

DIPLOPHOBIA

THE GAMESMAN Supplement: - - - - Member, PDC and TDA - - - - Issue Number 94
 Editor & Publisher: Don Miller 8 March 1972
 Regular Postal Diplomacy Games: THIS is war!!!
 *QDC(1970F)(S12)(pg3) QGC(1971G)(A/WO6)(pp4,5) QJC(1971BI)(Su/FO4)(pp5-8)
 *QFC(1970AO)(F10)(pp3,4) QHC(1971W)(S06)(pg5) QJC(1971BJ)(F/A/WO3)(pp1,2,
 Variant Postal Diplomacy Game: FNI(1970Fck)(S23)(pp9,1) This is WAR??? /8,9)
 DIPLOMANIA 32-2 (general material) -- Pg 10 /*Plus Diplobourse.

The Players -- And yet more changes to Roster in P-86 (as changed by P's 87-93) -- Hodin: Delete entire entry; out of game. QJC; Walker: Add J; A. Miller: Delete G; Quist: Delete entire entry; out of games QGC, QJC; Pulsipher will be home March 11-19 (822 Swift Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49017).

The Bourses -- All Bourse players pls. note: Ver Ploeg is still playing in both Bourses; only St. Cyr is out.

The Gamesmaster -- Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, MD 20906 (ph. 301-933-5417; call only Mon. or Thurs., between 9 & 10 p.m. EST, if at all possible).

The House-Rules -- As published in DIPLOMANIA #26 and amended in DIPLOPHOBIA #92; these are mandatory. GM will no longer delay games on request (use GO's, advance orders, or name temporary replacement if you're going to be incommunicado); games will be delayed only in case of gross GM error (at GM's discretion). Full discussion of this as soon as space allows (hopefully, in P-95).

Replacement Players -- Replacement moves needed nextish from: Tonnesen (QDC: GER), Walker (QGC: RUS), Phillips (QJC: GER). Webber is off replacement roster for failing to send in stand-by orders as requested, and Quist is off roster as a drop-out. New roster published in P-95 or P-96, as space permits.

FNI (Continued from page 9) --

BM Note -- Players are reminded that they should spell out province names (or, if you must abbreviate, use abbreviations as given in the rules); "Sli" is Sligo, not Sligo Bay. We will crack down on this in future, so be warned....

Deadline for Sum'23 retreats (ORK: F Mid, F Lis(SC)) and F'23 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

Miscellaneous -- Most of you forgot what we asked you to do in P-92. Please place date the latest ish of DPBA was received on your orders, in lower left-hand corner, and place date (and time, if possible) mailed on back of envelope (or upper left-hand corner of front of postcard), ea. issue until further notice.

DIPLOPHOBIA is tri-weekly, and is 20¢ ea. Subscriptions are 6/\$1.00 (max. length of sub: 6 issues); for Games Bureau members, 'zine is 15¢ ea., with subs in multiples of 15¢ to a max. of six issues. Free to players within, to traders, and to contributors of letters/articles published within. Address Code: B, Player in Bourse; C, Contributor; P, Player in game(s) within (game designation(s) circled above); S, Sample; T, Trade; W, Subscriber (# indicates lastish on sub); X, Last issue, unless....

DIPLOPHOBIA
 % D. Miller
 12315 Judson Road
 Wheaton, Maryland
 U.S.A. 20906



TO: CONRAD VON NETZKE (A)
 P.O. Box 8342

FIRST CLASS MAIL

San Diego, Calif. 92102

FIRST CLASS MAIL

QJC (Regular Diplomacy Game #29) -- RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT FALLS AS CZAR ABDICATES!
FRANCE MAINTAINS LEAD, WITH AUSTRIA CLOSE BEHIND!

The Players -- Earl Hodin has resigned as RUSSIA. Rod Walker, #1 Stand-By Player for QJC, is asked to take over, and to send in A/W'03 orders NLT 7 March.

FALL, 1903 moves --

A-H (Lakofka) -- A Bul-Con; A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Aeg; A Tri-Ven; A Boh (S) ITA A Ven-Tyo (ITA A Ven NSO); A Gal (S) A Boh.

ENG (Von Metzke) -- F Nwg-Nwy; F Wal-Lon.

FRA (Lowrance) -- A Gas-Bur; F Lyo (C) A Spa-Tus; A Spa-Tus; F WMe-Tyn; A Ruh-Mun; F EnC-Lon; F Lyp-Cly.

GER (Tonnesen) -- A Mun-Tyo; A Sil-Boh; A Den (S) F Ska-Swe; F Bal (S) F Ska-Swe; F Ska-Swe; F NtS (S) ENG F Nwg-Nwy.

ITA (Welsh) -- F EMe-Smy; A Syr (S) F EMe-Smy; A Ven-Pie; F Tyn-Tun.

RUS (civil disorder) -- A Arm (U); A Fin (U); A War (U); F Bla (U); F Swe (U) (D (Bot, o.b.)); F Nwy (U) (D (Bar, Ska, StP(NC), o.b.)).

