dice fall your way. It may sound like a lot of luck (in fact, it is a lot of luck, but then, so is real football), however, the natural advantages and disadvantages of certain teams plus the player's strategic and tactical ability have much to do with success. For example, a certain coach with a 1970 9-5 New York Giant team, was only able to muster a poor 3-7 record in league competition, whereas another coach with a poor 1970 Philadelphia Eagle team, was able to get into the playoffs with a respectable 7-2-1 record. Of course, the teams which did well in 1970, also ended up in the finals of our playoffs: Dallas, SF, KC, Cleveland, Minnesota, Miami (though curiously, Baltimore was missing).

Advantages: It's a fun, nerve-wracking, exciting game. The method used for clocking the game is superb, has realistic uses of penalties, fumble recoveries, field goals and wide choice of ~~max~~ plays and defensive set-ups.

Disadvantages: No individual players, the play choices are over-simplified, there is too much emphasis on offense, and not enough on defense. Occasionally we would have such high-scoring games, that they were out of the realm of realism. Certain teams had such devastating long-passes, that they would perennially score between 40 and 60 points per game. Certain real-life situations could not occur: fake punts, laterals, fake field goals, running with a recovered blocked kick or ~~fake punt~~ fumble. Side-line passes could only be used within two minutes of each half, and until a rule-modification was created, the percentage of draw and screen plays used, was higher than realistically would occur. No individual team on-side kick chart or P.A.T. chart (one used for all teams).

Evaluation: It's a fun game, best played in league competition, easy to learn, a little over one hour playing time, though certainly not "the most realistic football game ever made" as the manufacturer's claims. One further draw-back of the game: S.I. used to make yearly editions of the game. They stopped that policy with the '73 edition, so the only teams you can now get are based on the '72 season. (Miami-Washington Superbowl). They may still have older editions available, which are packaged nicer, and have a plastic board instead of the '73 cardboard one (whose box reminds me of games I played in second grade).

Hopefully by next ish I'll have a review of Stat-o-matic, if someone has experience with other NFL games, (or reactions to the above) write!

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they have troops occupying some territory which lies within the borders of the German Reich. When asked whether or not he still intends to make a good will voyage to England, the Kaiser replied that he has not yet made up his mind concerning the proposed voyage but that the Imperial yacht lies off shore awaiting his decision and that the voyage could begin at a moments notice. The Kaiser added that his decision would no doubt be greatly influenced by the fluid military situation on the continent, i.e. whether or not his presence on the continent might be required to help his beloved Imperial troops celebrate their victory over the barbarian hordes which are currently ravaging some of the outlying areas of the Imperial German countryside.

NEXT ISH: Provided I meet my obligations, next ish should have some interesting new things including a comic strip which I hope will be a somewhat regular feature, some political stuff, game review and whatever I have room for. In all likelihood however, I will be very busy in the next few weeks with schoolwork. If that is so, I will either put out a small issue with just the games (and whatever contributions I receive) or a CIM Courier. Whatever I receive will help a lot, folks.

BRIGHTON ACADEMY OF DIPLOMACY DEPT.: I'd like to organize a couple of get togethers for Rochester area people over the semester break (mid Dec. thru mid Jan.) Unfortunately, I can't host them due to NK problems with space, and my mother's job. I hope others will take an interest so we can start planning on it soon. Write me if you're interested.

BOSTON- Arab real estate investors, who recently bought 17 downtown office buildings here, are collecting \$1,500 monthly rent from one of their tenants in Israeli bonds.

Under an arrangement dating back to 1951, the Boston office of the Development Corp. for Israel has paid its rent in long-term, 15-year Israeli bonds.

"I don't know what they do with them (the bonds)," said Thomas Horan, president of the firm that manages the buildings for their Kuwaiti owners.

Horan's firm, Meredith & M Grew, forwards the bonds each month to American agents for the Arab firm.

Officials of the bond office, which is located in one of the new Arab-owned buildings, maintain their lease is just like any other and they are holding up their end of the deal...((said)) one amused official, "I think it's great. I think it's the greatest story in the world."--Buffalo Courier-Express 11/3/75

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