TUR (Borecki) -- F Aeg-Ion; F Con (S) A Smy; A Smy (S) F Con (A Smy D (Ank, o.b.)).
Supply Centers held at end of AUT'03 (retreats do not affect count) --

A-H -- Bul, Gre, Ser, Bud, Tri, Vie, Ven (may build one unit). (7)

ENG -- Edi, Lon, Nwy (may build one unit). (3)

FRA -- Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, Lvp, Min (may build one unit). (8)

GER -- ~~Wff~~, Hol, Ber, Kie, ~~Vff~~, Den, Swe (remove one unit). (5)

ITA -- Nap, Rom, ~~Vff~~, Tun, Smy (stands pat). (4)

RUS -- Rum, Mos, StP, Sev, War, ~~Sff~~ (remove one unit). (5)

TUR -- Ank, Con, ~~Sff~~ (remove one unit). (2)

Propaganda --

Berlin -- The Bland Kaiser is pleased to announce that Germany and Austria have formed a three-year non-aggression pact. Len, sorry about all those things I had to print before.

Grong the Magnificent -- Who dares compare my writings with that halfwit Lakofka! If they put his brain up a flea's arse it would be like a BB in a boxcar! Bird brain indeed! Bird lovers units--our brains are much larger than Lakofka's; don't let this accusation go unanswered.

Germany -- The Bland Kaiser is glad that another person with a sense of humor has joined the game. Welcome Conrad!!

Kiel -- The Bland Kaiser marched to Tyo because he heard it was part of Russia.

London (I hope) -- Somehow I always inherit the really cool spots. Yeech! Hey, guys, how's 'bout an alliance w'somebody? I'll help you win if you'll make an annual trek to my crypt. But this special note to France: If you're gonna wipe me up, you'd better hurry; I see doom fast approaching in the South. And Germany, too, had best be about it.

Og, The Great -- Well, Fall of 1904 still looks just about right for the crumbling garbage pile in Turkey to topple. What concerns me is that the rest of the world seems to be toppling along with them.

Paris -- The Frog Prince deeply regrets His fall offensive. but matters are out of Our control! Viva la France!

Paris -- For God's sake, won't somebody believe me? For the last time, leave the Turks alone. Look, Charles, let me put it this way: Italy is never going to have dominance in the Eastern Mediterranean area. If you take one of the Turkish centers you are just going to allow our friend, Rasputin, King of the Krusing Kwacks, to have the whole shmear. Then, my garlic-licking neighbor, the white bear will eat your pizza pie. If you continue to pursue this goal of self-annihilation, France is going to have to take measures on your western borders. However--and this happens to be the truth--if you will withdraw from Turkish attacks, I will vacate the entire Mediterranean area and leave you in peace. I have chosen to make these statements to you in print because I want the other players to know exactly why I may appear to be violating a long-standing treaty with you.

Vienna -- The Emperor is pleased to announce that Austria and Germany have formed a three-year non-aggression pact.

QJC (Continued) --

Vienna (Aug. 1, 1903) -- What is all this nonsense! Og is Ken Borecki, obviously, Gronk is some half-witted conjuration of some player other than myself! How insulting to have "Germany" make such vile accusations and "Og" to insult my cranium contents. "Bird brain"! "Truck-sized mouth"! How inaccurate! The reverse is most certainly true.... I mean...my brain isn't as big as a truck and I don't have a rhombothecia (sp?). After all, trucks are huge and beaks are small and....

Wazir -- A quote from number 3, December 1971, page 6. "... putting the lie to the ravings of Len Lakofka. For the record, Len Lakofka is not a TDA Consultant. Who's Len Lakofka?" #### A quote from the same issue, page 5. "Don (Miller) is one of Diplomacy's great players."

GM -- Last issue we revealed the true identity of Rick Brooks. This issue (sigh!), it's John Beshara. At this rate, we'll soon have no aliases left....

Deadline for AUT'03 retreats (RUS: F Swe, F Nwy; TUR: A Smy) and W'03 builds/removals -- Noon, Tues., March 7. (Supercedes deadline published earlier in P-93. AUT/WINT orders will be published elsewhere in thish.)

 QDC (Regular Diplomacy Game #23) -- KAISER OVERSLEEPS, WHILE TURKEY MASSACRES GERMAN ARMIES IN MUNICH, WARSAW, AND MOSCOW!

The Players -- Mark Tonnesen, pls. send SUM/FALL orders for GER (Riley), in case he misses again.

SPRING, 1912 moves --

ENG (Phillips) -- F EnC (S) F NtS; F NtS (S) F EnC; F Spa(SC) (S) A Gas-Mar; A Gas-Mar; F WMe (S) F Lyo; F Lyo (S) A Gas-Mar; F Naf (S) F Tun; F Tun (U).
 GER (Riley?) -- A Ber (U); A Kie (U); A Mun (U) (A); A Ruh (U); A Bur (U); A Bel (U); A War (U) (D (Pru, Ukr, o.b.)); A Lvn (U); A Mos (U) (D (StP, o.b.)); F Hol (U); F Nwy (U).

TUR (Calabria) -- A Mar (H) (D (Pie, o.b.)); A Boh-Mun; A Tyo (S) A Boh-Mun; A Sil-War; A Gal (S) A Sil-War; A Ukr-Mos; A Sev (S) A Ukr-Mos; A Con-Bul; F Tus (S) F Tyn-Lyo; F Tyn-Lyo; F Ion-Tyn; F Rom (S) F Ion-Tyn; F Nap (S) F Ion-Tyn; F Aeg-Ion; F Alb (S) F Aeg-Ion.

Propaganda --

Ankara -- The Sultan decided that, the Kaiser having broken the treaty between our countries, He will feel free to act in the best interests of His nation. He extends His best wishes and offer of friendship to the new ruler of England.

QDC Diplombourse -- POUNDS HIT BOTTOM, PIASTRES CLIMB IN RENEWED TRADING!

Individual Actions (reflects only those which succeed) --

The Board After Execution of Actions (Selling Price) --

Date	Name	Crowns	Pounds	Francs	Marks	Lire	Roubles	Piastres
START	-	0	11.7	16.3	74.2	0	99.1	193.4
26/2	Rosamilia	0	0	16.3	74.2	0	99.1	195.2

BM Note -- Ver Ploeg and St.Cyr have both missed three sessions in a row (i.e., no orders or statement of intent to continue), and St.Cyr's DPBA sub has elapsed without renewal. Both are therefore removed from QDC Diplombourse.

Deadline for Session 37 -- March 27.

Deadline for SUM'12 retreats (GER: A War, A Mos; TUR: A Mar) and F'12 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

 QFC (Regular Diplomacy Game #25) -- ITALY INCHES FURTHER AHEAD OF TURKEY, WHILE ENGLAND SLIPS CLOSER TO EXTINCTION!

FALL, 1910 moves --

ENG (C.Johnson) -- F Edi-Cly; A Wal-Edi (no A Wal); F EnC-Wal; A Lvp (U) (D (Edi, Yor, o.b.)).

GER (Welsh) -- F Bar-Nwy; A Swe (S) F Bar-Nwy; F Nwg-Nat; F Hel (S) A Kie; A Kie (H); A Bel (H).

DPBA-94/4

QFC (Continued) --

ITA (Calabria) -- F Nat-Lvp; F Iri (S) F Nat-Lvp; F Bre-EnC; F Mid (S) F Bre-EnC; A Par-Pic; A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur; A Tyo (S) A Vie; A Vie (S) A Tyo; A Bud (S) A Ser; A Ser (S) A Bud; F Ion-Alb; F Tyn-Ion.

TUR (Rosamila) -- A Mun-Kie; A Ber (S) A Mun-Kie; A Boh-Mun; A Sil (S) A Boh-Mun; A StP-Nwy; A Fin (S) A StP-Nwy; A Lvn-StP; A Sev-Ukr; A Rum-Gal; A Bul (S) F Gre; F Gre (S) A Bul; F Bla organizes swim party off the Fantail.

Propaganda --

Rome -- Sultan, why did you move to Bohemia without consultations? Do you have something in mind?

Supply Centers held at end of AUT'10 (retreat does not affect count) --

ENG -- Edi, ~~Lvp~~; Lon (remove one unit). (2)

GER -- Nwy, Swe, Bel, Hol, Kie, Den (stands pat). (6)

ITA -- Ser, Bud, Tri, Vie, Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lvp (may build one unit). (14)

TUR -- Anky, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Mos, StP, Sev, War, Ber, Mun (stands pat). (12)

Deadline for AUT'10 retreat (ENG: A Lvp) and W'10 builds/removals -- Noon, Tues., March 28. (S'11 moves by Mar. 28 would be appreciated.)

QFC Diplobourse (almost forgot) -- INACTIVITY CONTINUES!

No Action in Session 28. Market at end of F'10 (Selling Price) : Cr, .00; Pr, .09; Fr, .00; Mk, .18; Li, 1.23; Ro, .00; Pi, 1.95.

BM Note -- Both Ver Floeg and St.Cyr have missed three consecutive sessions (i.e., no orders or statement of intent to continue), and St.Cyr's sub. to DPBA has expired without renewal, so both are removed from QFC Diplobourse.

Deadline for Session 29 -- March 27.

Deadline for A/W'10 orders (as noted above) -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

QGC (Regular Diplomacy Game #26) -- TWO NATIONS VANISH FROM EUROPEAN MAP! AND THEN THERE WERE FIVE....

The Players -- Rod Walker, pls. send S'07 moves for what's left of RUS, in case Ken Webber misses again.

AUTUMN, 1906 retreats -- A-H (A.Miller): NMR; GM (E) Retreating A Bud; ITA (Welsh): F Lyo (R) Tus; RUS (Webber?): NMR; GM (E) Retreating F Swe, A Nwy; TUR (Tonnesen): F Tun (R) WMe.

WINTER, 1906 builds -- ENG (Naus): (B) F Lon; (B) A Edi; FRA (D.Cochran): (B) F Bre; (B) Brewery in Munich (immoral); RUS: NMR; stands pat; TUR: (B) A Con; (B) F Smy.

Positions at end of W'06 -- A-H: None; OOG: ENG: A's StP, Ber, Edi; F's Bot, Swe, Nwy, Den, Lon (8); FRA: A's Mar, Bur, Mun, Kie, Boh; F's Bre, Mid, Spa(SC), Lyo (9); GER (Quist): None; OOG; ITA: A's Ven, Vie, Tri; F's Tyn, Tus, Tun (6); RUS: A Mos (1 short next yr.); TUR: A's Arm, Con, Bul, Ser; F's Smy, Gre, Rum, WMe; A Bud (9).

Propaganda --

Ankara (The Desert Poppy (Feb. 29, 1972) -- The Department of Peace has declared an undeclared war on France until the French leave our ally in Italy alone. If the English don't attack France the game will go to Italy and Turkey, but if England tries to win for herself it is likely that the game will end in a stalemate. This sure is a weird newspaper!

New Austria-Hungary (Dec. 25th, 1906) -- Duke Ferdinand on behalf of King Joseph today wished all Austrians and Hungarians a Merry Christmas. He also wished good cheer to all others that came here courtesy of Canada to New Austria-Hungary. To all those back in Europe King Joseph pleaded for a better order for their disordered lives, and called for peace. Still, being a military man at heart, the King does offer congratulations to those who did take part in the conflict He Himself so resentfully left behind, for their ability to cling to life no matter how uncivilized. The King warned, however, that if peace does

QGC (Continued) --

not soon return to Europe, all nations of that continent might have to be put under a forced peace at the hands of Austrian troops, who will be dispatched for that purpose. Till we meet again....

Purple Platinum-Plated Propagandist -- Back again to give Europe the Willies. Will Russia or Austria-Hungary get knocked out first? Will the new English Monarch jump France? Will France turn on England? Can Italy survive a two-front war? Can Italy survive a one-front war? For more on these and other ~~stupid~~ stupendous questions, see the next episode of your friendly neighborhood PPPP.

Western Mediterranean -- The Sultan is aboard His fleet's flag ship viewing the Atlantic Ocean. If the fleet can break into the Atlantic the Sultan is going to send His ten top Advisors, who are now relaxing on the resorts of Rumania, over to Western Canada to visit our Austria-Hungary friends. The Sultan feels that His country needs some of Austria-Hungary's high culture and huge wealth so that His people will also have a high standard of living.

Errors in P-93 -- Opp. ENG moves, change "F Bot (S) A Fin-Swe" to "F Bot (S) F Fin-Swe"; opp. RUS, chg. "F Nwy-EnC" to "A Nwy-EnC", and "(F Nwy D (Nwg, NtS, Ska, o.b.))" to "(A Nwy D (Fin, o.b.))".

Deadline for S'07 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

QHC (Regular Diplomacy Game #27) -- FIGHTING DEADLOCKED AS AUSTRIA AND ITALY GET COORDINATED AGAIN!

SPRING, 1906 moves --

A-H (Power) -- F Bul(SC)-Con; F Aeg (S) ITA; F Ion-EMe; A Tri (S) ITA A Boh-Tyo; A Rum-Gal; A Vie (S) A Rum-Gal; A Ukr (S) A Rum-Gal; A Sev (S) A Ukr; A Ser-Rum. ENG (Phillips) -- A Edi (S) A Lvp; A Lvp (S) FRA A Yor-Wal (FRA A Yor NSO); F Den-NtS.

FRA (Calabria) -- A Hol (H); A Par-Bur; F Lon-NtS; F Iri-Lvp; A Yor (S) F Iri-Lvp.
GER (Tretick's Ghost) -- A Bur-Par (no A Bur).

ITA (Border) -- F EMe-Syr; F Ion-EMe; F Lyo-Spa(SC); F WMe-Mid; A Spa-Mar; A Boh-Tyo.

RUS (A.Miller) -- A Nwy (H); F Swe-Bal; A Kie-Den; A Sil-Boh; A Mun (S) A Sil-Boh; A Mos-Ukr; A War (S) A Mos-Ukr; A StP-Lvn.

TUR (Dix) -- F Ven (H); F Smy-Syr; A Con (H); A Ank-Smy.

Propaganda --

Bonn -- Bunch of bullies!

Paris -- Csar, why do you write propaganda in my name? Can't you speak for yourself?

Paris (in exile) -- The Kaiser said that someone had to invade France, so we did.

Rome -- Fleeing cavemen have asked Rome to be the rallying point for a government in exile. The Italian government has accepted and the news heading they will use is Rome, Voice of the Refugees (or Rome (VR)).

Rome (VR) -- The eternal struggle against the Russian Huns continues; the people will not submit, and Austria will carry on the fight.

Deadline for FALL, 1906 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

QIC (Regular Diplomacy Game #28) -- GERMANY TAKES LEAD, WITH FRANCE CLOSE BEHIND! AUSTRIA, ENGLAND KAYOED; RUSSIA STAGGERED!

The Players -- Quist is out (two consecutive misses), and stand-by player (Webber) failed to send in orders, so A-H is in Civil Disorder this turn.

SUMMER, 1904 retreat -- RUS (Sageser): F Swe (R) Bot.

FALL, 1904 moves --

A-H (Civil Disorder) -- A Vie (U) (A).

ENG (Walker) -- F Lvp (H) (note that this was incorrectly reported in P-91 and P-93 as a Fleet; it is actually an Army) (D (Yor, Cly, o.b.)); A Bur-Mar (no A Bur).

QIC (Continued) --

FRA (Tonnesen) -- A Rom-Apu; A Pie-Tyo; A Mar-Pie; F Tyn-Ion; F Tun (S) F Tyn-Ion; F EnC-Mid; F Wal-Lvp.

GER (Ackerman) -- F Ska (S) A Swe-Nwy; F Nwg (S) A Swe-Nwy; A Swe-Nwy; F Bal-Swe; A Ber-Sil; A Mun (S) A Ber-Sil; A Edi (S) FRA F Wal-Lvp.

ITA (Beyerlein) -- A Tri-Bud; A Ven-Tri; F Adr (S) A Ven-Tri; F Nap (S) FRA F Tyn-Ion.

RUS (Sageser) -- A StP-Fin; A Nwy-Swe (D (StP, o.b.)); F Bot (S) A Nwy-Swe; A War-Sil; A Boh-Mun; A Gal (S) A Bud-Vie; A Bud-Vie; F Sev-Rum.

TUR (Boyer) -- A Alb-Tri; A Ser (S) A Alb-Tri; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre (S) F Aeg-Ion; F EMe (S) F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg.

Supply Centers held at end of AUT'04 (retreats do not affect count) --

A-H -- ~~Vip~~ (stands pat; one destroyed F'04). (0)

ENG -- ~~Lvp~~ (remove one unit). (0)

FRA -- Tun, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lon, Lvp (may build one unit). (8)

GER -- Bel, Hol, Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Edi, Nwy, Swe (may build two units). (9)

ITA -- Tri, Nap, Rom, Ven, Bud (may build one unit). (5)

RUS -- Rum, ~~Bud~~, Mos, StP, Sev, War, ~~Vip~~, ~~Ska~~, Vie (remove two units). (6)

TUR -- Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser (stands pat). (6)

Propaganda --

~~AAAAAAAAAAAA~~ Rome -- The Pope is glad to announce that a holy war has been declared against the Turks. For once more and forever the Moslems will be ejected from the Holy Land. Italy and France will send armed forces while England will provide supplies. When asked why Italy is helping the "back-stabbing Frogs", the Pope said, "In a holy war we will let any country help us prove to the Turks how peace-loving our lord God is. We will again control the Holy Land."

AAAAAA, Hawaii (1 August 1904) (A Bur-Mar) -- In this quaint Hawaiian town (whose name means "the waking lava", in case you were wondering--there are a lot of names like that in Hawaii), Her Majesty the Queen today signed a bill authorizing the dipping of certain foreign ambassadors in boiling hot poi. The French and German ambassadors were immediately arrested, dipped, smeared with ptermigan dung, and thrown into the mouth of Mauna Loa. Queen Lottahuuhea chided Her subjects on being over-enthusiastic. Unfortunately, the volcano chose that moment to erupt, so that the two ambassadors were cooked to a crisp before they could be rescued. But rescued they were, after which they graced the royal banquet held that evening and were pronounced delicious by all. Two days later, after giving time for digestions and sewage disposal pipes out to the Pacific to operate properly, Queen Lottahuuhea wired the French and German governments as follows: "Regretfully, your Ambassadors have been lost at sea. Could you send some more?"

Ankara -- The President of the Turkish People's Republic has just recently been voted to a ten-year term as President by his council of advisors. Asked by newsmen what he thought of his election, the President replied, "I am honored by the respect, friendship and support my advisors have shown in me. I will promise to uphold the Presidency to the best of my abilities. Indeed, I want to be honored by more ten-year terms."

D. Beyerlein -- Say, Walker, that press release last issue titled "Beyerlein" was pretty good. If you want you can write my propaganda every issue. For a small fee, of course.

Dublin (21 September 1904) (A Bur-Mar) -- King-Emperor Huon XVIII today hurled defiance at the loathsome Frogs by serving at court an entire feast of Frogs' legs. These were taken from Frog prisoners of war, of course, and they will now be repatriated unless His Majesty's minions get a hankering for Frogs' arms.

France -- There is cheering in the streets! England is ours! Germany and Italy are our allies and the homeland is safe from attack for years to come! The Frenchmen eagerly await the importation of the English maids. The French Fleet in the Channel is transporting the young ladies to Brest on their way to a mid-ocean cruise. The sailors are glad to transport the maids, but keep asking

QIC (Continued) --

the admiral if they can keep some of the maids to keep the ship clean. The admiral knows that the men have no other reason to want to keep the maids, but will have all of them leave the ships before the mid-ocean cruise. Of course, the admiral will retain three or four maids to keep his quarters clean....

Germany -- The people of the Reich salute the gallant leader of that small island to our west--beset from all sides, still he kept up the fire of words. We are sorry to see him go under to the barbarian instinct. However, the future of Europe demands that all possible strength be gained and hurled at the torrent from the East. Germany will do her best--and if we are also overcome, we go assured that the undecided Turks will be next. Oh, for want of a firm decision by the Sultan!

Germany -- All the wise comments lately regarding the probable outcome of the war make me nervous. Can nobody see that Russia has it made? She may not be able to enter the Turkish homelands, but A-H and the Balkans should present no problem. And will 11-plus units even the wizz kid will resemble a zizz more than somewhat!

Imposter #87 -- Wherr did all the Impassables go? It will be a little chilly sitting up here on top of the world all by myself. Comfort aside, below me the little wooden blocks are at it again. Black and blue are conquering the world and nobody cares. Will it be a two-way tie, or? Stay tuned next issue, same imposter, same writer....

Munich -- My last code was in keypunch language. Now, for the news: Hello everybody! Are you all enjoying the war? Chuckle! I tell you, this Black Forest is really gloomy, and it reminds me of Mirkwood and the Misty Mountains. Anyhow, I received information that the Austrians have overthrown their old government. It remains to be seen whether the new one will do any better. In Turkey, the new one is no better than the old one, and its luck is running out. France is having fun eating Italian pizza in Rome and Naples. The Russians are falling back under the German onslaught. England is now a protectorate, and Italy will soon follow. More news on my next stop!

Nuevo Yorque, American Empire (17 August 1904) (A Bur-Mar) -- The Imperial American fleet today set sail for Europe, bearing with it thousands of crack American marines and cavalry, Her Imperial Majesty Lucretia IV, and the English Ambassador, Col. Sebastian Moran, O.B.E., K.G., Grand Master of the Order of the Octopus, Knight-Commander of the Order of the Tarantula, and Knight of Grace and Virtue of the Order of the Preying Mantis ("Praying is illegal in the British Empire," explained Col. Moran, when asked about the last). A concerted attack on Frogland is expected momentarily. Or at least by next season. The fleet will stop at the British African port of Dakar to reprovision and to take on a dread super-weapon which has been developed by British scientists: a 500-megabilge John Beshara.

Paris (21 September 1904) -- Even before the expected attack of the dread American Fleet, the capital of France was today utterly leveled by another British superweapon. Just after dawn, an entire fleet of British dirigibles dropped on the unsuspecting city a (gasp!) 200-mogascreech Martha Mitchell (oog!). The city was utterly destroyed.

Philadelphia (29 Oct 1904) (F Lvp (H)) -- The Capitol of the British Empire has been moved to thos nice, little town in America. The King has been welcomed by the Empress of Virginia to a little private party with the clandestine announcement of the eminent birth of a son, to be crowned Prince of Wales as soon as he is born and Wales recaptured. In the works is an alliance extending from England to Hawaii to form the new English Empire of the West. It will cooperate with the Eastern English Empire, and hopefully will regain its prestigious place in the world. God save the King and Empress!

Rome -- Hey, guys, how about starting this game over again? It might give us experts a chance to figure out what we are doing.

Son of Impassable -- Daughter of Impassable Imposter. Sorry about that. I'll try and mention another source of information about me. As you can appreciate, security is such that even I dare not tell anyone directly about myself.

DPBA-94/8

QIC (Continued) --

U.E.N., Switzerland -- The following is another famous, heart-stirring speech by last issue's speaker: "Greetings to my fellow diplomats, you have rejected the plea for peace and instead have chosen to continue on your collision course. Already, the lines have become fuller with hatred and pregnant with spite, and your actions more vicious; indeed, every symptom of the maniacal empire expansion syndrome is fully displayed by your actions and words. I have never....screech!"

"Ha, ha! Now our noble speaker can no longer confuse the issues at debate. I want to repeat my warnings that there shall be no further attempts at stopping me, the Original Impassable Imposter, from guiding the world to a terrible fate. My country will win the wars while completely destroying the rest of you beginners. I spit upon your freshly-dug graves! As a matter of fact, I will deface your gravestones beyond recognition. How's that for spite, hatred and viciousness? Hah, ha, heh, heh, hah, ha, hee, ha, ha...."

NSG -- Where will Turkey go now, we all wonder? Is she going to be the hand-servant of Russia for the rest of the game?

NSG -- Dear Moscow, if Germany and France would only get together, they could easily eliminate the verbiage coming from Liverpool.

Deadline for AUT'04 retreats (ENG: A Lvp; RUS: A Nwy) and W'04 builds/removals -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

QJC (Regular Diplomacy Game #29) -- NEW CZAR TAKES THE REINS IN RUSSIA, SURVEYS THE SITUATION, CONTEMPLATES SUICIDE....

The Players -- Rod Walker is now playing RUS in place of Earl Hodin, who resigned. Andy Phillips, pls. send S'04 orders for GER (Tonnesen), in case....

AUTUMN, 1903 retreats -- RUS (Walker): F Swe (R) o.b.; F Nwy (R) StP(NC); TUR (Borecki): A Smy (R) Ank.

WINTER, 1903 builds/removals -- A-H (Lakofka): (B) F Tri; ENG (Von Metzke): (B) F Edi; FRA (Lowrance): (B) F Bre; GER (Tonnesen?): NMR; (E) F Bal (by stand-by player I.A.W. G.O.'s on file with GM; G.O.'s have now expired (with use), and must be replaced); RUS: (B) Dirigible Fleet, Livonia (impractical); TUR: (E) A Ank.

Positions at end of W'03 -- A-H: A's Boh, Gal, Ser, Bul, Ven; F's Aeg, Tri (7); ENG: F's Edi, Nwy, Wal (3); FRA: A's Mun, Bur, Tus; F's Cly, EnC, Bre, Lyo, Tyn (8); GER: A's Sil, Den; F's NtS, Swe, Bal (5); ITA (Welsh): A's Syr, Pie; F's Smy, Tun (4); RUS: A's Fin, War, Arm; F's StP(NC), Bla (5); TUR: F's Ion, Con (2).

Propaganda --

Ankara -- Og is Ken Borecki?

Constantinople -- Hey, Conrad! You want an alliance?

Og, The Great -- Well, it has all come to pass. The Italians and the English are out of it. The noble Turks have been struck low. Open warfare exists between France and Germany. Now, let me inform you peasants as to the next course of events: (1) The Austrians and the French have signed a pact to wipe out the remaining Italian centers; (2) The Austrians and the French have signed a pact to wipe out the Germans; (3) The Austrians and the Germans have signed a pact to wipe out the French; (4) The Austrians and the English have signed a pact to wipe out the Germans and the French; (5) Rod Walker does not exist; (6) If you will, please mark your choice as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, all of the above, none of the above.

Paris -- "Death to the running-dog lackies of the Fredrich-strasse war-mongering profiteers," croaked the Frog Prince this day. "I have trusted the Hun bastards, and, for my generosity I have been treated to an alliance between the Krauts and those decaying hemophiliacs from Vienna." It is confidently reported in all quarters that the German government will soon be operating out of Vienna, Berlin being annexed to the French Republic.

Paris -- How absolutely low-rent. After I have extended my firm hand of alliance to the wop-heads on my southeastern border, they violate our treaty. We had

QJC (Continued) --

a firm treaty, only recently renewed at Italian request, to de-militarize the Piedmont. Now, on a whim, he has violated our treaty. This is absolutely outrageous, and I call him for what he is--a garlic-smelling, double-dealing, four-flushing curr with nothing on his mind but orgies and general decay. I call for a Holy Victory Crusade by all civilized nations against the Italians. After all, it's well known that the only problem with Italy is all those God-damn Italians who live there. They may have gotten away with this kind of crap in Ethiopia, but they are about to find out that the French carry a little something more than spears!

Riga (25 December 1903)(BDF,L) -- The Imperial Horror Weapons Institute today announced the launching of the First Imperial Pan-Slavic Dirigible Air Fleet. The Fleet will be used to strike terror in the hearts of Russia's enemies, mainly by dropping things on them which are too horrible even to contemplate. The I.H.W.I. reports that it is negotiating in San Francisco for a supply of platypus pies (Grade ZZZ, huge). Herr Doktor Ivan Bormanshev, President of the Institute, stated to reporters that the pies would be used mercilessly against Russia's enemies, "just as soon as we figure out who they are".

Slomph -- Italy is gonna get smashed!!!!

St.Petersburg (23 December 1903)(BDF,L) -- Grand Duke Pyotr Aleksandrovich Romanov was crowned Tsar Pyotr IV today amid wild rejoicing. His Imperial Majesty immediately issued an ukase decreeing the removal of the national capital back to Moskva. Surveying the mess left by His predecessor, His Majesty observed, "It would appear that the only nations who are not Our enemies are those too far away to attack Us. Well, let's see...is there some country about half Our size that We can get the drop on...?"

Vienna -- Who is Len Lakofka?

Warsaw (28 December 1903)(BDF,L) -- While in the capital of the vassal Kingdom of Poland to review the First Russian Telepathic Panzer Army, Tsar Pyotr IV deigned to comment on the lament of King Conrad Bigfoot of England. "After all, Connie, you've got an ally. As for Russia, it would appear that the Motherland is about to be penetrated by the Vaterland--and you know what that means: things should be coming to a climax any time now."

GM Note -- Rod Walker's request for a F'03 deadline extension 'til March 7 was received too late--after the F'03 moves had been published and mailed out. As soon as we knew Earl had resigned, we treated the situation like any "missed move", printing the moves without the missing Russian moves, and asking the #1 stand-by player to send in moves for the following season.

Deadline for SPRING, 1904 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 28.

FNI (Scotice Scripti II) -- ENGLAND RETAKES MID-ATLANTIC, CAPTURES LISMORE;
LAST CONNACHT ARMY ANNIHILATED!

SPRING, 1023 moves --

CONNACHT (Libby) -- A Tuam-Leitrim (A).

ENGLAND (Phillips) -- A SlB-Law; F SlB (S) Sat-Mid; F Gal (S) Sat-Mid; F Sat-Mid;

A/F Mon-Iri; A Cum-Dun (form A/F Dun) (F not ordered to form A/F); F Dun-Nth;

A/F Alc-Lis(SC); A Lot-Alc; A Cal-Sut.

LEINSTER (Welsh) -- A Mea (H); A Ang (S) A Mea; A Wic (S) A Kil; A Kil (S) A Mea.

MUNSTER (Linden) -- A Lim-Tho; A Cas-Mea; A Lei-Tua; A Oss-Off (A Oss was incorrectly reported in P-93 & P-92 as A Off); A Bar (S) A Oss-Off.

ORKNEY (Calabria) -- F Don (H); F Mid (S) F Don (F Mid D (Nat, Min, DoB, o.b.));

F Isl (S) F Don; F Lis(SC) (H) (D (Lor(SC), o.b.)); F Nth (S) F Lis(SC); A Sut (S) F Lis(SC); F Sky (S) A Sut.

ULSTER (Pulsipher) -- A Ern (S) A Bre; A Oma (S) ORK F Don; A Sli (S) MUN A Lei-Tua; A Ros (S) MUN A Lei-Tua; A Bre (S) A Sli.

Propaganda --

Orkney -- Long live the new King of England! Please note that I am not attacking you!

(Cont. on Page 1)

Miscellanea --

The flow of inquiries re new games has slowed down considerably--probably was so high because a lot of persons got a Dippy game for Xmas--but still send in those slips advertising your game/magazine/what-have-you. (Dippy organizations, too--remember to send us flyers describing your activities, etc.) ~~###~~ More game-opening flyers received:

LEWIS PULSIPHER -- 321A Twin Towers, Albion, MI 49224. Diplomacy Variants only. In SUPERNOVA, openings for Middle Earth Diplomacy II, Middle Earth IV, Third Age (all based on Lord of the Rings), Interstellar Diplomacy; replacement positions in orphan games of Scottomacy, Indianomacy II, Mordor Vs. the World III, Middle Earth IV, Napoleonic Diplomacy (not 5-man). In BLOOD AND IRON, openings for Anarchy IV, Militarism I, Diadokhi (1st two use Regular board). Rules avail. for 10-20¢ ea. (but not all from Lew; ask him first). Most of the games use the regular rules somewhat modified, plus a new board. Game "fee" in each 'zine is a subscription for the duration of your stay in the game (SN: 7/\$1; BI: 8/\$1) plus \$1 deposit (refunded if you don't quit). For 2nd & further games, sub plus deposit, plus 50¢. Replacements need only subscribe. Sample issues 15¢ ea. SN also includes SF&F gaming material; BI also includes Origins of WWII and Diplomacy Variants material. Repro is by mimeo.

Re listing of Variant Games in Progress in P-93:

Lew Pulsipher -- . . . Andy Phillips' first Youngstown Variant game should remain bu rather than Mcv. The second YV game (Rcv) is a revision, with Off Board Boxes connected, but the first is unchanged from the Walker version. . . . the Imperialism IX game in THERMOPOLIE started this year, not last. I have assigned it the number 1972 Ccn. In fact, it did not even start in January, I believe. By start I mean announcement of players and positions, not first move.

Andy Phillips - - - . . . Your statement p.9 that VerP assigns GALAXY nos. is erroneous, I believe. I rather think that the assigner is Montgomery. . . . I believe you made an error with "1971Mcv". The original number you gave it, "Mbu", was correct as Mbu's rules are essentially identical to those used in Rod's games (i.e., 1st revision--the OMNIFARIOUS games are actually 2nd revision, while '71Rcv is 3rd revision (it uses the OBI modification of OBB connectability)). 1st revision is Rod's revision of original rules. ~~###~~ Perhaps you need a third category besides "abandoned" and "completed" to cover cases like '71Ncq. "abandoned" seems misleading...perhaps, "terminated"?

Hal Naus -- Re STAB V (Smythe, Nelson, Naus): The final position was the final year run by Koning; I believe it was 1908. Conrad attempted to revive it after Winter 1908, but Smythe didn't want to continue; he declared a three-way draw, but Smythe had 20 units and was the winner. ~~###~~ 1968Pv: Won 1910.

Re John Boyer's comments in P-93:

Rod Walker -- I, too, disagree radically with Phil Sageser. While John's reasoning is certainly valid, I think pinning the game down to what "really" happens is a snare, in that both sides to an argument can usually do that. The real reason for the Spring move is obvious. Diplomacy depends upon alliances. If ownership of centers changed on every season, it would become increasingly difficult for allies to work together. This way, it is possible to advance rapidly, in many cases, by moving into an ally's center in the Spring and out in the Fall. This rule thus adds mobility to the game and improves it immensely. ~~###~~ The argument of "why don't we do it this way instead of that way" is one frequently heard, and one which really makes no sense. We may as well ask, in chess, why do pawns move only forward and not backward as well. The answer is that the rules so stipulate. If you want to play with backward-moving pawns, then you are in the realm of faery chess. If you want to play with Spring capture of centers, then you are in the realm of variant Diplomacy.